



Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland
Principal

September 29, 2017

Important Announcements/Reminders

A few weeks ago, we began reorganizing classroom reading groups to focus more precisely on specific skill needs or strengths that individual students may have. Determining these strengths and weaknesses was accomplished through an assortment of reading and writing assessments. Our goal is to provide students with individualized instruction in reading based on their individual needs. For some students this may involve some time working with a teacher other than their classroom teacher for part of the day. This additional assistance may be provided by Mrs. Sherry Becker, Mrs. Kate Davis, Mrs. Lisa Gray, Mrs. Shannon Jones, Mrs. Becky Ledford, Mrs. Joan Malone, Mrs. Sharon Smith, Mrs. Andrea Bortner, Mrs. Dee Dee Becker or Mrs. Julie Henry. The time spent with another teacher is to help accelerate your child's learning. Thank you for all the time you spend reading with your child and all you do to help your child to become a life-long learner and reader. Should you have any questions regarding our approach to reading or the additional support that we provide, please do not hesitate to call me at 717-334-6254, option 4, extension 7150.



Important Dates

September:

- ✓ 29th – 1st Whale Done Assembly

October:

- ✓ 3rd – Whale Done Reward – Mr. G's
- ✓ 4th – Student Picture Day
- ✓ 6th – Hats on for Hurricane Recovery – Make a donation wear a hat at school
- ✓ 9th – No School for students
- ✓ 10th – 13th – Fire Prevention Week, we will be visited by the Fire Company
- ✓ 16th – Energized Guys Assembly
- ✓ 17th – PTO Meeting @ 630pm in Lincoln Cafeteria
- ✓ 18th – Next K-Kids Meeting 8am
- ✓ 25th – Title 1 Night @ 545pm in Lincoln Cafeteria
- ✓ 27th – Spaghetti Dinner @ 5pm in Lincoln Cafeteria

Counselor's Corner

For the month of October, our classroom lessons for all grades except for first grade will be about Responsibility. Students will learn that characteristics of responsible people include: doing what



you are supposed to do, persevering through difficult tasks, doing your best, using self-control and self-discipline, remaining accountable for your choices and thinking before acting by considering consequences.



In first grade, our Zones of Regulation lessons thus far have been an introduction to the different zones and feelings associated with those zones. We talk about how each of the different feelings are all ok to feel at times, but how we respond to those feelings is the important part. Upcoming lessons this month will focus on expected and unexpected behaviors, being able to identify zones in others and learn that one's behavior can change/affect others' feelings and zones. We will also talk about identifying zones in ourselves and positive and negative impacts of matching their zone to the demands of the

environment/situation.

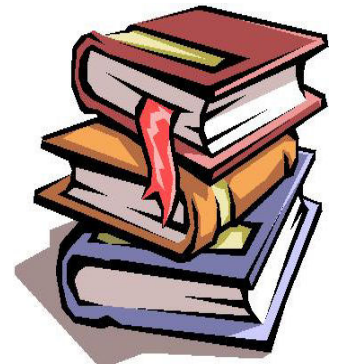
Lastly, with Halloween just around the corner I wanted to offer a few safety tips for Trick-or-Treaters:

- ✓ A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children.
- ✓ Bring along a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- ✓ If older children are going alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable to you and agree on a specific time when they should return home. Review with children how to call 9-1-1 if they ever have an emergency or become lost.
- ✓ Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- ✓ Remind Trick-or-Treaters to stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- ✓ Use reflective tape for costumes/bags.
- ✓ Remain in well-lit areas.
- ✓ Don't assume the right of way when crossing streets. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Also, be sure to use crosswalks for crossing the streets.
- ✓ Notify law enforcement immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- ✓ Although tampering with treats is rare, a responsible adult should still inspect the treats looking for any unwrapped or suspicious items.

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Lincoln Library

Book it begins in October. Your child will be coming home with a book it newsletter and their October reading calendar on Friday. Please have your child read each night and have them color in the day showing they read. Your child will return the completed calendar back to school the





beginning of November.

The first book fair will be November 27-December 1. We will need parent volunteers. Be on the look out the beginning of November for signing up to volunteer. Your time is appreciated.

Thank you,
Miss Boone

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

Thank you!

PTO News

- ✓ Box Tops due 10/20
- ✓ The class with the most box tops submitted will receive a class party!!
- ✓ Mark your calendars!
- ✓ Please consider donating to the Lincoln Elementary School PTO Spaghetti Dinner

**Lincoln Elementary School
Spaghetti Dinner
Friday October 27th
5:00 – 7:30 pm
Lincoln Elementary Cafeteria
Adults \$10
Children (ages 3-12) \$5
Children under 3 free
Please support the Lincoln PTO!**

Yours in education,

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Make Every Minute Matter''