



# LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## SPIRIT WEAR STORE IS OPEN!

### Principal's Message . . .



**No School Monday  
September 3 2018  
Enjoy the day!**

Dear Lincoln Families,

It has been a smooth start to a new school year, so why is it that we all feel like we desperately need a day off? Thank goodness for Labor Day weekend at the start of the school year.

Seriously, starting the school year is exhausting . . . and not just for teachers and staff . . . but for our students as well. Everyone wants everything in place right away. We all want to have our calendars and plans in place immediately. It seems everyone wants to understand how everything works before having the chance to experience it. But we all know it can't be that way. It takes a lot of energy to take the start of a new school year step-by-step and day-by-day and to move forward slowly finding your way through unknown territory.

We are a few weeks into the school year now, and the students' anxiety and excitement is subsiding and that feeling of confidence and comfort in a new school year is coming to fruition. The hard work of adjusting to new experiences, new territory, new friends, and new schedules is exhausting . . . and that is why we are so looking forward to a day off! Congratulations on a great start and enjoy the well-deserved, three-day weekend,

Paul Suminski



**ORDER YOUR SPIRIT  
WEAR NOW!  
The store is open!**



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20Promotions/groups.php](https://www.agpestores.com/CR%20Promotions/groups.php)

The access code is:  
**LMS2018 (must be all CAPS, no spaces).**

Spread the word! District 57 is looking to fill the following open positions at Lincoln: long-term art substitute, instructional assistants and full-time mid-day custodian. You can find the online application more details about these and other openings by clicking this link:

[www.d57.org/Employment1.aspx](http://www.d57.org/Employment1.aspx)



## A Few Messages from Mr. Steen regarding student absences as recorded in the Parent Portal . . .

Parents are already aware that they can check their child's grades using the Parent Portal. However, parents may also check their child's attendance. **Absences are recorded in first period only.** An "A" (excused absence), "N" (unexcused absence), "H" (excused half-day absence), or "U" (unexcused half-day absence) indicates a child was absent from school. Whether a student is excused or unexcused is based on the reason for the absence. Excused absences are for **valid reasons** which include, but are not limited to illness, death in the immediate family, family emergency, situations beyond the control of the student, and safety reasons. An unexcused absence is given if a parent did not contact the school, a parent contacted the school and gave no reason for the absence, or if the reason is not valid. On rare occasions, the school may ask for documentation in order to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. In addition, a student must be in attendance for 300 minutes (5 hours) to get credit for a full day and 150 minutes (2.5 hours) to get credit for a half day. Lunch/recess minutes do not count toward the required number of minutes. Thus, it is possible for a student who was at school for 2 class periods (120 minutes) to be listed as a full day absence because the student didn't meet the 150-minute requirement.

To make things more confusing regarding the total number of absences for your child, the Parent Portal shows a half day absence as missing one full day of school. Thus, the total number of absences may not be correctly shown if your child has half day absences. **The report card is a child's official document for attendance and the report card correctly counts half day absences as 0.5.**

**Tardy to class is different than tardy to school.** Tardies to class are recorded by the individual classroom teacher and are not reflected on the Parent Portal. Tardies to school, however, are viewable in the Parent Portal and are recorded in the advisory period. A "T" in the advisory column indicates your child was tardy to school. Please note that all tardies to school are considered unexcused, unless a signed note for an appointment (doctor, dentist, etc.) is given to the assistant principal. There are no student consequences for being tardy to school until your child has accumulated his/her 10th tardy in a semester.

### . . . regarding student conduct expectations . . .

Parents are encouraged to view the "Student Conduct Expectations" document, which is posted on the Lincoln website under the "Parent Start" link and then under "Important Documents & Resources." **It is important to note that some significant changes were made to the document.**

I hope you found this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me at (847) 394-7350, Ext. 5006 or at [rsteen@d57.org](mailto:rsteen@d57.org) if you have any further questions.

## LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE



Dress and appearance are important components of an overall positive learning environment. School administration may restrict the wearing of clothes or adornments that may be distracting to the educational environment and/or that may present a health/safety issue. A dress code infraction will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Exposed midriff (stomach)
- Revealing neckline
- Exposed undergarments
- Skirts or shorts that are revealing
- Images or words that involve drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, sex, or violence
- Headwear
- Footwear with wheels

Students who are not in compliance of the dress code will be asked to correct their appearance. In order to correct their appearance, students may be required to wear their gym uniform. This policy extends to all school-related activities (dances, PTO functions, sporting events, field trips, concerts, etc.). Repeated violations of the dress code may result in an Administrative Disciplinary Consequence.



# FROM YOUR PTO!

Thank you everyone who attended our first PTO meeting this week and for all the volunteers who have taken on the various committee chair positions and board positions for this year. We truly appreciate your time and support of the Lincoln PTO. These events can only take place with your help ... so THANK YOU! We are happy to let you know all of the committee chair positions have been filled. The remaining open board position is co-President this year to follow what happens and then next year, they will be president. It's a rotation ... then next year there will be another co-president to shadow the president and so on.

Now that we have all the committee chair positions filled, event planning will be underway. We will still need your help to volunteer at the events. Separate communication will come out as needed; so keep checking the weekly newsletter for updates.



