

Lincoln Families,

Please read below for the latest news, updates, and reminders from Lincoln Middle School and School District 64.

Have a great weekend!

Dave

### **Lincoln at a Glance**

- T 4/23: Maine South Musical - 8th Grade; BVB @ Emerson 3:30 (away); LI/WA/RO Orchestra Concerts 7PM
- W 4/24: Early Dismissal 2:10;
- H 4/25: BVB @ Iroquois 3:30 (away); LI/WA/RO Band Concerts 7PM
- F 4/25: LI Choir Elementary Tours

### **On the Horizon...**

- M 4/29: BVB vs South 3:30 (home); End 6-week term (E5)
- T 4/30: Start of 6-week term (E6); MAP Testing AM; BVB @ Holmes Incoming 6th Parent Night (see below)
- W 5/1: MAP Testing (Math); Early Dismissal 2:10; [Staff Professional Development](#) - Building Meeting
- H 5/2: LI Band/Orchestra Tour; BVB vs. Friendship 3:30 (home)

### **Career Day - Volunteers Needed!**

Lincoln will host a Career Day for 8th graders on Wednesday, May 15! The purpose of Career Day is to expose students to a variety of careers in order to jumpstart their thinking about the future. We are currently recruiting parent volunteers to speak to homerooms (30 students) for 15 minutes. Parents will rotate to 4-5 homerooms. In addition to sharing information about your career, each session will include a few minutes for student questions. Career Day activities will occur between 8:40-11:20 a.m. If you, a family member, or friend is interested in volunteering to speak about a career, please complete this [form](#) by Friday, April 12.

### **Rainbows Student Peer Group**

A local Rainbows peer group was recently initiated to provide a safe space for students in 1st - 8th grade to share their experiences associated with loss of a loved one and/or a changing family dynamic due to divorce, deployment, etc.

Trained facilitators help encourage communication while identifying, navigating and discussing feelings amongst the group. A second session of the program will begin in September of 2024. Each session is 12 weeks long, meeting weekly in the evening for 1 hour.

Please note, we are looking for more volunteers to help facilitate these peer groups. Teachers will receive CPDU credits! Any interest or questions please contact Justine Karl, 847-340-1741 or Phyllis Lubinki, 312-659-6226

Please fill out this Google form to sign up and/or to be added to our communication list."

[Rainbows Student Peer Group Sign up](#)

### **Incoming Sixth Grade Info Night 4/30**

We are excited for our current fifth-grade students to soon become part of the Lincoln family. This brief informational night for parents is a great opportunity to hear about our school and to prepare for a smooth transition into middle school. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00– 7:15 PM. Our agenda will include information regarding the transition process, academic placement, and elective programs.

In addition, there will be a short introduction to our sixth grade teacher teams and support personnel. They will be available for a Q&A at the end of the formal presentation. We are hopeful that this, along with communications that will be coming out over the months ahead, will leave you and your student excited and prepared for the upcoming school year.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Date: Tuesday, April 30

Time: 6:00-7:15

Where: Lincoln Gym

NOTE: Students will be receiving this same information when we visit the individual fifth-grade homerooms in the months ahead. Their attendance is not required.

### **LMS PTO Updates**

PTO Board Members Needed for '24-25

The Lincoln PTO is looking to fill the following positions for the next school year. If you are interested in these positions, please reach out to Alex Hanba at [ahanba@gmail.com](mailto:ahanba@gmail.com) to learn more.

- 2 Co-Vice Presidents: So you'd like to get more involved, but you're not sure you're ready to take the lead role? Our vice-president position has your name written all over it! You'll learn behind-the-scenes intel and be part of decision making on important issues throughout the year. You'll help the co-presidents get things done – kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the costume (unless you want to rock the mask and cape, of course).
- Secretary: Be honest – you're the one in your friend group who filled out every page in your child's baby book...at the right time, no less. If you're the kind of person who documents everything, from your toddler's first steps to how far you jogged yesterday, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar record keeping skills and attention to detail to good use. You must have good listening and computer skills.

### End of School Pool Party!

Students, celebrate the end of a great year with your friends from Lincoln and Emerson at the Centennial Pool on Saturday, June 1, from 8:00-10:00 pm. Please purchase your tickets [here](#).

### **District 207 STEM Summer Camp for Middle School!**

Start your summer off with some fun by joining us for a week of building, creating, designing and investigating through engaging activities focused around science, engineering and technology! This camp is open to all students residing within Maine Township who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall.

