



Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal

September 27, 2019

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, Mrs. Angela Suehr, Mrs. Lisa Gray, Mrs. Shannon Jones, Mrs. Joan Malone, Mrs. Sharon Smith, 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 Dates

September:

- ✓ 27th – PTO Movie Night; 6:30pm, Lincoln Café

October:

- ✓ 1st – PTO Meeting; 6:30PM, Lincoln Cafe
- ✓ 2nd – Individual Fall Picture Day
- ✓ 4th – Early Dismissal; 1:30pm
- ✓ 14th – No School for Students
- ✓ 19th – Conference Sign-ups; 4pm online
- ✓ 19th – Lincoln Art Show @ Gettysburg Farmer's Market
- ✓ 22nd – 30th – Lincoln students will be taking trips to the Gettysburg Firehouse for fire prevention month. More information to come from your teacher





✓ 25th – Lincoln Shirt Day

Important Announcements/Reminders

✓ Safety and Security

- While schools are known to be one of the safest places for our students, at Lincoln Elementary we take proactive steps to be prepared for a variety of emergencies including intruders in the school. As in the past, and in accordance with state and district policy, we will be conducting a drill that equips staff and students with certain protocols 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 which will occur during the month of October.

In addition to this drill, during the month of October students and staff will also be practicing our safety procedures in the event that we should encounter severe weather.

If you have any further questions regarding these drills or any other matters please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Counselor's Corner:



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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Health Room

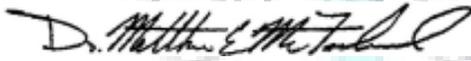
Happy October! Fall is in the air! Autumn is my favorite time of year - it means crunchy apples, pumpkins, leaves changing colors and that wonderful crispness in the air. This means chilly mornings and sunny afternoons, so remember to pack that sweatshirt or jacket in your student's bookbag. Layers are perfect for this time of year. The changing weather also means an increase in allergy symptoms. Runny noses, itchy, watery eyes, drainage, and sore throats can all be signs of allergies to the environment. Over the counter allergy medicines can help control those symptoms and make



your child more comfortable. Remember - allergies don't cause fevers, so if your child has a temperature over 100.0, they need to stay home from school.

Enjoy the beginning of fall! Try eating new varieties of apples, fall squashes, pumpkins, and pears. We are so lucky to welcome fall in Adams County, with all of our local produce stands and markets. It's a great time to be outside, try a new place to hike, and be active!

Yours in education,



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