



Hot dog eaters top out with a tie of seven hot dogs each during Kermess.

by English 12 Class

The Lincoln Student Leadership (LSL) group organized a Kermess for the afternoon of December 15th. The event was both a fundraiser for the organization as well as a pre-Christmas vacation celebration for middle school and high school students.

From 12:30 until the end of the school day, students gathered on the patio to participate in wide range of various fun activities.

The afternoon events included a hot dog eating contest, a video game tournament, karaoke, balloon popping, Twister, and graffiti painting among other activities.

One of the most popular events of the afternoon was Pie the Teacher with several teachers volunteering to be on the receiving end of a shaving cream pie.

Another popular event was karaoke with dozens of students waiting in line for the opportunity for fame and glory in performance before the crowd of 200 students.

Later in the afternoon another highlight was the dancing of

“Payaso del Rodeo” with Mr. Seaberg as the teacher. Moi Brambila commented, “It was so funny watching Mr. Seaberg dancing!” Master of Ceremonies Mr. Fernando Martinez invited all students and teachers to participate in the dance.

The LSL group decided to sell tickets for participation in some of the events. LSL leader Natalia Horwitz stated, “LSL decided to gain money for future events like the upcoming talent show and Lincoln Town (Spirit Week).”

Lincoln did not have a kermess last year, but some of the older students remember similar events from years past. Carlos Acosta said that “This has been one of the best kermesses that Lincoln School has organized. They implemented new games such as the hot dog eating contest, and I think this helps to satisfy students’ interest.”

As it seems, the majority of the students had a time of fun and relaxation before their upcoming holiday vacations.

Kermess Brings Fun Times to End the Semester



Natalia Horwitz tries her voice at karaoke as students line up to take their own turn behind the microphone.



Middle school teacher Mr. Lopez steadies himself for the arrival of a shaving cream pie on Lincoln's last day before vacation. Kermess, originally a Dutch term, is a community celebration involving music, games, and sports.



Crafts and artwork were also available at the school's 2011 kermess.



Whatever it takes to get a good view!

Good-bye Miss Wilson

by Natalia Horwitz

Miss Wilson has been one of the most magnificent teachers of Lincoln school, but lamentably it is time for her to say good bye.

When she first came to Lincoln school, her original plan was staying only for two years. However, when she prayed, God told her it wasn't the time for her to leave. It was five and a half years later that she finally felt it was time to move on, and she applied for a new job.

Last semester Miss Wilson looked into working at an organic farm in the eastern United States. Miss Wilsom noted, “I'm looking for an opportunity that will provide me opportunities to learn practical skills that I can apply both as a teacher and as a

community member.” Her expression reflects enthusiasm and interest for trying this new vocation.

Originally, Miss Wilson was going to leave before the 2011-2012 school year to start her new journey, but she decided to stay for one more semester. Sadly, the end has come. On December 19 she will be driving with her sister and brother-in-law back home to Santa Cruz, California, leaving behind her experience in Mexico.

She's planning to spend some months with her family.

Miss Wilson is not planning on coming back as a teacher to Mexico, but she said that, “I will miss Mexico for its public transportation, its sense of community, its *carnes asadas*, the *pipian* (mole made with pumpkin seeds), my host family in Paraisos del Colli, and many rewarding experiences in school like the Mayto trip, going to the zoo, doing dissections with students, and the familial atmosphere.”

Doubtless, her experiences at Lincoln provide her with a background sure to lead to success in her new career.

Still, her future plans are, as she described, “foggy,” but some of her dreams are to grow food in a sustainable way and adoption or foster care.



Miss Charla Wilson leaves Lincoln School and Mexico with many fond memories after five years.

Getting to know your teacher

Mrs. Cid Substitutes For Elementary Through High School

by David Galvan

The scholar year 2011-2012 brought new things for Lincoln: new students, new equipment, new personnel, and especially new teachers.

Sara Cid, or best known as Mrs. Cid, is one of those new teachers at Lincoln School. Some students may not be familiar with this name because she works in many parts of the school. Because she moves from one place to the other around Lincoln, it is sometimes difficult to find her.

