

Lincoln Families,

It was great to see many of you in attendance at last night's Parent Curriculum Night. We are appreciative of your support and involvement, and we are grateful to partner with you in your child's education. We hope you got to feel the genuine care and concern that the Lincoln staff has for its students. As always, know that we are here to partner with you and we are appreciative of your continued support.

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 9/18: 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

Looking ahead...

- T 9/26: GBB vs. Emerson 3:30 (home)
- W 9/27: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 9/28: GBB vs. Chippewa 3:30 (home); X-Country @ Chippewa 3:45 (away)

Picture Day Re-Takes 10/13

If your student did not get his/her picture taken last week, Picture Retakes/Makeups will be on Friday, October 13th. More information for ordering student pictures will be provided in the coming weeks.

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).

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.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences are scheduled for the afternoons/evenings of October 12th, 17th, and 19th from 3:20-7:00. These events will be held at Lincoln Middle School.

We will again utilize conference scheduling software - PowerPTC. More specific information will be provided in the coming weeks when the sign-up link is live. For now, save the dates...

6th Grade Health Forms: Deadline and School Exclusions Approaching

As a reminder for those who have not yet submitted them, 6th grade health forms are due by October 15th. Students without these forms on file by October 15th will be excluded from school beginning Monday, October 16th. Forms Required are:

- Updated physical with all sections completed. Be sure that health history and parent signature is completed on the back side (the physical is considered incomplete if this is left blank). Physicals are valid if dated 8/23/22 or later
- Complete and updated immunizations with one dose Tdap and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 11th birthday.

Please note, all health forms must now be uploaded to PowerSchool. Hard copies will no longer be accepted. Once you have done this, check back to make sure the documents were approved. The required forms are available at www.d64.org, under Departments > Health Services. Completed forms should be uploaded into Powerschool under Health Office Document Submission.

Please reach out to our school nurse, Rachel Ossmo (rossmo@d64.org) with any questions.

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.

Music and Chorus Updates

Choir & Musical Parents

We are gauging interest in beginning a booster group for our choirs and musical program! If you have a student or multiple students in our choral/vocal program and has been or wants to be involved in the annual musical, please consider coming to an interest meeting on September 26th @ 7pm at Emerson Middle School.

[Complete this form to let us know you're interested!](#)

Still Time to Join Choir!

Show Choir, 7/8 Singers, and 6th Grade Chorus have begun and have had great rehearsals with over 70 students enrolled! If your student would like to join, they can join until October 13th. Email Ms. LaTragna with any questions at alatragna@d64.org

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.

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.