

Lincoln Families,

Welcome to December! We hope that you and your family had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break. It is hard to believe that we are only three weeks out from the next holiday break. We understand how busy this time of year can be with school, work, and everything else that needs our attention prior to the holidays. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything we can do to make your life a little easier on this end. 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

- M 12/4: BOPA Meeting 6:30 in LRC
- T 12/5: BBB @ Emerson 3:30 (away)
- W 12/6: MAP Testing (Reading); Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 12/7: MAP Testing (Math); BBB @ Chippewa 3:30 (away)

Looking ahead...

- M 12/11: BBB @ Springman 3:30 (away)
- T 12/12: BBB @ Algonquin 3:30 (away)
- W 12/13: Early Dismissal 2:10; Band/Orch/Chorus Concerts 7PM
- H 12/14: BBB vs. Holmes 3:30 (home); Wrestling @ Holmes 3:45 (away)
- F 12/15: Intramural Volleyball

ENDS TONIGHT! Toys for Tots - Toy Drive

We are happy to join with other District 64 schools and the Park Ridge Police Department to collect toys for the annual Toys For Tots drive! We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys (games, dolls, LEGO sets, sports items, superhero toys, art kits, pretend play items, puzzles, Barbies, etc.).

Ways to donate:

Drop off any new and unwrapped toys:

- 1005 Cleveland Ave
- 620 S Knight Ave

Order toys: Use our [Amazon Wish List](#) (open through December 1st) and toys will be delivered in time for donation.

Trimester One Report Cards

All trimester 1 report cards are now available to view digitally through the District's parent portal! Instead of receiving a paper copy, parents can access their child's report card at their own leisure and convenience. After viewing online, you will be asked to digitally sign off that you have viewed your child's report card. To be sure you can access this report card, please follow these [directions](#) for how to login. We hope this will allow parents better access to their child's educational progress and achievement.

If you would still like to request a paper copy or are unsure of how to login, please contact the school main office for assistance.

Winter MAP Assessment

Lincoln students will take the Winter MAP assessment on Wednesday, December 6th and Thursday, December 7th from 8:05 -9:45 AM. We will be running a modified schedule on these days.

Please ensure your child has a charged chromebook and headphones for this assessment.

Wrestling

The LMS wrestling season kicks off Monday Dec. 4th with an informational meeting from 3-4 after school in Gym 3. All wrestlers will need wrestling shoes and headgear for the season starting Tuesday 12/5. News around town is that Dicks Sporting Goods has some basics you could grab if necessary. If you have any specific questions on gear please email Coach Calkins at Tcalkins@d64.org.

Families can find full information for our season on the [Wrestling Website](#). Registration for the season can be found there as well or by using [this link](#). A link to the required health and athletic forms can be found on our website in case you need to turn those in still as well. They can even be easily uploaded directly to Powerschool. Anyone without completed forms will be unable to participate until they are submitted.

Any other concerns or questions please email Coach May at Kmay@d64.org.

Let's Go Lions!

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!

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

Middle School Fashion Design Challenge

Maine South is extending an opportunity for Park Ridge middle school students to participate in a fashion design challenge. We are proud to partner with Maine South and District 207 as our students will soon attend these schools. More information

about the contest can be found by clicking [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.