

Lincoln Families,

Next Friday marks the last day of the first trimester. And while many of us may still be wondering where October went, we are also only one week away from the Thanksgiving break. Time is certainly passing very quickly, and we hope that these newsletters help to stay on top of all things Lincoln. For now, know that we are here to support you and your student, so please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a great weekend,

Dave

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

Lincoln at a Glance

- T 11/14: BBB @ Holmes 3:30 (away)
- W 11/15: Early Dismissal 2:10; LI Concert, Cadet, and Percussion Ensemble Concerts 7PM
- H 11/16: BBB @ Iroquois 3:30 (away); Board of Education Meeting 7PM
- F 11/17: End of First Trimester; Thanksgiving Break begins 3:00

Looking ahead...

- M 11/27: School Resumes

Calling all Spellers!

Students in Grade 6-8 are invited to register for the Lincoln Spelling Bee.

It is scheduled for:

Thursday, January 25th at 3:10 in Room 103

If you have any questions regarding the Lincoln School Spelling Bee, please contact Mrs. Cichy or Mrs. Wandell.

Students should look on the Student Portal for the Registration link to sign up!

End of Trimester and Report Cards

The end of the first trimester November 17, 2023. The parent portal will be temporarily closed on this day and will reopen on November 29th to allow grades to

be entered. Report cards will only be available through the parent portal.

NOTE: Unless otherwise requested, hard copies of report cards will not be mailed home.

- 11/17 - Trimester ends.
- 11/16 - Parent portal closes. Teachers finalize grades.
- 11/20 to 11/24 - Thanksgiving Week
- 11/29 - ALL grades are due by 8:00AM / Grades are stored.
- 11/30 - Final review and troubleshooting of issues. Final report cards posted.
- 12/1 at 4PM - Parent Portal opens

Student Lost & Found

We are beginning to find increasing numbers of lost and misplaced student items around Lincoln. If your child is missing any materials, supplies, or personal items, please have him/her check the office and/or the lost and found locker in the main hallway. There are also some items that hang on the hooks in the PE corridor. Your student can also check with his/her teachers for items that may have been misplaced during the day.

All unclaimed items will be donated prior to the new year.

Reminder - Replenish MySchoolBucks Balances

This week we had a number of students with low or negative account balances for lunch purchases. Please be sure to review your account balance and replenish funds.

The cafeteria will not be accepting cash to purchase lunch items. Students must use their MySchoolBucks account to purchase any food. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information from Quest, our food service company.

NOTE: New for the 2023-24 school year, if replenishing funds by check please make checks payable to Quest (not District 64).

New Math Curriculum Overview

We are offering an exciting opportunity for all K-8 parents/guardians that pertains to our new mathematics curricula. On November 28th, at 7pm, at Emerson Middle School, we invite parents/guardians to engage in a lesson simulation with a D64 grade-level teacher.

You will sit in the seats as a student and fully understand what it means to be part of a math class with our new curriculum resources (Eureka Squared: K-5, and

Carnegie Math (6-8) A teacher will offer a brief introduction to the program and then teach an actual lesson your child would experience this year.

Space is limited, [so please RSVP using this form](#). Be sure to click the appropriate math placement for your child.

If you are not sure of your child's placement, please call your school's main office. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Note: Students in 7th or 8th Grade Channels of Challenge or 8th Grade Accelerated Math are not utilizing the Carnegie resources. Therefore, this opportunity is not available right now for those parents/guardians.

Samantha Alaimo
Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning

8th Grade Promotion - Save the Date

A promotion ceremony for our 8th grade students has been tentatively set for Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Maine East High School. Details will still need to be discussed and finalized. For now, save the date.

Maine South High School - Info for Current 8th Grade Students

Maine South High School has recently provided us with information for our current 8th grade/incoming 9th grade students and parents. Please see [this letter](#) from their administration and mark your calendars for upcoming events.

Additionally, you can see the timeline for upcoming events for incoming freshmen [HERE](#).

Lincoln Musical: Get Involved in Frozen Jr!

For the past 6 years, Lincoln has performed a musical annually. This year, we will be performing Frozen, Jr. March 15-17. If your student is interested, please read below about the information/workshop meetings coming up! Feel free to have your student email me (alatragna@d64.org) or come see me in 319 with any questions!

Cast:

- The cast consists of performers on stage.
- Audition workshop: Tuesday, November 7th & 14th from 3-4 in Winslow Hall (same workshop, just come to one!)
- Learn the audition process and commitment to be in the cast!

Crew:

- The crew consists of students performing tasks behind the scenes.
- Information meeting: Tuesday, November 28th from 3-4 in Winslow Hall
- Information meeting on what each crew does and the commitment to be in that crew!

Student Calls to Parents

Please remember that students are not allowed to use cell phones during school hours. Phones are available in the main office for student use. Students calling to report illness should be directed to first visit the school nurse. Our school nurse is available to see your child and can often help with their current discomfort or symptoms. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. New clubs and activities will be posted after the break.

[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.

NOTE: Often, these buses will not run the day prior to an extended break or school vacation (Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break).

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. 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. 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.