Mrs. Cid, from Oregon, is trying to learn about Mexican culture. She decided to move to Mexico because of her husband. “My husband is Mexican.”

This school year is not her first time in Mexico. She said, “Last summer I came down, and I spent the summer with my

husband's family in Mexico City and also in Oaxaca. Last spring we actually came and visited Guadalajara. We wanted to visit before we moved here to see if we liked it or not. So we came last March and stayed for a week.”

She is working in Lincoln as the substitute teacher for elementary through senior high. She stated, “I am the substitute teacher. If the teacher is sick or can't teach the class for some reason, I take the class.” This is not her first experience teaching. She has worked for a Christian school in Romania. She explained, “I was a missionary in Romania before I got married, and I taught in a school similar to Lincoln over there.”

She describes her experience in Mexico as “challenging.” To Mrs. Cid, the most challenging part has been the driving. She said, “I lived in a small town in Oregon, and we don't drive anything like the people in Guadalajara drive, so I have been learning how to drive.”

Mrs. Cid taught at a school in Romania that is similar to Lincoln



Releasing the turtles at dusk

By Juan Delgadillo

Hundreds of turtles were released in the sea at dusk by the 12th graders as part of their trip to Mayto Beach.

"It is once in a lifetime experience" said Miss Charla Wilson, the leading teacher who started this trip four years ago.

Every year, the 12th graders go on a Trip to Mayto, a virgin beach located four hours from Puerto Vallarta.

There, they camp in the beach and take part in many activities focused on protecting the turtles.

One the activities is to collect nests left by the turtles, and to release the hatched turtles in the shore.

Some students might be reluctant to go at first, but Miss Wilson says "no one has ever been disappointed. It's like 'falling in love.' They see the turtles, and they always want to come back."

She also gives advice to the next year's students who might be doubtful about the trip. "It will be worth it. I promise."

Before the turtle release, turtles had to be collected from their nests. The students were organized in pairs to clean the nests.

They had to dig in the sand with their hands and collect the hatched turtles.

Some turtles had to be helped because they couldn't get out of the egg completely because they were weak.

Unfortunately, some of the turtles did not survive and were already dead.

Surprisingly, some students dug out nests that included more than a hundred baby turtles.

After the cleaning process, approximately 700 turtles were collected from the nests.

Miss Wilson says "I do enjoy enjoy releasing turtles," but unlike for most people "it's not my favorite part."

"I can't help but remember that only one of every 100 approximately will survive," she said.

But for Miss Alger, another teacher that went on the trip, releasing the turtles was "fascinating."

She said it was very interesting that "Five minutes before they were in the ground, and then they hatched and were ready to go into the ocean."

For Miss Alger, the trip was one the "best educational trips I could have taken," and she wants to come back.

At the camp every day hundreds of turtles are released. There are turtles hatching every day.

That is why Lincoln School is very welcomed by the staff members because they say they receive a lot of help from the students.

The students in turn, were thrilled to be there and witness the scene. Most of them were amazed, and they expressed their desire to come back another time.

Overall, the 12th graders had a fun educational trip that gave them the opportunity to interact with turtles and learn a little bit more about them.

"It's like falling in love ..."

-- Teacher Charla Wilson



Lincoln's Trip to Mayto 2011

by Johana Soriano

For the past few years Lincoln students have gone to Mayto as part of their science class. The trip takes time a way from school, and it also costs a lot of money. Why does Lincoln support this trip as a learning experience for students?

The purpose of students going to Mayto is to have a first-hand educational experience with concrete and fun ecology

activities. Students learn to understand some threats to different species, and they learn the value of creation as well as helping to teach them the testimony of Christ.

This trip was the 10th- 13th of November. Miss Charla Wilson was the science teacher. She thinks that this trip was a good experience because the idea of Romans 1:20 says, "Ever since the creation of the world, God's

eternal power and divine nature is made visible through the things He has made. And we know God by His creation." When Miss Wilson saw the reactions of each student, and the teachers' reactions, she thought it was amazing.

