

Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal

October 26, 2018

Important Announcements/Reminders

- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at Lincoln Elementary School on:
11/7 – 340-810
11/8 – 1-8
11/9 – 730-1130

Please follow the conference online sign-up directions included at the end of the newsletter or please contact your teacher via note, email, or phone call for available time slots.

- ✓ ATTENTION LINCOLN STAFF EMAIL CHANGES:
Effective November 12, 2018 all staff emails will change to @gasd-pa.org
For example, to email Matthew McFarland the following change will occur:

Previous Email: mmcfarland@gettysburg.k12.pa.us

New Email: mmcfarland@gasd-pa.org

The name portion of the email will stay the same however, the characters after the @ will change as indicated above.

- ✓ While schools are known to be one of the safest places for our students, at Lincoln Elementary we continually take proactive steps to be prepared for a variety of emergencies including intruders in the school setting. As in the past, and in accordance with district and state policy, we will be conducting a drill that equips and prepares our staff and students with certain protocol to follow in the event an intruder enters the school.
- ✓ With the cooperation of law enforcement officials, our teachers have recently participated in an updated training in order to refresh, modernize, and improve our current practices. Our staff has and will continue to engage in appropriate conversations with our students in order to prepare them for our upcoming drill within the next two weeks.
- ✓ If you have any further questions regarding this drill or any other matters please feel free to contact me at your convenience.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ If a student will be going home a different way than normal, a note must be sent in with the student or the parent/guardian **MUST CALL SCHOOL BEFORE 2:30 PM.**





- ✓ If a student wishes to go home with another student, the parent/guardian of **both students** must send in a written note.
- ✓ Dentist appointments will be excused for ½ day **ONLY** unless major work has been done. Regular doctor and counselor visits will be excused for ½ day **ONLY**. Of course illness visits to the doctor will be excused as per the doctor's excuse.
- ✓ New procedures when asking to enter our building. Someone will welcome you, ask you to state your name, and then state your business. This is done for the safety of everyone. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter!
- ✓ Please **do not** let anyone in behind you when entering Lincoln. It may seem rude but we are trying to keep everyone in our building safe. Everyone must be buzzed in **individually** – for security reasons. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Important Dates

November:

- ✓ 2nd – Race for Education
 - 4th & 5th Grade – 9-1020
 - K & 1st Grade – 1040-1200
 - 2nd & 3rd Grade – 135-255
- ✓ 6th – PTO Meeting - 6:30pm; Lincoln Café
- ✓ 7th – Parent Conferences – 340-810
- ✓ 8th – Parent Conferences – 100-800
 - ✓ Half Day for Students
- ✓ 9th – Parent Conferences – 730-1130
 - ✓ No School for Students
- ✓ 13th – Frogtown Mountain Puppet Show
 - ✓ DEAR Day
- ✓ 16th – Lincoln Shirt Day
 - ✓ Picture Re-Take Day
- ✓ 21st-26th – No School for Students
- ✓ 29th – 2nd & 3rd Grade Fine Arts – 630pm; Lincoln Café

Counselor's Corner

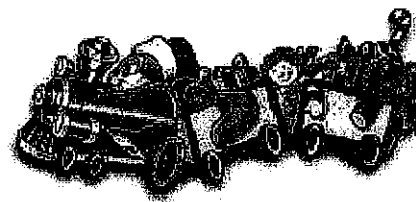
Counselor's Corner:

I just wanted to remind parents and guardians to check your child's backpack. If your family typically receives help during the holidays through the Holiday Family Outreach program, please make sure you have turned in the forms that were sent home with your child. I have a very tight deadline to get you signed up. I cannot guarantee that forms turned in late will be accepted by the HFO program. A few reminders about Toy Day:

- ID's will be required and checked upon your arrival.



- You should receive a letter inviting your family to participate. Letters will be mailed the last week of November.
- Only parents or legal guardians with children 12 years (by 12/31/18) of age and younger are eligible to participate in Toy day and you may not be referred to or signed up to participate in another holiday program. They work closely with all holiday referral programs to check to see if families are enrolled in multiple programs.
- Please make sure you have arranged transportation for Toy Day on December 8th to St. James Lutheran Church.



