

Lincoln Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Lincoln at a Glance! We hope that you find these weekly communications helpful in navigating all that is happening here at school. We are so thankful to partner with you! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us - we are here to assist you and your student in any way that we can.

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

- 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)

Looking ahead...

- M 10/2 : GBB vs. Friendship 3:30 (home)
- T 10/3: GBB @ Grove 3:30 (away); X-Country Meet (home) 3:45
- W 10/4: Early Dismissal 2:10
- H 10/5: GBB vs. Iroquois 3:30 (home); X-Country @ Chippewa 3:45 (away)

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 next week when the sign-up link is live. For now, save the dates...

Save the Date: PTO's Sixth Grade Halloween Festival

Thanks to the Lincoln PTO, we are excited to invite our 6th grade students to this year's Halloween Party. This fun-filled event will take place on the evening of Friday, October 13. More details to follow in the weeks ahead. Look forward to seeing your student there!

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.

Picture Day Re-Takes 10/13

If your student did not get his/her picture taken or you would like a re-take, Picture Retakes/Makeups will be on Friday, October 13th. More information for ordering student pictures will be provided in the coming weeks.

Lockdown/Crisis Drill Notification

District 64 continues to provide a safe environment for all students, staff and community members. As required by the [Illinois School Safety Drill Act \(105 ILCS 128/20\)](#), during each academic year, schools must conduct a law enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting incident. This drill shall be no later than 90 days after the first day of each school year, that addresses an active threat or an active shooter within a school building.

Law enforcement lockdown drills must be conducted on days and times when students are normally present in the school building and must involve participation from all school personnel and students present at school at the time of the lockdown drill, except that administrators or school support personnel in their discretion may exempt students from the lockdown drill. Our local law enforcement shall observe the administration of the lockdown drill.

As also required by Illinois, schools must provide sufficient information and notification to parents and guardians in advance of any walk-through lockdown drill that involves the participation of students.

Lincoln Middle School will conduct their first lockdown drill on Wednesday, October 18, 2022 at 8:15 am.

Schools must also provide parents and guardians an opportunity to exempt their children for any reason from participating in the walk-through lockdown drill. If you wish your child to be exempted from the law enforcement lockdown drill, please contact the Main Office at (847) 318-4215.

If your child is exempted from the drill, we will provide alternative safety education and instruction related to an active threat or active shooter event to provide those students with essential information, training, and instruction through less sensorial safety training methods.

Thank you for your support in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Bikes and Lockers: Lock 'em Up!

We have noticed a large number of student bicycles are not being locked up while at school. Please remind your child to lock up their bike. Having/bringing a lock is not the same as using the lock.

On the flip side of the same coin, some of our students have not been locking their lockers in a perceived effort to save time. We do not want any personal belongings or materials to end up missing. Please encourage your child to lock their locks and reassure them that they have plenty of time to get to their next class.

The school and District assume no liability for the loss/theft of unsecured student items.

Book Bags/Backpacks

Students are required to store their book bags/backpacks in their lockers when they report to school at the beginning of the day. No book bags/backpacks are to be carried from class to class. At the end of the day, students may use their book bags/backpacks to take books home. Students may use small pencil case/clutch purses to carry small personal effects and supplies.

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.

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.