

## **Lincoln's Enrollment Information Nights Set for February 22, March 7**

Lincoln Elementary School, an alternative elementary school in the district, is hosting Enrollment Information Nights for prospective families from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 22 and March 7, in the Lincoln cafeteria, 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.E.

Attendance at one of these meetings is required to participate in the lottery for admittance to Lincoln for families outside the school's service area. Babysitting will be provided.

During the Enrollment Information Nights, parents will learn more about the Options program, philosophy, and parent involvement opportunities. They also will learn about the lottery process, Lincoln's unique way of accepting students who live outside the Lincoln service area.

Lincoln Elementary School has 280 students and has offered kindergarten through fifth-grade classes for about 30 years. At Lincoln, most classrooms are multi-age where children stay with the same teacher for two years to help learning and strengthen the family-school relationship. Lincoln's staff and students practice cooperation, social justice and sustainability. Social, emotional and academic growth are equally valued. Parents also are asked to be a part of the classroom and management of the school.

Because Lincoln is an alternative school, students who live outside the service area are admitted via lottery. A lottery, which takes place in early March, determines the priority for enrolling new students. The lottery is a way to ensure that all families outside the Lincoln service area have an equal chance of admittance. Families in the Lincoln service area and siblings of current students are guaranteed access to Lincoln Elementary School.

### **Observation Week**

Parents also are invited to Observation Week, a week when the classrooms are open to the community so parents of potential students may see first-hand how the classrooms operate.

Observation Week runs from 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 27 through March 1. Visitors are asked to check in at the office when arriving.