

Lincoln Families,

With the holidays fast approaching, we know that your calendars are probably filled with to-do lists and final preparations. This time of year makes it easy to lose sight of time and feel a little scattered. To that end, we hope to keep you informed of everything that is happening heading into the break and coming up upon our return in January. Please make note of some of the upcoming dates and happenings here at Lincoln...there is a lot going on! As always, please reach out with any questions.

Dave

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

Lincoln at a Glance

- M 12/18: Intramural Volleyball; BBB @ Grove 3:30 (away)
- T 12/19: BBB vs. Iroquois 3:30 (home); Wrestling @ Emerson 3:45 (away); Choir Community Sing
- W 12/20: Early Release 2:10
- H 12/21: BBB vs. South 3:30 (away); Wrestling vs. Gemini 3:45 (home)
- F 12/22: PM Winter Assembly 2:00; Winter Break Begins 3:00 (No Activity Bus)

Looking ahead...

- M 1/08: School Resumes

Spirit Week 12/18-22

As we head into the winter break, the Lincoln Student Government Association invites staff and students to participate in Spirit Week. Each day next week everyone can get involved and show some Lion Pride. See the daily themes below.

[Spirit Week Schedule](#)

Winter 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.

No Activity/Late Bus Friday 12/22

Just a reminder that there will NOT be a 4:00 activity/late bus running on Friday, 12/22. Please be sure to inform any students involved in after school activities.

Coat Drive

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS?

Lincoln Middle School is collecting winter clothing! Kids size coats, hats, scarves and mittens most needed! Used and new items welcome! See the informational flyer [here](#).

Please bring items to the bin located near the main office NOW through 12/22. Collections benefit the Auburn Gresham Neighborhood.

Elective Open House 1/18 - Save the Date

We would like to invite you to Lincoln's Open House and Elective Night event on Thursday, January 18th from 6:00-7:30 PM. This evening provides you and your child the opportunity to learn more about the amazing core and encore elective classes that Lincoln offers. This night is intended for current sixth and current seventh grade students only. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to hear from our guidance, resource, and intervention teachers should you want to learn more about the supports offered at Lincoln. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

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

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

Calling All Young Authors!

The D64 Young Authors Contest is an independent, voluntary at-home project for students interested in writing and publishing their work for others to read. Here is a more detailed overview of [this year's guidelines](#). Submissions are due by March 1st.

Before and After-School Activities

Students arriving prior to the start of the school day must have a pass from a teacher in order to enter the building. Additionally, students staying for after-school clubs and activities must stay until the conclusion of those clubs at 4:00. This is an accountability measure and helps to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your understanding.

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 in the back of the cafeteria. 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.

Promotion Gowns and Certificates - 8th Grade

In preparation for this spring's 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, we need to gather the necessary information to purchase gowns and certificates due to the time it takes to receive the orders. More details about the ceremony will be provided in the months leading up to the end of the year.

Promotion Certificates: Please enter the correct spelling of your child's name if it differs from the name listed in PowerSchool (ie., "Obrien" is actually "O'Brien"). Students will be listed as and announced by the first and last names listed in PowerSchool unless otherwise notified.

Gown Sizing: Please choose your child's homeroom and enter your child's height. This measurement will be used for the promotion gown sizing.

If you have more than one child, please complete multiple forms. Thank you.

[Promotion Gowns and Certificates Form - 8th Grade](#)

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](#).

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 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 will be posted after the break.

[Second 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.