



Lincoln Elementary School

Gettysburg Area School District

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Principal

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We Care What You Think

At Lincoln Elementary School we care what you think. Please visit the link below as many times as you would like and answer any question(s) that apply. Tell us your thoughts or anything that you think is important for us to know.

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Important Dates

November:

- ✓ 3rd - Emergency FID (Flexible Instructional Day) Folders sent home
- ✓ 7rd - PTO Meeting; 600 PM, Lincoln Cafe
- ✓ 8th, 9th, 10th - Conferences
- ✓ 9th - Early Dismissal; 1200PM
- ✓ 10th - No School for Students
- ✓ 13th - Veteran's Day Celebration
- ✓ 14th - Mobile Dentist
- ✓ 15th - Picture Retake Day
- ✓ 16th - Children's Grief Awareness Day - Wear Blue
- ✓ 20th - PTO Fundraiser Pick Up ; 330pm
- ✓ 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th - No School
- ✓ 30th - 2nd & 3rd Grade Fine Arts; 630, Lincoln Cafe

Important Announcements/Reminders

- ✓ **Twitter:**
 - Do you want to see more of the GREAT things students are doing @ Lincoln. Follow us on Twitter: **@GASD_McFarland**
 - Download the app on your phone or bookmark it on your computer!
- ✓ **Ruth's Harvest:**
 - If you are interested in participating in our Ruth's Harvest Program please complete this [Survey](#)
- ✓ **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
 - It is that time of the year again and we are excited to meet with you to discuss your child's progress this year. **Our conferences this year will be held at Lincoln Elementary.** Lincoln Elementary School has gone paperless by scheduling conferences online. You may begin scheduling your conferences online now. To ensure that there are enough spots for all of our families please be sure to only sign up for (1) time slot per child, per teacher. We look forward to seeing you.
 - To schedule your preferred time for a conference,



1. Go to myconferencetime.com/gettysburglincoln
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher.
3. Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."
4. Submit the requested information.
 - If you have several children attending our school, click on "Register for Multiple Conferences" and follow the prompts to schedule your children for several conferences. After you schedule a conference online, the date and time are reserved for you. If you entered your email address correctly, you will receive email confirmation of your conference. If you are unable to sign up for a time and date online, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in child's education.

✓ **Lincoln Elementary PTO**

- We want YOU to be a part of our Lincoln Elementary PTO. Our PTO is very important to our students, staff, and community as it supports and provides resources to enhance the experiences provided at Lincoln Elementary. If you are interested in serving as an officer or volunteer please contact Kari @ Lincoln.PTO@outlook.com. If you are interested in joining our PTO, our next meeting date is on Tuesday, November 7th at 6pm held in the Lincoln Elementary Cafeteria.
- Our PTO has recently donated a picnic table to our school's courtyard. Thank you so much!!

✓ **2nd & 3rd Grade Fine Arts Program**

- Tracking Through December; 6:30 PM; Thursday, November 30, 2023
 - Second and third grade students at Lincoln Elementary will present their Fine Arts program, Tracking Through December, on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Students will share information about December celebrations around the world. The performance will be held in the Lincoln cafeteria and is free and open to the public. Students will need to be at Lincoln by 6:15pm and transportation home is needed by 7:15pm. Student artwork will be on display and the book fair will be open!

✓ **Attendance Procedures**

- If a student is absent from school for any reason, a written explanation signed by a parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence must be submitted to the office. The excuse must be received by the office within three (3) school days of the absence. If a physician treated the student, the excuse should be written by the physician. Four (4) or more consecutive absences can be excused only with a note from the physician. Any student with ten (10) accumulated absences will be placed on a physician's note.

✓ **Counselor Corner**

- [Children's Grief Awareness Day](#)

✓ **Nurse**

- Family First Health will be coming to Lincoln Elementary on November 14, 2023 to provide dental exams, x-rays, dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and oral hygiene education for students. Your student will only be included if you turned in a signed consent form for these services. Consent forms were sent out the first week of school. If you would like your child to participate and need a consent form, please contact me as soon as possible.



- Children will be sent home: With a temperature of 100 degrees or over, vomiting, diarrhea, or too ill to stay at school. Please remember that your student must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours, and eating well before returning. In the event your child needs to go home, an attempt to reach parent/guardian will be made first, and then the emergency contact if a parent/guardian can't be reached. If your contact information has changed, please update this information as soon as possible.
- Medication Policy: If your child is required to have a medication administered at school by the school nurse, a medication permission form signed by the parent and physician is required. The medication must be in its original container and dropped off to the nursing office by the parent/guardian, not the student. Also, no prescription medication can be brought to school for a student to self-administer without a physician's order, this includes items such as inhalers. If your student needs cough drops or over-the-counter medication, these items are kept in the nursing office for administration and should not be sent to school with students.
- Health Screenings: Students present on picture day had their height and weight recorded, if your student missed this assessment, it will be done with their vision and hearing screenings that will take place over the next few months. If you feel your student is having difficulty with vision or hearing and you would like to have them evaluated sooner please reach out to me.
- Extra Clothing: Due to a limited amount of clothing available in the nursing office, please have an extra outfit for your child at school. This can be kept in their locker/backpack in the event there is a need for a change of clothing during the school day. Please label the bag of clothing with your child's name.
- If you have any health-related questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 717-334-6254, option 4, ext. 7127 or ksites@gasd-pa.org

✓ Family Navigators

- As the leaves are changing color, I challenge you to take a moment to reflect on the beauty of the world we live in.
 - *Pause...take a slow, deep breath in...and out...look around...repeat...find a moment of rest.*
- The Gettysburg area is such a lovely place, especially this time of year... we are so fortunate to get to experience it! The GASD Family Navigators are working hard to provide assistance to students and families and also be available to you outside of the school buildings. We would like to offer some times that we will be available throughout our community. Please use these times to come ask questions to get to know us and what we do, or even just to say hello. We like to remind everyone that if there is a question and you don't know who (or even how) to ask it, come find us and we will guide you or help get you some answers. This month, you can find us here:
 - o Friday, November 3, 1:00-3:00pm – McDonald's on Steinwehr
 - o Tuesday, November 7, 10:00am-12:00pm – Panera
 - o Thursday, November 16, 8:30-10:30am – Waldo's & Company
 - o Wednesday, November 29, 9:30-11:30am – Gettysburg Public Library (basement)
- We look forward to meeting you!



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A Great Place To Learn

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✓ Box Tops for Education

- Please use the link below to download the Box Tops for Education App. Using this app while purchasing your groceries can help donate money towards our school. This money helps provide funds for various types of fun events for our kids!
- <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

✓ The Warrior Way

- Be Here: Every Day, On-Time
- Be Involved: Participate, Engage, All In
- Be Committed: Responsible; Safe Choices; Ownership for Actions and Learning
- Be Kind: Show Respect and Include Others
- This week our students enjoyed a student selected spirit week for meeting their 1000 Warrior Way Ticket goal! Our students are now working towards earning a game day for earning another 1000 Warrior Way Tickets.
- LET'S GO WARRIORS!!!!

Yours in education,

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