



# 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

January:

- ✓ 9th - PTO Meeting; 600 PM, Lincoln Cafe
- ✓ 15th - NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 25th - Band & Orchestra Concert; 700PM, GAMS

## 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](#)

### ✓ 2023-2024 Lincoln Elementary Yearbooks

- Yearbooks are now available for ordering. All orders must be placed online. Please visit the link below to access our ordering information. Yearbooks will be distributed in May. **ALL Lincoln 5th Grade students will receive a free yearbook, compliments of our Lincoln Elementary PTO.**
  - <https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB28223>

### ✓ 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](mailto:Lincoln.PTO@outlook.com). If you are interested in joining our PTO, our next meeting date is on Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm held in the Lincoln Elementary Cafeteria.

### ✓ Nurse

- This month I would like to review some facts about head lice:
  - Head lice (pediculosis) is a parasitic insect that is common among elementary school students



- Lice often feed on human blood, most often close to the scalp
- Lice move by crawling and cannot fly or hop from person to person
- Lice are not known for spreading disease
- Lice is spread by direct contact with the hair of an infected person and has nothing to do with hygiene or cleanliness
- Sharing clothing and belongings can contribute to the spread of lice, and include items such as hats, coats, combs, brushes, towels, stuffed animals, or lying on a bed pillow or carpet after recent contact with an infested person
  - What Parents/Guardians should look for:
    - Report of a tickling feeling of something moving in hair
    - Itching due to a reaction to the bites of head lice
    - Difficulty sleeping due to head lice being most active in the dark
    - Head sores caused by scratching
- When examining your child's head, be sure to check the hairline around the ears and at the back of the neck
- If crawling lice or nits are found, all household members should be examined every 2 to 3 days
- If crawling lice or nits are found within ¼ inch or less of the scalp, treatment should be completed
- To eliminate head lice successfully, it is important to follow treatment instructions
- If you are not sure if head lice are present, a health care provider can help with this
- Check out the school policy regarding lice on the district website under Health Services and then selecting Health Topics
- Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015, September 2). CDC - lice - head lice - schools. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html>
- Please take the time to educate your child about not sharing belongings and to avoid playing with someone else's hair to avoid the spread of lice.
  - 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](mailto:ksites@gasd-pa.org).

#### ✓ Family Navigators

- Happy 2024! We are so grateful for the start of a new year full of hope and promise. January is a great time for growth and new opportunities. We encourage you to get out and try something new this month... or simply get back to something you didn't complete in 2023. Now is your time!
- The Family Navigators are here to provide assistance and support to GASD students and families in need, and to also be available to you outside of the school buildings. We would like to offer some times that we will be available throughout our Gettysburg community. Please use these times to ask questions, voice concerns, or even just to get to know us and what we do. Come say hello! If there is a question and you don't know who to ask or how to ask it, come find us and we will guide you or help get you some answers. We hope to see you at one of our many opportunities during January! This



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month, you can find us here:

- Wednesday, January 10, 9:30-11:30am – Adams County Library basement
  - Friday, January 19, 10am-12pm – Waldos & Co.
  - Thursday, January 25, 9:00-11:00am – Ragged Edge
  - Monday, January 29, 1:00-3:00pm – McDonald's on Steinwher
- Additionally, if you would like to help support students and families of the Gettysburg Area School District who are in need, please consider donating to our new Warrior Helping Hands program, which is a 501(c). Your help is greatly appreciated! <https://givebutter.com/warriorhelpinghands>
- Tara Zimmerman  
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(717) 334-6254, option 2, ext.
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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
- LET'S GO WARRIORS!!!!

Yours in education,

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