Dates: Monday through Thursday June 10 - 13, 2024

Times: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Maine West High School

Cost: \$50, which includes all materials for the camp. For more details and registration information, please click [HERE](#).

Registration will be open March 22 - May 3 unless filled before then. Space is limited to 60 participants.

### **Update 2024-25 Calendar**

The D64 School Board recently approved the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. View the calendar [here](#).

### **After-School Clubs (TLCs) and Activities**

We have after-school clubs and activities available for students on a drop-in basis. We want all of our students to get involved, so take a look at the teen leisure club offerings and encourage your son or daughter to join in on the fun. New clubs and activities are posted below. .

## [Third Trimester TLCs](#)

### **Illness Reminders**

Cold and Flu Season is here! Please do not send your student to school if they have a fever of 100 or above, vomiting and/or diarrhea, or if they feel too sick with a sore throat, cough, runny nose, etc. to participate in class. Keep them home, give them time to rest and do not send them back to school until they are 24 hours free of vomiting, fever, and diarrhea without the use of medication AND feeling well enough to participate in the school day. [Please read this illness letter](#) that was sent home earlier this year about the common illnesses we're seeing this time of year. IDPH and CDC have asked us to remind you to make sure you and your students are up to date on your flu and COVID immunizations (and RSV vaccine for infants or older adults).

If your child will not be attending school due to illness or any other reason, please report it to the school absence line at any time and leave a message stating the reason for the absence. We want everyone to be healthy for the last week of school before break and want to help everyone have a healthy holiday season.

### **Absences**

Please call the office attendance number (847-318-4215) if/when students miss class for any reason. Also, please be sure to contact the school nurse, Rachel Ossmo (847- 318-4219) with any illness/medical information related to the absence. If a student is leaving for an appointment, it is recommended to send a note with your child to provide to his/her classroom teacher. Students should come down to the office at their designated time; the front office will not be calling into classrooms for your student.

Please remember that you can check your child's attendance through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

NOTE: As a reminder and per the D64 [Student-Parent Handbook](#), absences due to vacations, attendance at a cultural or sporting event, or participation in a team sport, acting or fine arts performance are considered unexcused. Work will be given upon return for students leaving the country or immediate District area when your children RETURN to school. It must be completed at home under a parent's supervision. Teachers are not expected to provide homework or assignments in advance for students who will be absent for an extended period of time for a family vacation and other activities.

### **Portal Access**

All Lincoln students and parents are provided access to schedules via the

PowerSchool parent and student portals. The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows you access to your student's academic information, including student schedules and grades. To gain access to the Parent Portal, please go to [ps.d64.org](https://ps.d64.org). If you have any questions on how to login, please contact the Lincoln Main Office for assistance (847) 318-4215.

### **Schoology Parent Access**

Schoology will be utilized by students to help navigate their remote learning day and will include links to students' virtual class meetings. Parents can also access students' classes and monitor student assignments. To assist, we have created [THIS VIDEO](#) to assist in navigating this new learning platform.

Not connected to Schoology yet? [Follow the directions here!](#)

### **School Hours**

School hours for student classes are from 8:05 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please note that each Wednesday, students are dismissed at 2:10 p.m. for staff professional development activities.

Doors to the school open for students each morning at 7:58 a.m. Homeroom begins at 8:05 a.m.

### **Office Hours**

School office hours are from 7:20 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Remember that our student absence line (847) 318-4215 is available 24 hours a day. Please let the Lincoln Office know as soon as possible if your child will not be in attendance. Please do not rely on e-mail notification for reporting absences as it may not be seen until later in the day.

### **Lincoln Website and Calendar**

The Lincoln website and Lincoln school calendar are valuable resources to keep informed of important updates and events throughout the year. The calendar is kept up to date throughout the school year, and new information is posted regularly. We hope that these tools are helpful resources for keeping you and your student organized and informed as we progress through the year.

[Lincoln Website](#)  
[D64 Website](#)

Calendars for 2023-2024 can be viewed [HERE](#).

### **Student-Parent Handbook**

Lincoln Middle School, along with all District 64 schools, operates in accordance to policies and practices that have been reviewed and implemented by the District 64 Board of Education. Please review the [D64 Student-Parent Handbook](#) prior to the start of the school year to familiarize yourself with the information contained in it. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure a positive school year, and having an understanding of this information will help to promote a successful school year. This handbook is intended as a convenience for District 64 families and staff by summarizing selected information about procedures, services and programs. It also provides a quick reference for contact information and District timelines.