



# 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:

- ✓ 30th - 100th Day of School - Dress like you are 100 years old
- ✓ 31st - Olympic Day - Wear red, white, and blue

February:

- ✓ 6th - PTO Meeting; 600 PM, Lincoln Cafe
- ✓ 9th - School Spirit - Super Bowl; Wear your favorite NFL jersey/team
- ✓ 16th & 19th - NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 23rd - School Spirit - Lincoln Shirt Day

## 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](#)

### ✓ **Drop Off Procedures in the AM**

■ Please be cautious as you are dropping off your students in the morning for school. Here are some helpful guidelines to ensure that all of our students and family are able to arrive at school safely.

- When dropping off your child/children stay in one lane using the curb closest to the school.
- Utilize the entire curb for drop off. If you are the first/only car, pull the entire way up past the school to make room for others behind you.
- Do not pass other vehicles for any reason.
- Please be sure not to block the crosswalk with your vehicle.
- Look prior to moving your vehicle again after drop off.
- Do not park in handicap parking spots without appropriate placards displayed.
- When using our drop off lane in the morning, please stay in your car while dropping off your child/children.
- If you prefer to get out of your car in the morning, we encourage you to park in the lot across from



our doors and walk your child/children to our doors.

- Do not use the parking lot as a drop off lane.
- It is our goal to ensure that each student arrives safely to school.

✓ **End of the Semester, Progress Reports, Middle of the Year (MOY) Assessments**

■ January 13<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester for our 2023-2024 school year. On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, your child's progress report was made accessible via Skyward. In addition to your child's progress report, our teachers have included numerous middle of the year data documents in order to provide a comprehensive overview of your child's academic mastery and growth so far this year. This is a great time to sit down with your child and discuss their progress and celebrate their hard work. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress report or other documents we encourage you to contact your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

✓ **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.fotomerchantv.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, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm held in the Lincoln Elementary Cafeteria.

✓ **Nurse**

■ This month I would like to focus on two topics. The first topic is heart health. Heart disease is a serious issue that can be prevented, and families can work together to prevent heart disease and create a healthy lifestyle that can last a lifetime. This can be done by:

- *Eating healthy*
- *Exercising and staying active*
- *Staying hydrated by drinking adequate amounts of water daily*
- *Routine dental care in addition to brushing and flossing regularly*
- *Routine physical exams*
- *Washing hands along with healthy self-care habits*
- *Staying calm and positive*

■ It is also important to know your family heart history and to be aware of the signs an impending heart attack or stroke. This may also be a good time to review how to use 9-1-1 since our youngest of students can save a life. The American Heart Association has a wealth of information at <https://www.heart.org/>

■ February is also Dental Health Month, so please take time to review oral hygiene with your child. You can begin with the following tips:

- *Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, for no less than 2 minutes each time*
- *Clean between your teeth daily using floss or interdental brushes*
- *Eat a healthy, balanced diet and limit sugar intake*
- *Visit the dentist regularly for check-ups and preventative care*

■ As you have probably noticed, dental care is also one of the ways we can take care of our hearts, so this Valentine's day be sure to remember the importance of your heart and oral health. If your child needs



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a new toothbrush, please have them see me in the nursing office to get one. We want all of our students to have something to smile about!

*Yours in Health,*

*Mrs. Sites*

## ✓ **Family Navigators**

■ Happy February! We hope you have had a great start to the new year, and are beginning to work towards your goals! As your Family Navigators, we are here to provide assistance and support to our GASD students and families in need, and to also be available 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! If there is a question that you don't know who or how to ask, come find us and we will guide you in the right direction. We hope to see you at one of our many opportunities this February! This month you can find us here:

- Wednesday, February 7, 9:30am-11:30am- Adams County Library Basement
- Monday, February 12, 9:30am-11:30am- McDonald's on Steinwher
- Friday, February 23, 1pm-3pm- Bantam
- Thursday, February 29, 11am-1pm- Waldo's
- Additionally, if you would like to help support students and families of our district that are in need, check out our Warrior Helping Hands program, which is a 501(c). Your help is greatly appreciated!

<https://givebutter.com/warriorhelpinghands>

- Tara Zimmerman

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- Rachel Hastie

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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
- Students are so close to earning their next school-wide reward. Ask your child what they are working towards! We hope you enjoy seeing the Warrior Way Tickets coming home!
- LET'S GO WARRIORS!!!!

Yours in education,



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