



# Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland  
*Principal*

September 15, 2017

Dear Lincoln Parents & Guardians,

I hope that the start of yet another school year has greeted you and your family fondly. I first wanted to take the time to thank all of you for making the start of my first school year as principal very memorable. I have appreciated all of your warm welcomes, support, encouragement, and patience during our first few weeks of school. I look forward to working with you and your family as we continue to make Lincoln Elementary the best place for our kids to learn and grow.

## **Important Announcements/Reminders**

- ✓ Our doors open every day at 8:10am for students eating breakfast and 8:15am for those who are not eating breakfast.
- ✓ If your child is eating breakfast please do your best to have them at school by 8:10am
- ✓ Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm
- ✓ If a student will be going home from school a different way than normal, a note must be set in with the students or a parent/guardian must call the school prior to 2:30pm
- ✓ If a student wishes to go home with another student, a parent/guardian of both students must send in a written note
- ✓ After today, newsletters will be sent out at the end of each month
- ✓ If a student is absent for any reason, the student must bring a written explanation signed by the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence. The excuse must be received by the school within three (3) school days of the absence. If a doctor treated the student, the excuse should be written by the doctor. 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.
- ✓ Students should never have medicine in their possession on school property.



## **Important Dates**

September:

- ✓ 19<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting/Pot Luck @ 6pm in the Lincoln Cafeteria
- ✓ 21<sup>st</sup> – Beginner Band/Orchestra Parent Night @ 7pm in the Band Room



### **Counselor's Corner**

Welcome back! I am delighted to be back for another year at Lincoln. We are back in the swing of things already and classroom guidance lessons have officially begun this month. This month we are talking about Trustworthiness in our classroom lessons. This includes being honest in your words and actions, keeping promises and standing up for your beliefs and doing what is right. It also means being a good friend.

In first grade, we are starting something new this year. We will be teaching something called the "Zones of Regulation." First grade parents will receive more information on this in the near future.

As a reminder, I am here to help your child have a successful year. If you have concerns about your child and are looking for help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Staub

### **Physical Education**

Just a reminder, Race for Education packets should have come home last Friday. Contact names, if you're emailing, or address labels must be returned by September 18th or sooner. If you are choosing the email option please send the orange paper back to school with a list of names on it. Make sure to put your child's name and teacher on the paper so I know whose information I am getting.



The event date is November 3rd, 2017. Come out and join us in the fun.  
Mr. Ginter

### **Notes from the Nurse**

We are all getting used to being back in the school routine. I realize that you have a lot of papers to complete at the start of the school year, but all that information is important so that we have accurate contact numbers, and an updated health history. Thank you for returning that promptly.



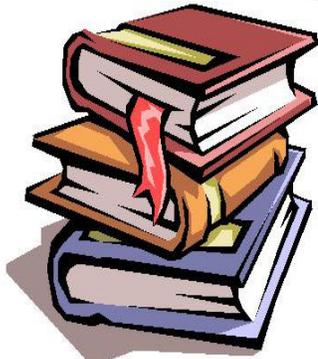
Remember, all medication orders must be renewed each school year. If your child has an inhaler here at Lincoln from last year, I will need a NEW doctor's order for this year. Please get in touch with me if you need a new medication permission form. Any medication that you send from home must be in the original container and I must have an order from the doctor and a parent signature. I will be glad to help you with the forms.



If your child wears glasses, please make sure that the glasses come to school every day. It is not uncommon that I will see a child in the healthroom with headaches and find out they are not wearing their glasses. I will be starting the height/weight and hearing/vision screening soon, and will test them with their glasses.

For the safety of our children we ask that no flip flops be worn at school. I would also ask that parents not allow their little girls to wear high heels and fancy party shoes to school. They are slippery and make it dangerous for going up and down steps and running on the playground. If you would like to contact me, you can call me at school (717) 334-6254, option 4, ext. 7127. My email address is [kbringardner@gettysburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:kbringardner@gettysburg.k12.pa.us) Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Happy September!  
Kathleen Bringardner, RN, CSN  
Lincoln Elementary School Nurse



**Lincoln Elementary School Book Resource Room Project:**

The Lincoln Elementary Reading Department is looking for parent/community volunteers that can help with our Book Room Resource Project. Duties would include organizing, labeling and categorizing books in our building literature resource room. If you would be able to volunteer your time during our regular school day please contact; Joan Malone, Lincoln Elementary Reading Specialist, via e-mail at:

[Jmalone@gettysburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:Jmalone@gettysburg.k12.pa.us)

Thank you!

**PTO News**

Mark your calendars!  
Lincoln Elementary Spaghetti Dinner  
Friday October 27th  
Requests for donations coming soon

Yours in education,

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Gettysburg Area School District  
*Make Every Minute Matter"*