

## THE LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH WISHES YOU A HAPPY RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL!

This month we celebrated the birthdays of the greatest Presidents of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century (George Washington) and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (Abraham Lincoln). At the Lewis Center for Educational Research, we also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of the greatest Presidents of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Ronald Reagan. A 1985 letter from President Reagan to a kindergarten teacher named Rick Piercy about his work on the Young Astronaut Program stated, "The incentives provided by the Young Astronaut Program for learning math and science as they relate to the space program are the greatest rewards we could expect to achieve, Indeed, the ultimate goal is knowledge and your community is doing an excellent job of bringing that to its young people. Congratulations, and keep up the good work." This letter helped inspire Rick to found the Lewis Center, which has become one of the nation's most innovative and successful public charter schools. We agree with President Reagan that America should be "a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere." We are very thankful for the life and leadership of this great American. And we are working each and every day to help prepare the children of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to fulfill his towering vision for America. Happy Centennial, President Reagan!