She says that as the trip to the camp had several difficult events, but afterwards she said this trip was her best ever. She thinks this project is worth it because



Lincoln prayed a lot for this trip, and God helped with the plans for the camp as well as the safety of all the participants.

The head of the camp has a lot of knowledge, and the trip is well organized. The place is unique; not everyone can go. And what students learn they can practice in their daily lives.

Wilson thinks this trip changed the students' ideas because each year she has students who never think about protecting the environment, and then they know more about the species that are in danger of extinction. At the end of the trip they feel inspired by the people who work at the camp, the beauty of God's creation, and the little turtles that (with the help of the students) have a good start into their underwater world.

"We know God by His creation."

- Miss Charla Wilson



Seniors learn hands-on recycling by creating plastic chairs for elementary schools

Recycling Could Help Our World

by Yishai Del Moral

The workers at camp Mayto beach work 365 days a year. The camp was created by the high school of Puerto Vallarta with help from the University of Guadalajara in July of 2005. It is located on the beach of the town of Mayto in the municipality of Cabo, Jalisco.

The fundamental functions include the protection and conservation of turtles. The mission of the camp is fulfilled by carrying out extensive programs of awareness directed to young people and students of diverse schools in all the country.

At the camp is also a facility for recycling created for recycling created for the conservation of all resources. This comprehensive program demonstrates to visitors a range of environmental workings including: Cultivated field of organic vegetables with the rural communities, Reforestations, Collection and

separation of plastics, Recycling, Composting, Support for kinder and primary schools of Mayto, Support for health, as well as diverse activities like roads and walking paths.

The recycling campaign was inspired by a German man who volunteered at the camp. He donated the machinery to the camp. The chairs made with the recycling plastics have been donated to local primary schools. At the current time the camp workers only make little school chairs, but workers potentially can make other shapes as long as they have a model, such as the wooden chair that is in the photo collage.

This is a recycling campaign that is happening around the world. Mayto not the only recycling location to create these projects. Most of the people say this is a good idea. "It is a good way to educate

people about alternatives to throwing everything away. It's a good first step, but not the only thing we should be doing. Even better than recycling is reusing or using less packaging in the first place," Miss Wilson said.

So, why they do this? Whenever a package is recycled, it is not going to fill the garbage dumps. Eliminating the extraction of new raw materials, besides reducing power consumption and gas discharges causing the greenhouse effect, reduces climatic change.

Also, recycled materials can produce truly useful products. As the photos show, these new products demonstrate success and very special results. As recycling continues increasing in amount and in quality, all consumers are going to benefit.



Recycling in action: from waste plastic to useful furniture



The Finished Product: chairs for elementary schools.



Water and a message shared with PanAm Game visitors



Water -- and a message

Technology Advancing on Campus With Investment in Improving Instruction and Internet Access

by Samuel Adolfo Núñez Zetter

Technology is going to advance, and if a school doesn't advance with technology it is going to be more difficult to prepare students for a job because these days skill with technology is something crucial. Technology today is a key part of a good education.

Mr. Pepe Orozco, who is the teacher of Lincoln's computer class, is the man in charge of the technology at Lincoln School. Mr. José Orozco stated working in technology 14 years ago.

Lincoln School has change over the years. Mr. José Orozco said, "when I started at the school, the school only had four computers (486 Compact). He needed more computers for his class, so he needed to show to director Glenn Swarthatout that the computer weren't going to be used to play games. In one year he showed results that the computers were going a be for schoolwork, so the school gave money to buy more computers."

Mr. José Orozco noted that all teachers have the power to talk to Mr. Glenn, but that he is the main advocate for technology improvements at the school.

Looking to the future, Mr. Orozco said that his expectations of the technology for the next few years is that all computers are going to have Windows 7.

New technology this year was the LCD projectors in the high school, speakers in classrooms, and some new wireless Internet



antennas so that all the school is covered wirelessly. Elementary classrooms also have large flatscreen

monitors for the teachers' computers.

