

Lincoln Families,

Despite the record heat, we made it to the weekend! After only three days of school, we could not be more proud of our students as they quickly returned to the routines of the school year, bringing with them their much-missed energy and excitement. We want to thank all of our staff for their hard work in preparing a positive first week of school, and we want to thank you for all you do in preparing our students for their return to Lincoln. We look forward to collaborating with you this year.

We realize that this weekly newsletter contains a lot of information, but please be sure to read through it as there are some important updates. As always, feel free to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

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 8/28: 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Try-Outs 3:00-5:00 (see below)
- T 8/29: 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Try-Outs 3:00-5:00 (see below)
- W 8/30: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 8/31 MAP Testing
- F 9/1: MAP Testing

Looking ahead...

- M 9/4: Labor Day - No School
- T 9/5: Fall Picture Day (see below); GBB @ Chippewa 3:30 (away)
- W 9/6: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 9/7 GBB vs. Grove 3:30 (home)
- H 9/14: Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Parents Only, more info to follow)

Fall Sports at Lincoln - Sign Up Now!

[Cross Country](#)

Sign-up for the 2023 Cross Country season is OPEN! Each year, a large part of our student body participates in our award-winning cross country program. It is a great way to make new friends, improve running skills, and most of all, HAVE FUN! Sign-up NOW as the season starts a week into this coming school year! Our first practice is Monday, August 28th. Deadline to sign up is Friday, September 1st.

Please [follow this link](#) to fill out the Fall 2023 Cross Country Sign-up Form. Note that all students who participate in cross country must have an updated physical on file and a medical health form completed (found [here](#)). If you have any questions, please contact one of our coaches: Ms. Jill Gronwick (jgronwick@d64.org), Ms. Kate May (kmay@d64.org), Mrs. Michelle Lawler (mlawler@d64.org), or Mrs. Jenny Napier (jnapier@d64.org).

[CROSS COUNTRY WEBSITE](#)

Girls Basketball

Sign-up for Girls' Basketball is also now open for our seventh- and eighth-grade students! We are looking forward to a great season and encourage all interested students to try out for the teams. Girls basketball try-out for seventh- and eighth-grade students will occur next week:

- 8th Grade: Monday, August 28th 3:00
- 7th Grade: Tuesday, August 29th 3:00

Please contact coaches Mr. Pierucci (ppierucci@d64.org) or Mr. Vana (cvana@d64.org) with any questions.

NOTE: Middle school students who wish to participate in interscholastic basketball, volleyball, wrestling, or cross country must show proof of physical fitness as determined by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse or a physician assistant (see below). To participate in these or any upcoming sports, an approved physical examination must be on file with the school prior to the first day of tryouts. No exceptions will be made. In addition, signed permissions should be completed and fees paid (if applicable).

Health Forms and Physicals

All health forms should now be uploaded directly into Powerschool. This includes school physicals, dental and vision forms as well as athletic forms. When you log into [PowerSchool](#), click on your child's name at the top of the page, then on the left side click on forms. After that, you can click on "Health Office Document Submission of Athletic Department Document submission" then click add document and submit.

Incoming 6th grader health forms are due by October 15th and Athletic forms are due the day before tryouts or first practice for no cut sports.

Please make sure that you have filled out and signed the health history parent portion at the top of the back page of your child's physical. If your child requires a medical action plan or medications while in school, those required forms can be found on the [D64 Health Services](#) page under the header "Other Health Forms" If you have any other questions or more immediate needs, please contact the front office at 847-318-4215.

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!

Labor Day, Monday 9/4

All District 64 schools and offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. School will resume on Tuesday. Enjoy the long holiday weekend!

Don't Forget Picture Day - September 5

Student Picture Day is Tuesday, September 5th. Representatives/photographers from Color Portraits will be at Lincoln and taking student portraits via your student's regularly scheduled PE class. For ordering information, please click on the flyer below. This info will also be sent home with students on Monday, August 28th.

[Picture Ordering Info](#)

Drop-off/Pick-up Locations & Traffic Reminders

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.

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

Bicycle Safety - Many Lincoln students ride their bikes and skateboards to school. All students who do so are required to wear a helmet - the most important piece of safety gear a student can wear when biking. Bike racks are available at the west end of the school and also near Door #1. Students should lock up their bikes each day. The school is not responsible for the security of unlocked bicycles during the school day or for bikes left at school after hours.

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.

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.

Yearbooks Available for Purchase

Starting on the first day of school (8/23) yearbooks for the 23-24 school year will be available for purchase.

Placing orders for a 2022-23 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

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](#)