

Lincoln Elementary School

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Principal

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Dear Lincoln Parents & Guardians,

A large portion of the beginning of our school year has been dedicated to collecting student data. As a result, 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, Miss Angela Suehr, Mrs. Lisa Gray, Mrs. Shannon Jones, Mrs. Becky Ledford, Mrs. Joan Malone, Mrs. Sharon Smith, Mrs. Andrea Bortner, Mrs. Dee Dee Becker, Mrs. Andrea Sneeringer, 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 Announcements/Reminders

- ✓ Student pickup at the end of the day will no longer be permitted in the office. If you are picking your student up at the end of the day, please pick them up at the doors closest to Mr. G's. If this is a change, please ensure that the office is made aware of it.

Important Dates

October:

- ✓ 3rd – Lincoln After School Program Begins
Fall Picture Day
- ✓ 8th – No School for Students
- ✓ 19th – Lincoln Shirt Day
- ✓ October is Fire Prevention Month. Our classes will be taking trips to the Gettysburg Firehouse during October. Dates will be released once they are finalized. If you would prefer that your student did not participate in this event please contact the office prior to the event.



Counselor's Corner

Halloween will be here before we know it! Below are 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.



Fall is here! As the temperatures begin to drop, please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the outdoors. If you are in need of a winter jacket for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have an abundance of brand new or gently used jackets.

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Notes from the Nurse

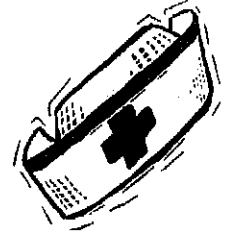
Fall is here and with the cooler temps we see an increase in respiratory problems. If your child has asthma, please make sure you have the medication you need to treat your child if wheezing starts, and please get an extra inhaler or nebulizer materials for school. **REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST INCLUDE AN 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.
3. If your child is constantly scratching, check the scalp, particularly in the back of the head and behind the ears. Look for small white specks that are stuck to the hair shafts.
4. If you suspect head lice, your child should be treated before coming back to school. Check with your school nurse if you have questions. We're pros at dealing with lice!



I am starting with the annual health screenings. Fourth and fifth graders will have vision tested for near and far vision. K through 3rd graders have both vision and hearing tested. All students will be weighed and measured. You will receive a written notice the day of the screenings if your child is referred. Otherwise, you will get a letter with the health information later in the year.

As always, please feel free to give me a call if you have questions or concerns.

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Enjoy your summer.

Yours in education,

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"Make Every Minute Matter"