All of this is only the beginning of a lot of technology changes.

by Johana Soriano

Students from Lincoln's high school went to the center of Guadalajara as one of their service projects for the first semester.

Mr. Martinez and Miss Ferguson were in charge of this event. This event was on Thursday 13, October of 2011.

The purpose of this event was so that students can participate and build a relationship with the city, taking advantage of the presence of athletes and visitors to the Pan-American Games, and to serve the community.

As a school, the students were offering the testimony of Christ and reflecting on what Jesus is doing in the lives of the students by giving away bottles of water with inspirational spiritual help.

Mr. Martinez really enjoyed this trip. At the beginning of the event the climate was very bad, so he felt so nervous but he was so excited to share the word of Jesus. A lengthy rainy spell put a damper on

the whole city.

This event was a good idea. The results that the students were expecting were difficult in the beginning, but at the end of the event the students were extremely excited and wanted more bottles of

water to give to the people to have more contact with the community.

Service was the objective of this event. It was a really good experience despite the rainy weather.

Because the weather was not the most favorable, the school organizers thought that they should suspend the event because it was raining and cold too. But it was fun!

Mr. Martinez said, "This event was worth it because this is service project, and instead we saw the fruit. The seed that we as a school plant, we can't always see the results of the seed. But God will continued to see the results."

"We can't always see the results ... but God will see the results."
-- Mr. Martinez



Lincoln Girls Soccer Team Looks for Improvement

by Moises Brambila

In the first match, the Lincoln school girl's team was defeated by the American school by 3-2 goals. The game was at the Club Bancario of Guadalajara at 4 o'clock the 30th of November, 2011.

At the beginning, Lincoln's team looked a little bit scared, but as the game continued, the confidence of the team increased. "I was so excited about how excited the girls were," said Miss. Rhoads, the coach of the team.

The first to score was the American school; the goal keeper from Lincoln couldn't stop a shot, so the ball went to the net. The coach observed, "We have to work on defense. Sometimes it's very hard because we are only 8 players and we have to be 11."

The spirit of the team was low because of the first goal, but wisely Miss Rhoads made some adjustments on the way the team was managed. The game continued in a very interesting way. The defense started playing good, and the star of the team, Melanie Friessen, committed a foul inside the area and the referee called a penalty. Goal keeper Erika Chaidez stopped the goal, but the ball kept moving slowly and rolled into a goal.

At this time the screaming fans' cheers were very loud supporting Lincoln School's team.

As the first half was almost over, the offense started pressuring the defense of the American school, and then the first Lincoln goal came. It was an own goal. The middle time came, and the coach called the team to make some changes and adjustments so the whole team could give their best.

The second half started and Lincoln's team was playing best. Then the American school's second goal came by a shot done by Melanie Friessen.

The game was tied 2-2. Some fouls were called from both sides. "It was a terrific game; the opponents were very good," said Keila Garcia, a defender from Lincoln. With three minutes before the game was over, the American school made a terrific play, and they passed the defense and scored an almost perfect goal. The goal keeper couldn't do anything to stop the play.

"It is our first game and we are looking forward to train and gain more experience and physical condition and learning how to play as a team," replied Miss Rhoads about the plans of the team.



Mini Olympic Awards

by Kevin Rodriguez

On November 30 of this year the Mini Olympics this year was called the party colors. The students were divided into teams in specific colors; the students were mixed with one another.

The Mini Olympics award is a reward for the effort of the students that win in the sport activities. They gave medals for the top three competitors that had the best and the highest score to make them feel like they made a good effort in supporting all the other players.

The judges select the highest points in the individual activities and then select the highest points in group activities. At the end of the activities the judges add all the points based on the guidelines of each sport category, added with all the individual activities of the color's participants and made a final result.

The team that achieved the highest score received a "pizza party like an award for their effort in their team work, and to make them feel part of the school and of the group," stated Mr. Ayala. "The teams are chosen by a contest of the physical capabilities of every student, and then they are placed in the sport that they are better in".

The Mini Olympics are made for interaction with the school mates, team work, to make the students feel part of the school, and to develop their physical capabilities.

