

Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal

October 27, 2017

Important Dates

October:

- ✓ 27th – Spaghetti Dinner @ 5pm in Lincoln Cafeteria
 - Whale Done Assembly

November:

- ✓ 3rd - Race for Education – In School
- ✓ 8th-10th – Conferences
- ✓ 9th - Early Dismissal - Noon
- ✓ 10th No School
- ✓ 14th - DEAR Day – In School
 - Frogtowne Puppeteers Assembly – In School
- ✓ 17th – Picture Re-Take Day
- ✓ 21st – Whale Done Assembly
 - PTO Meeting – 630pm Cafeteria
- ✓ 22nd – 27th - No School
- ✓ 28th – Mobile Dentist
- ✓ 28th – 1st – Book Fair
- ✓ 30th – Fine Arts Assembly – 7pm Cafeteria



School Spirit Days

November:

- ✓ 3rd – Wear a Lincoln Shirt
- ✓ 9th – Wear Red, White, & Blue for Veterans Day
- ✓ 21st – Wear Black & White for Thanksgiving

Important Announcements/Reminders

Congratulations to Lincoln Elementary School for earning the Title I Distinguished School award for High Achievement for the 2016-17 school year. This award is given to Title I schools that evidence exceptional student performance for 2 or more years. The award will be given out at the Title I Improving Schools Conference in Pittsburgh (January 28-30, 2018)

Mobile Dentist will be coming to Lincoln on Tuesday, November 28. This is a great opportunity for your child to receive dental treatment at school, such as an exam, cleaning, X-rays, fluoride treatment, and sometimes extractions or fillings. If you haven't already signed up, there is still time!



Forms are available at school or you can also sign up online at www.mobiledentists.com.

Title 1: As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner.

We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request: Information on policies regarding student participation in assessment and procedures for opting out, and information on required assessments that include: subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement, amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.



Counselor's Corner

After the recent hurricanes we have been hearing so much about in the news, I wanted to share a great tool for parents in relation to trauma. Sesame Street has recently released a series of videos about this topic to teach children strategies to cope with traumatic experiences, whether they are unexpected (like a hurricane, a flood, or a fire) or ongoing. You can find them at <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/traumatic-experiences/>.

This month the character trait of focus is Responsibility. In our class lessons, students focused on responsibility meaning that we do what we are supposed to do. It also means that we do our best, we use self-control and we are accountable for our actions. Our students in first grade are continuing to learn about the Zones of Regulation. So far, they have learned the four zones, learned about expected and unexpected behaviors, and gained awareness of themselves and others in the different zones. Coming up, they will learn about sensory support tools to help regulate their zones.



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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Notes From The Nurse

Fall is here and with the cooler temps we see an increase in respiratory problems. If your child has asthma, please make sure we have the medication we need to treat your child. **REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST INCLUDE AN ORDER FROM THE DOCTOR WITH ANY**



MEDICATION BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

We also see more cases of head lice in the fall. Here are some basic facts about head lice:

1. Lack of cleanliness has nothing to do with getting lice, lice will go where ever they can.
2. Lice do not jump or fly, they crawl from human to human. You cannot get lice from your pets.

Physical Education:

Race for Education is quickly approaching. We will be holding our event Friday November 3rd on the track behind the middle school. Everyone is welcome.

Race times are as follows:

- 4th and 5th grade - 9:00 to 10:00
- 2nd and 3rd Grade - 10:30 to 11:30
- K and 1st Grade - 12:30 to 1:30

To everyone who has donated thank you very much. We will share our total on race day. If you have not donated there is still time and we would appreciate any contribution you can make.

Thank you,
Mr. Ginter and the Race Committee

Music

Beam Down in the USA
Thursday, November 30, 2017
2:15 PM and 7:00 PM

The Lincoln 2nd and 3rd grade students will be presenting their Fine Arts program *Beam Down in the USA* on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Shows will be presented at 2:15 PM and 7:00 PM in Lincoln's cafetorium.

Students will be presenting about the regions of the US. All students will participate in the afternoon performance.

Students will need to be at Lincoln BY 6:45 pm for the evening performance and transportation home is needed by 8:00 pm.

Dress for the performances will be solid white shirts, solid blue bottoms (pants, jeans, or skirt). No sweatpants or exercise pants or dirty/holey pants. Please wear comfortable shoes. ALL students will need the appropriate clothing for the afternoon and evening performances.

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Lincoln Elementary School Music Teacher

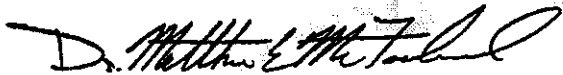


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PTO News

**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

