

Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal

August 31, 2018

Dear Lincoln Parents & Guardians,

I hope that the start of yet another school year has greeted you and your family fondly. 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 your child 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.
- ✓ If a student is absent from school for any reason, a written explanation signed by a parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence must be submitted to the office. The excuse must be received by the office within three (3) school days of the absence. If a physician treated the student, the excuse should be written by the physician. 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 any type of over the counter or prescription medicine in their possession on school property.
- ✓ If a student brings an electronic/communicable device to school, it needs to stay in the student's locker and powered down.
- ✓ This year Lincoln Elementary will once again participate in Race for Education. This event has been enjoyed by students, staff, and families for many, many years and has been a VERY successful fundraising and health orientated experience. Last year, Lincoln Elementary raised just under \$12,000. These funds are used to support the programing and academic needs of our Lincoln students. We are still working out the details of the fundraiser. We will provide more information regarding this process soon. During the fundraising process, directory information (such as student first and last name, grade level, class list, and teacher) may be disclosed and viewable on the fundraising website. If you would prefer to opt out of these disclosures, please make our school aware by Friday, September 7th at 11:00am.





Important Dates

September:

- ✓ 3rd – No School
- ✓ 4th – PTO Meeting – Lincoln Café; 6:30PM
- ✓ 6th – Back to School Night Gr. 1-5 – Lincoln; 6:00pm
- ✓ 21st – Lincoln Shirt Day – Wear a Lincoln Shirt to School
- ✓ 28th – PTO Movie Night – Lincoln Café – 6:30pm

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back! I am currently out on medical leave and anticipate returning on September 24th. Please have patience with me throughout the month. If you have an urgent need, please contact Dr. McFarland at extension 7150. You may also contact Mrs. Effinger, school counselor at Franklin Township. Her extension at that building is 3416. Additionally, you may contact Mr. Hogg, counselor at James Gettys. His extension at that building is 1640. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Thank you,
Mrs. Staub

Notes from the Nurse

Another school year is underway! I realize that you have a lot of papers to complete at the start of the school year, thank you for completing those and returning them promptly. It is important that we have correct contact numbers, and an updated health history.

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 health room with headaches 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.



and

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 Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Happy September!

Kathleen Bringardner, RN, CSN
Lincoln Elementary School Nurse



Right to Know Information

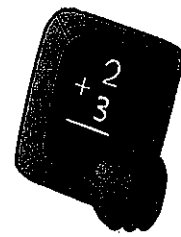
- ✓ As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and/or instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child. Federal law requires every Title I school to comply and provide you 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 qualification and certifications requires for the grade level he/she is teaching.
 - Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
 - What undergraduate and/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 assistance from a paraprofessional. If you 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 of 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents/guardians and family members can request information on policies regarding student participation in assessment and procedures for opting out and information on required assessments that may include
 - Subject matter tested
 - Purpose of that test
 - Source of the requirement
 - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test
 - Time and format of disseminating results.
- ✓ Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and professionals 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.

Enjoy your summer.

Yours in education,

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal
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Gettysburg Area School District
"Make Every Minute Matter"

Parent Volunteer Sign-Up



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

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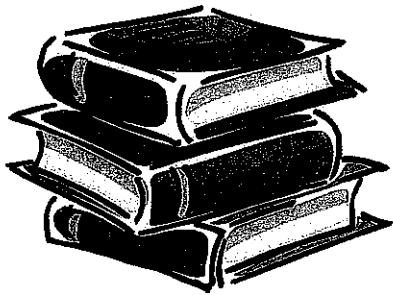
Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

I have a unique skill I'd like to contribute (ex. Photographer, baker, artist)

Please List: _____

I am interested in volunteering for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DEAR Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Race for Education Flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Family Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Movie Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Carnival | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Day |



These days and times are best for me:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before School | <input type="checkbox"/> During School | <input type="checkbox"/> After School | <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings | |

I can donate a needed item:

Strapped for time? We understand. Consider donating an item to help with the cost of the events. Some examples:

Raffle items for Teacher Appreciation Week, Gift Cards to Giant, Walmart, Kennie's, etc.

Email: Lincoln.PTO@outlook.com

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Interested in Volunteering? Join our Facebook Group to stay up to date with volunteer opportunities:
Lincoln Elementary Parent Volunteers