In the party of colors the red team was the one that got 31 points, which was the highest score. The black team had 23 points which placed them in second place out of all the team competitors. The red team was the fortunate one that won a pizza party. They are the winners from high school; the students gave their all in the competitions.

On December 7th the junior high had their mini Olympics "party color." The first place with a score of 525 is "Casa Townsend." They earned points for their "casa" and won a pizza party. The second place award went to "V. Humboldt" with 310 points.

Mr. Ayala's desire is that every student be more involved in the Mini Olympics, for the students to keep asking how they can be training and improving their skills athletically. This is why every year the sports committee of Lincoln School plans a full of sports activities every school year. They try to make it a fun and positive competitive atmosphere for the students to have fun and learn how to work together as a team.

Color Festival Inspires Students to Athletics

Mini Olympics are one of the most expected events at Lincoln School. This year they decided to name the Mini Olympics "The Color Festival" because teams used color t-shirts to identify themselves; colors were red, purple, green, black, yellow and blue.

This event took place at Club Deportivo Bancario, from 8:40 to 1:50 approximately. This year's Mini Olympics were held on November 30, 2011, and directed by Lincoln School's coordinator Mr. Ayala.

Students from high school (9 grade to 12 grade) were the athletes for this Olympics 2011. "The goal of the mini Olympics is coexistence, competition, teamwork and identity", said Mr. Ayala at the Mini Olympics.

The sports played were speed competitions, jumping, throwing, relay, basketball, handball, and soccer. Six different teams competed for each sport. Mr. Ayala said, "Picking the students to play certain sports in the team is one of the most important strategies. You need to identify which are the better players and use them on your favor."

The winner of the whole Mini Olympics was the red team with 31 total points. The team members were: Seo Won, David Salomon, Cinthya Fernandez, Jocelyne Morfin, Emilio Flores, Alexa Beamonte, Dhannia Lopez, Miriam Regalado, Juan Delgadillo, Hector Perez, Dara Flores, Ji Ho Choi, Joy Jeon, Eduardo Jimenez, Kumar Peddinani, Destiny Flores, Tirsa Islas and Patricia Contreras.

The losing team was blue with 14 points. The prize for the winning team was first-place medals to ever member of the team at each sport.

For the winner over all, the prize would be a pizza party. This event was from 8:40 to 1:50 approximately. Each student from Lincoln School finished Mini Olympics satisfied with their effort. Juan Jaime (a 12 grader) said, "I enjoyed this Mini Olympics. I never had imagined that handball could turn out to be something fun and entertaining."

Thanks to Mini Olympics, students have been inspired to practice more sports.



Chapel Added to Small Groups for All Students



by Hector Pelayo

Lincoln School bible teachers regularly organize chapels, with the main purpose of presenting Jesus in a practical way.

This year the two most important chapels were held in September and December and were directed by Fernando Martinez, helped by other teachers and students.

The first event was on September 28, 2011, at the club "Deportivo Bancario" in which the students of middle and high school participated in the spiritual event of the school. Activities included completing bibles verse on cardboards, worship time, small groups talking, and sharing with students of other grades, and participating in the conference with the topic of "How I can be a better student."

The most recent chapel was on December 7, 2011, held on the Lincoln School campus, and again middle and high school students. They participated in different conferences with a variety of topics. With a topic of "who is your role model", all the students gathered on the patio for the first conference. After that we broke in to small groups to go deeper in to "Who is our role model". There was a break of twenty minutes and then students formed three big groups to view the three different themes of "Christ in your laptop," "God in your dating," and "Your testimony."

The spiritual leadership of Lincoln School said that the main purpose of the chapel is that "the students can have a time of learning about Jesus in a easy way, and the feeling after every chapel is that it could be better or that many students are not interested, they said that the chapels are not another bible class or not is about religion, is everything about God".

The chapels are planned by the bible teachers; they get together around three weeks before each chapel to plan the activities, the topics, and the logistical organization for it. They have to decide which topics are best and most interesting for the students.

