

Lincoln And Perkins Schools Collaborating On Family Fun Night November 15th

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School families are being invited to participate in a unique, hour-long Family Fun Night event November 15 at Perkins School gymnasium intended to bring movement and fun to learning math and reading.

The nationally acclaimed, Ithaca-based Math & Movement program helps children in grades Pre-K through 5 increase math and reading fluency and mastery by utilizing specially designed floor mats and banners that enable students to hop, walk, crawl, or dance their way to mastering math and reading concepts.

Because Math & Movement promotes physical activity while simultaneously increasing learning, the intended result is also a greater fitness level for children.

Lincoln School Principal Stephanie Miller applied for and won a grant from the Dryden Mutual Insurance Company _ that has funded over 200 Family Fun Nights in New York State _ after learning about the program from Krista Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Elaine Erb, a Lincoln Pre-K teacher.

Miller sees additional benefits resulting from Family Fun Night.

- Parents will be given activity booklets to use at the event that they can also use at home with their child to further build math and reading skills.
- Perkins and Lincoln Schools, that are both Pre-K through second grade schools, are collaborating.
- Families from both schools get to enjoy a fun night out, complete with refreshments provided by PTAs from both schools, that promotes learning.

During the hour-long Family Fun Night from 6 to 7 p.m., parents and children will move from station to station, learning the math activities while completing the Math & Movement activity guide.

Older student volunteers, who will man the stations, will improve their own math skills through helping younger students.

Ten to 15 teacher volunteers from both schools, who will be trained by a Math & Movement consultant before the event that night, will assist families as they rotate from station to station. An added benefit for the teacher volunteers is they will be earning one hour towards building their Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) certification hours.

Miller said informational flyers about the event will be sent home to parents from both schools at the end of the month.

