
Weekly SFP Newsletter

LPS Science Focus Program

@ the Lincoln Children's Zoo

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Upcoming Events at SFP:

Annual Soup Lunch

On Monday, November 25 we will be hosting the annual SFP Soup lunch. Teachers, staff, and students will bring a variety of soups and side dishes for the entire SFP community to share and enjoy at lunch. We encourage students to contribute by bringing a food item to share or by helping serve food and cleaning up. Dishes and utensils will be provided.

Annual Bowling Field Trip

On Tuesday, November 26 we will head to Sun Valley Bowling Lanes for our annual Community Bowling event! We will have an altered class schedule in the morning and head to the bowling alley at approximately 12:30. We will not be eating lunch at SFP, but your student is welcome to bring extra spending money as there is a grill at the bowling alley or they may bring a sack lunch to eat at the bowling alley.

If your child does not drive, we will need to make arrangements for either a parent to drive them to and from the event or for them to ride with another student or teacher. Please discuss with your child what their arrangement will be and communicate that with Amy. We will have sign-ups in the office if your child will need to ride with another student, parent, or teacher.

We will be leaving the bowling alley at approximately 2:30 and returning to the SFP campus. We will not be releasing students for the day at the bowling alley. All students will need to return to SFP. Students will need to ride with the same person to and from the bowling alley.

So that we may keep this annual tradition going for all students, we are seeking donations for this event. The cost per student is \$6 and includes shoes and 2 games of bowling. We know some students and families have some financial struggles. So that no one is left out, we will provide this community event for all SFP students, by covering the cost of the bowling for all students. Please help us by donating the amount of \$6.00 or as much as you feel generously moved, so that we may continue this fun SFP family tradition!



Science Focus Program

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upcoming Events

November 25

SFP Annual Soup Lunch

November 26

Annual Bowling Field Trip

November 27

No School for LPS students
November 27, 28 & 29 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Women in STEAM

Tampon Drive

The Women in STEAM club is hosting a Tampon drive to benefit the People's City Mission. The club is collecting various women's hygiene products. Bring donations to SFP beginning November 4. More information to follow.

NWU Test Prep

Workshops

NWU's 2019-20 ACT Test Prep Workshops are free to High School students **enrolled in AP Literature and Composition**. NWU will be offering this class on following dates from 10-12:00 PM.

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Saturday, June 6, 2020 Saturday

July 11, 2020

To reserve your spot or for additional details please contact Carrie Holloway at chollowa@nebrowesleyan.edu or call 402-465-22

Humans of SFP: Thea Seibel

By Rhianna Metcalf

"To be a good role model for the younger students" and teach them "what it means to be a student at this school" - that is the mission statement that Thea Seibel, a senior at SFP, has dedicated to her final year. Thea spends her time bounding from one event to another as an athletic and academic superstar, setting the pace for future Lincoln leaders. Thea has grown a lot as a student and athlete in her race for success as a high schooler.

Her willingness to be a part of this program stemmed from her want to stray from the norm. "In middle school, I was done being around cliques and popular people who think they are better than everyone else. I just wanted a place where everyone was welcome," explains Seibel. "I just wanted to get into an environment that was different than the traditional school." However, she did not describe the transition as an easy one. Having not known anyone else attending the school, she kept to herself and was very introverted. "I would not talk to anybody. Half of my freshman year was just finding friends," she explains. But over the years, she has really come out of her shell and has become an anchor for the SFP team. Seibel started taking part in leadership roles in and out of school acting as a positive role model and loyal friend. Track and field, cross country, National Honors Society (NHS), Fellowship Christian Athletes (FCA), Key Club, Women in STEAM, Level Voices, and church youth groups dominate her life, but that doesn't stop her from touching the lives of everyone one encounters.



When I asked for her fondest memories of SFP she answered with an unexpected yet revealing story of crying in math class. "At any other school your not going to cry in front of our teacher." She asserts, "The teachers care about you here." This sense of connectedness has really impacted her life. Gone are the days where she felt like an outsider, she now considers herself to be grateful part of an innovative and loving family. Seibel looks forward to school picnics, bowling days, and field trips. Thea's desire to develop a more accepting, inquisitive and knowledgeable character has pushed her beyond satisfactory requirements. Part of her involvement with this program and her many other extracurricular activities is her yearning for social, emotional, and educational growth. "I never want to feel that I am undereducated in a topic when making my opinions." She explains. Seibel's drive to explore is only further encouraged through the school and she wants the same forward-thinking experience for future students. "Keep the culture of zoo school alive: inclusivity, wonder and keep being curious." She exclaims "There is no other school like this... We are unique." As she reaches the end of her final lap Thea prepares to pass the baton beginning a new wave of leadership.



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Humans of SFP: Ryker Starr

By Alec Robbins



Everyone's parents can be influential and Ryker Starr's parents taught him that "hard work pays off in the end." For example, Ryker, a senior at SFP, has some advice for the new students here, "study for the ACT." He did and he got a better "ACT score than he previously thought."

We all have some tough moments where things get pretty rough, some people have struggles at home from one's self or from school. And Ryker Starr is no exception. Some of the toughest things here in high school for him were "grades, because school was pretty hard." However, he did have some friends to help him along the way. Ryker's friend Blake, whom he trusts to "tell him about anything," is a friend that will get him through anything. In addition, one of the most supportive people in his life is his dad who was there to support him throughout all his life. "He's a nice guy; he taught me a lot about hunting and fishing and mechanics."

Ryker hopes to work hard, but, in the end, he wants to be remembered by his hair." And "hopefully good things" are in store for the future with him and his luxurious hair.

**Science Focus Program Parent Booster Club
Presents**

1st Annual Science Focus Program's Holiday Mingle and Jingle

**SFP Multi-Purpose Room at the entrance of Lincoln Children's Zoo
Located at 1222 S. 27th St, Lincoln, NE (27th and A Street)**

December 7, 2019

5:30 PM Mingle & Silent Auction
6:45 PM Dinner & Presentations- Students/Staff
8:00 PM Zoo Lights (Included in Ticket Price)

Ticket Cost: \$35 Online Purchase Only

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-science-focus-programs-holiday-mingle-and-jingle-tickets-80587514425>

*Proceeds of this fundraiser will help cover expenses for
Research Projects, Field Trips and Other Educational Needs*

What's Happening around SFP...



The Earth Systems class enjoyed a field trip to Salt Marsh in North Lincoln on Friday, Nov. 1



A group of Juniors spent part of their morning on Nov. 3 taking the practice ACT