Mr. Fernando, spiritual guidance counselor, said, "Most of the students are indifferent; some students enjoy the activities, and a small number of the students do not enjoy the Chapels."

Most of the students think that chapel doesn't have a lot of importance, that they can be boring at times, but the school's intentions are good, and the staff can improve the activities by making them more funny or interesting for the students."

THE TALENT SHOW

One of the most expected events of the year

by Keila Garcia

The talent show is very much anticipated event, where all kinds of students can attend and have a great time. The LSL group has been organizing the talent show night for many years .

The talent show night is the perfect time to get to know new people, it is also the perfect place to have fun, but above all, to demonstrate the talent you have.

The primary caretaker from LSL is Miss. Kelly Rhoads. She has been planning this event at Lincoln School, and each year LSL tries to get new ideas, and to do different themes, to have surprises and to make students have fun.

LSL always tries to surprise students with new things to make them have a good time together. "LSL will be having a Talent show this year in May" commented Miss. Kelly R.

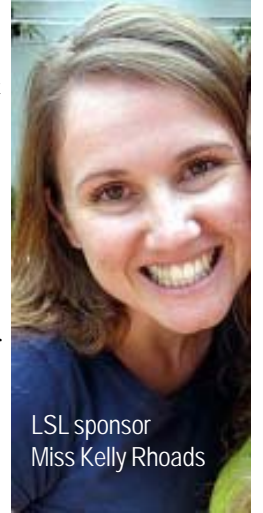
The talent show is usually done in the Casa Grande, but this time LSL has a new idea. Miss. Kelly R. said "We may have the event at Lincoln or at the Club Bancario." That would be great because that would be different, and maybe there will be some new surprises. Who knows?.

This year as always we have different themes, LSL has been preparing a new unexpected theme "the idea for the theme is "Night at the Oscars". This new idea has never seen before is actually very original.

In Lincoln School teachers are always trying to get together students, and to give them a push to make new friend; that's what Talent Show is about "the purpose of the talent show is for students to show off their abilities, to have fun as a school community and be creative" said Miss Rhoads, and of course the students agree.

If a student wins, LSL will give a price to him/her. At this moment, LSL commented "We don't know yet the price as it is a way off still". With these words Miss. Kelly R. caretaker from the LSL ends "The Kermess karaoke performances make me excited to see what our creative students will bring to this year's Show!"

Lincoln School is waiting enthusiastically for the Talent Show Night.



LSL sponsor
Miss Kelly Rhoads



Lincoln Student Leadership (LSL) Members - the voice of Lincoln students

Dome Covering Provides Multi-Purpose Protection for School Activities



by Hector Daniel Zatarain

The Lincoln School built a new dome over the basketball court of the campus. The structure is made of metal, and the covering consists of a plastic membrane.

At first, students were mad because the unassembled parts of the dome invaded the basketball court and they couldn't even play. But after that, they found themselves pleased with the shade provided by the dome.

To know more about this new improvement of the campus, Mr. Glen Swarouth, the school's principal, commented to *InfoLinc*.

"We've been wanting to have the basketball court covered for a long time," affirmed Mr. Swarouth, so it was included in the budget for this year.

"It took a long time because the first time they put the covering on it, they didn't do it correctly... it was probably about four months," answered Mr. Swarouth when he was asked how long it took to build the dome.

The reason it was constructed is mainly because, "We've always looked at it as a meeting place where we can have meetings and larger gatherings of people, or parents, or students because we don't have an auditorium."

Before the dome, a tent was rented in the patio every parents' meeting. Now, there's no need of that. "Well, I think that the dome has been really helpful. The sun was starting to make break time uncomfortable, and the dome came just in time to save us from another year of heat and sun at our patio," said Carlos Acosta from 12th grade.

Esteban Wolf, a 10th grader, says, "I think it's cool when it is really sunny. However, it will be a problem when it starts to rain due to all the insects that will reproduce in the water puddles it will make."

The new dome might be wonderful for most of the students, but it may represent a problem for a few. Anyway, it does improve the overall image of the school campus, and it protects the students from the weather.