

Lincoln Families,

Hard to believe that we have arrived at the weekend already. We hope that you enjoy the cooler temps – perfect weather for the start of the football season. Here's to a Bears' win over the Pack and to all of the things that bring balance to your life. Enjoy the time!

Have a great weekend,

Dave

Please read below for all of the latest news, updates, and information from Lincoln Middle School & D64.

Lincoln at a Glance

- M 9/11: Instrumental Music Lessons Begin
- T 9/12: GBB @ Iroquois 3:30 (away)
- W 9/13: Early Dismissal 2:10; Lincoln PTO Meeting 7PM in LRC
- H 9/14: GBB @ Holmes 3:30 (away); X-Country Meet (home) 3:45; Curriculum Night (see below)

Looking ahead...

- M 9/18: GBB @ Friendship 3:30 (away); BOPA Meeting 6:30 LRC
- T 9/19: GBB @ Algonquin 3:30 (away)
- W 9/20: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 9/21: GBB vs Algonquin 3:30 (home); X-Country @ Emerson 3:45 (away); Board of Education Meeting 7:00

BOPA Dine to Donate!

Enjoy a refreshing cup of frozen yogurt at Yogli Mogli as we say goodbye to summer!

- Wednesday September 13, 2023 from 5:00 – 9:00pm
- Yogli Mogli Frozen Yogurt
- 8200 W. Oakton St., Niles, IL 60714

Yogli Mogli will donate a percentage of the total sales to our band and orchestra organization from every order received for Dine-In or Carryout.

Make sure to mention the [flyer](#) or fundraiser when ordering.

For Questions, please contact: Christine Erickson bopa64@gmail.com

Parent Curriculum Night - September 14

Lincoln's Parent Curriculum Night will be held next Thursday, September 14h from 6:30-8:00. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and hear about the structures, curriculum, and technology used at Lincoln. The evening's main program will be hosted by your child's core team and emphasizes the core curriculum at each grade level. In addition, this event also allows parents the choice to attend optional presentations and introductions for elective and program-specific classes throughout the evening.

While there will be more specific info coming out next week, we want to make sure that you can attend. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Picture Day Re-Takes 10/13

If your student did not get his/her picture taken this week, Picture Retakes/Makeups will be on Friday, October 13th. For ordering information, please click on the flyer below.

[Picture Ordering Info](#)

IMPORTANT: Drop-off/Pick-up Locations & Traffic Reminders

Parents, we would really like your help with this. Student safety is our primary concern. In order for students to arrive safely in the morning, please review the linked document outlining our drop-off/pick-up procedures at Lincoln. Students are to cross only at designated crosswalks. Please drop your student off at an area that does not require them to cross the street. The streets around Lincoln are busy and are often congested before and after school. Again, your attention to the procedures outlined in the [linked document](#) is much appreciated and goes a long way to keep our students safe. The Park Ridge Police Department may be on site to help enforce these procedures in the weeks ahead.

NOTE: Visitor parking is located on Crescent Avenue near the main entrance (Door #3).

Maine South Football Games

Maine South football season is under way and home games are attended by many of our students and families.. Please see the letter from the Maine South administration outlining the expectations for our students in attendance at the games. Please review these with your student as we head into the season. Students

need to attend with an adult and maintain appropriate behavior in order to attend.
Go Hawks!

[Spectator Expectations from Maine South](#)

Drop-off of Student Items/Lunches

If students forget something at home or are being brought a lunch, items may be dropped off in the foyer of the Lincoln Office. We instruct students to check in with the office during passing periods to pick up these items. We will not interrupt class to notify students of items/lunches delivered to the office.

After-School Clubs (TLCs) and Activities

We have started up our first trimester after-school clubs and activities. 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.

[First Trimester TLCs](#)

Activity Bus

Lincoln activity buses run at 4:00 PM each school day (except Wednesdays) to provide transportation for students involved in after-school activities and extracurriculars. These activities include sports, clubs, after-school tutorial programs, etc. Parents are expected to provide transportation if needed for any other reason. These buses will start running on Tuesday, September 5th.

NOTE: Often, these buses will not run the day prior to an extended break or school vacation.

Choirs Beginning Soon!

Does your student love to sing and want to join a choir here at Lincoln? Lincoln has THREE choirs to get involved in.

- Show Choir is singing and dancing for ALL grade levels on Mondays from 3-4 in Winslow Hall
- 6th Grade Chorus is singing only for 6th graders from 3-4 on Fridays
- 7/8 Singers is singing only for 7th and 8th graders from 3-4 on Thursdays

To join, remind your student to attend after school! All choirs will begin after Labor Day. The commitment includes 2 after school concerts, field trips around the community, and a contest performance at Six Flags in May. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email (alatragna@d64.org) or have your student visit Ms. LaTragna in 319!

LRC & Young Adult Fiction

It is our goal in District 64 to maintain school Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) that promote a love for reading and lifelong learning. Our middle school libraries are geared toward middle school readers who represent a range of reading interests and levels. The collections include a variety of middle grade and young adult novels, along with picture books, reference materials, sound recordings, magazines, and nonfiction resources.

Young adult (YA) titles include literature, poetry, and informational text that address experiences and issues that concern children as they transition through their teenage years. Common themes in young adult literature include: relationships, mental health, sexuality, substance/domestic abuse, violence, death, pop culture, and race/ethnicity. While these topics are often present in middle grade text, the degree to which they are addressed increases in young adult titles. Student readiness for exploration of these topics may vary based on maturity level and experience.

We do our best to match students with the right book for them. Some of our collection contains more sensitive subject matter and, in consultation with professional reviews, have been marked with Young Adult (YA) labels. We encourage families to discuss reading selections with their students on a regular basis.

If you feel your student might not be ready for these titles, please reach out to both the LRC Director and principal of the appropriate school:

Emerson: Mrs. Katie Contreras (LIS) & Mrs. Tessa Shulman (Principal)

Lincoln: Ms. Jena Garber (LIS) & Mr. Dave Szwed (Principal)

Yearbooks Available for Purchase

Yearbooks for the 23-24 school year are now available for purchase.

Placing orders for a 2023-24 Lincoln Yearbook: Parents should log into My School Bucks: [Link to My School Bucks](#)

1. Select "Student Fees"
2. Select 2023-24 Yearbook Purchase
3. Select Student(s)
4. Submit payment and place the order

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.

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. 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.