Thank you,
Amanda Staub, M.Ed., NCC, LPC

Notes from the Nurse

I am completing the annual health screenings for our students in grades 1-5 this month. I will screen our kindergartners after the holiday break. The PA School Health Law requires that I measure the height and weight and calculate the body mass index (BMI) of all our students. Vision screening is required yearly for all grades, and hearing screening is required for grades K through 3. After 3rd grade, hearing will be tested again in grades 7 and 11.



I test near and far vision, and the standard is 20/30. If your child cannot pass the screening at 20/30 a notice is sent home that day. Please ask your child if they have been screened and watch for notices. The hearing exam tests at 25 decibels, which is a normal conversational level.

If your child brings home a notice recommending an eye exam, please do not delay in making an appointment. Poor vision will certainly impair your child's ability to learn. If you cannot afford the eye exam, please contact me. Our local Lions Club is wonderful in helping the children in our community with vision needs. I have the applications for Lions Club assistance.

You will receive a letter stating that the vision screening was done, and also a letter with your child's height and weight and BMI. These letters will be put in with report cards. If you are concerned about your child's BMI, I recommend that you bring that letter with you at your next doctor's appointment to discuss your concerns.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns, 334-6254, ext 7127.

Kathleen Bringardner, RN, CSN
Lincoln Elementary School Nurse

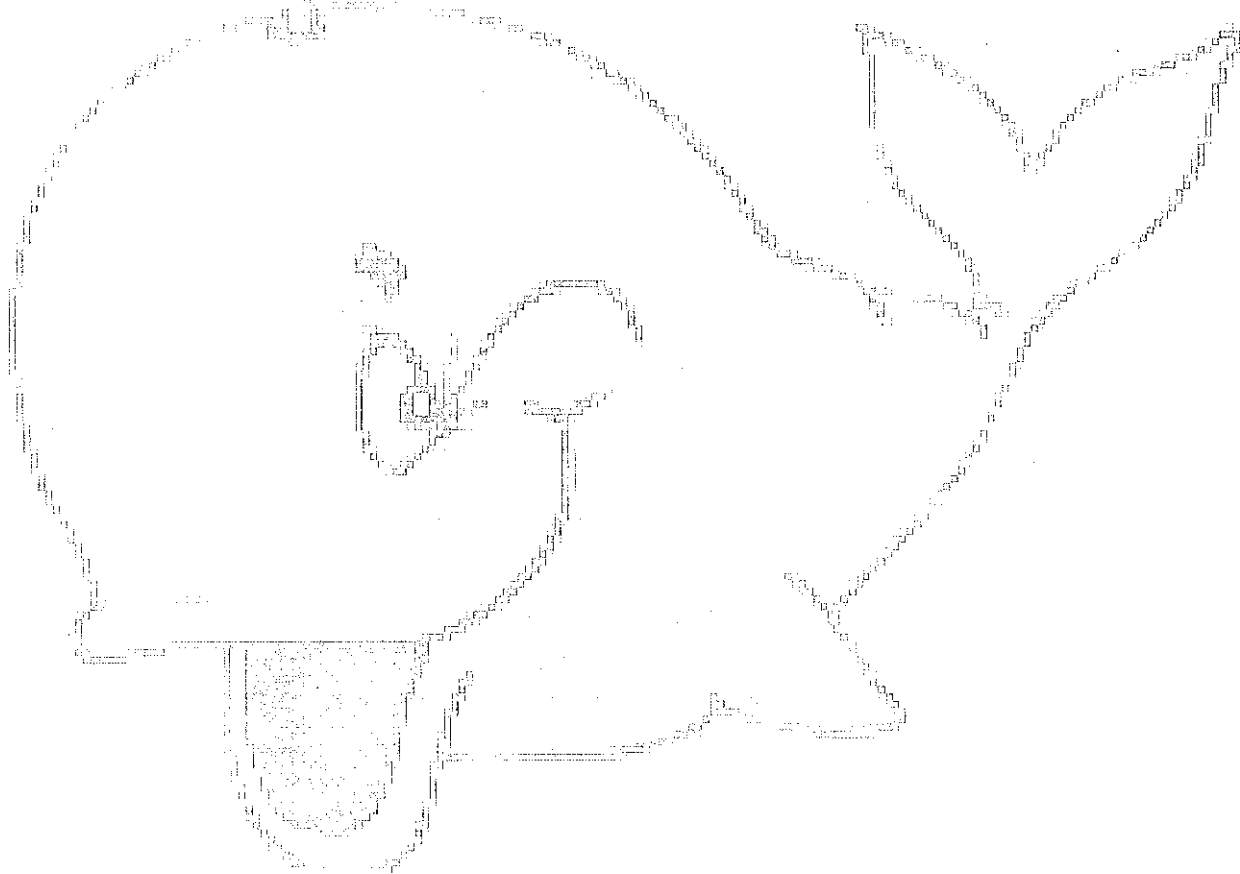


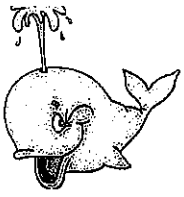
Music

Second and third grade students at Lincoln Elementary will present their Fine Arts program *Weather the Weatheron* Thursday, November 29, 2018. Shows will be presented at 2:15 pm, and 6:30 pm in Lincoln's cafetorium. Students will need to be at Lincoln BY 6:15 pm for the evening performance and transportation home is needed by 7:15pm.

Yours in education,

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Lincoln Elementary School has gone paperless by scheduling parent-teacher conferences online. You may begin scheduling your conferences online on **Friday 10/19/18 at 400pm**. To ensure that there are enough spots for all of our families please be sure to only sign up for (1) 20 minute time slot per child, per teacher.



To schedule your preferred time for a parent-teacher conference,

1. Go to myconferencetime.com/gettysburglincoln
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher.
3. Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."
4. Submit the requested information.

If you have several children attending our school, click on "Register for Multiple Conferences" and follow the prompts to schedule your children for several conferences.

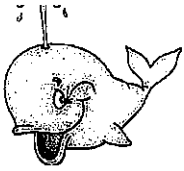
After you schedule a conference online, the date and time are reserved for you. If you entered your email address correctly, you will receive email confirmation of your conference.

If you are unable to sign up for a time and date online, please send a note with three preferred times and dates to your child's teacher. Once we receive your note, we will attempt to schedule a conference for your desired date and time but cannot guarantee your top choices as time slots fill up quickly.

Thank you for your support of your child's education.

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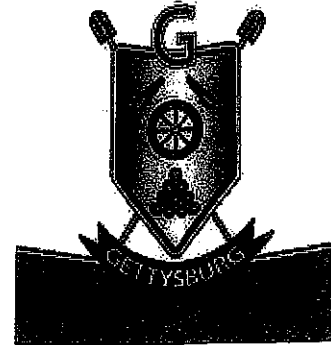
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Estimados Padres/Tutores:

Lincoln Elementary School ha decidido hacer el horario de conferencias en línea. Ustedes pueden empezar a hacer citas para sus conferencias en línea el **viernes, 19 de octubre, 2018 a las 4:00pm**. Para asegurar que hay bastantes citas disponibles para todas nuestras familias, asegúrense firmarse por solamente uno (1) periodo de 30 minutos por estudiante, por maestro.



Para hacer la cita de conferencias en su periodo de tiempo preferido,

1. Ve a myconferencetime.com/gettysburglincoln
2. Hagan *Click* en el nombre del/de la maestra de su hijo(a).
3. Seleccionen la fecha/hora preferida para su conferencia por hacer *click* en "Sign Up."
4. (Entreguen) *Submit* la información que se pide.

Si ustedes tienen varios hijos en asistencia en nuestra escuela, hagan *click* en "Register for Multiple Conferences" y siguen los pasos para hacer varias citas de conferencia.

Después de hacer una cita de conferencia en línea, la fecha y hora están reservadas por ustedes. Si puso su dirección de correo electrónico correctamente, recibirán confirmación de la conferencia por el correo electrónico.

Si ustedes no pueden hacer una cita en línea, por favor mande una nota con tres fechas/horas preferidas al/a la maestro(a) de su hijo(a). En cuando recibimos su nota, trataremos de hacer una cita de conferencia para su fecha/hora preferida pero no podemos garantizar sus selecciones como se llenan las citas rápidamente.

Gracias por su apoyo de la educación de su hijo(a).

Suyo en educación,

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Director

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