There were a couple highlights we wanted to share from this week's meeting ... **first**, we are moving forward with an electronic directory option this year. All 4 D57 school PTO's are working together to implement the use of "Directory Spot" this year. Fairview's PTO offered it last year and received good feedback. A nice feature of this app is that a parent who has students across the various D57 schools will have access to all their students' schools' directories in one location. However, to get this directory, you need to become a member of the PTO so please get your membership form and fee returned. **Second**, we talked about the need to better leverage social media and other communication options to help "get the word" out. If there is anyone who has ideas to help us with a communications' strategy, please join us at the next PTO meeting on September 18 at 7pm in the Lincoln office conference room. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Please contact us at [Info.LincolnPTO@gmail.com](mailto:Info.LincolnPTO@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

## Amazing Amigos/Peer Partners Club



is a club for any students interested in making new friends while creating fun activities. It was created to provide students in the SOAR classroom a natural opportunity to get to know their peers. Students will meet twice per month. The Peer Partner activity dates will have students preparing fun activities for the monthly Amazing

Amigos Club. Meetings begin September 11<sup>th</sup> and permission slips can be found in the commons.

See Ms. Hirsch if you have any questions!

Cost: \$25.



## ASK THE OFFICE LADIES!



### MEALTIME ACCOUNT INFO:

Parents - please remind your students to record their PINs (4-digit personal identification number) someplace here at school (i.e., in their assignment notebooks) and also at home. The cafeteria lines have been slowed down due to students repeatedly asking to confirm their number. Students that do not know their PIN will be asked to get out of line and go to the front office for assistance. Thanks for helping!

### WHEN IS PICTURE DAY?

Picture day is Friday, September 28!

### WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH NOT CALLING STUDENTS DOWN TO PICK UP ITEMS PARENTS DROP OFF?

Parents should not expect that the office will interrupt a class to call their child down for dropped-off items. Overall we find that students have already connected with home (usually via text) about forgotten items and they check the front office table throughout the day for that item. The office staff is instructed to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum since there is regular student movement throughout the day. Dropped-off lunches should be placed beneath the office table in the correct grade level lunch bin. These bins are carried down to the lunch room daily. There are, of course, a few exceptions when we will interrupt the classroom. Medical needs, eye glasses, contact lenses, house keys, are a few examples when we will contact your child. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### WHAT TIME DOES THE ACTIVITY BUS DEPART?

The activity bus route runs Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Students must be paid bus riders to use this service. The activity bus usually departs between 3:55 and 4:05 pm. Depending how many students board the bus, the route may take up to an hour to complete its route.

## THE LINCOLN LRC IS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS!

We offer the LRC for students to spend time in after school. Here are the expectations for students while in the LRC:

- Students are expected to arrive by 2:55pm and sign in.
- The expectation is the environment is conducive to collaboration work. This does NOT mean the library is silent, but respectful and welcoming for all students.
- Chromebook use is allowed, provided it does not disrupt others.
- Use of headphones is encouraged for anything that can be disrupting to others.
- Cell phone use is allowed provided it does not disrupt others. Phone conversations should be limited.
- Students should not be arriving after 3:00 without a pass from a teacher.
- Students needing to use the washroom should check in with the supervisor for permission.
- If any student leaves early, they are expected to sign out, and leave the building through the front office.
- If a student is asked to leave due to behavioral/disciplinary issues, they are expected to leave through the front office. If a student needs to be removed a second time, their names will be forwarded to administration.
- The library is not a "hang out" for students waiting for basketball/volleyball games to start. Students should be attending the library with the purpose of doing work.





**Mt. Prospect  
Park District**

## Off School Special – Monday, September 10

All children welcomed between Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Let's Discover!

AM: LegoLand Discovery Center in Schaumburg

PM: Activities at RecPlex!

**\*\*Please pack your child a lunch, socks & gym shoes!\*\***

- Located in the RecPlex Kids Klub Room, 420 West Dempster, Mt. Prospect
- Hours of operation 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Drop off from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM, pick up from 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- There is a \$1.00 cash late fee for every minute after 6:00 PM that you are late.
- **Rates:** *First Child R \$38/NR \$43, Second Child R \$33/ NR \$38*

If you would like your child(ren) to participate in this program, please register at one of the MPPD facilities or online through the WEBSTORE. Please fill out the attached Permission Slip.

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Child(ren) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contacts will need to be available to pick your child up within 15 minutes.

**Any Special Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFF SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM #34608**



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The District 57 Administration Office is pleased to present this information about upcoming events and news from local organizations that serve our community's children.

**Check Out Education Foundation's September 13 Dine & Share at MOD Pizza**

Go to [www.57edfoundation.org](http://www.57edfoundation.org) or the Facebook page for information on 9/13 Dine & Share.

You will receive 50% off your order and the Ed Foundation will receive 100% of the sale!

**Alligator Aquatics Swim Team Fall Registration Now Open!**

Join our swim team family! No goal too big or too small! Check out our new conditioning program for novice swimmers! Go to [www.alligatoraquatics.org](http://www.alligatoraquatics.org)

**Spartan Sports Travel Basketball - TRYOUTS**

Tryouts begin September 8<sup>th</sup>. Season runs October 22 to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tryouts are free.

More information at [www.spartansports.club](http://www.spartansports.club)

**Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House – Saturday, September 22**

Come 10am to 2pm to Fire Station 13 (112 E. Northwest Hwy.) and meet Sparky! See Fire Dept. equipment, fire sprinkler demonstrations, slide down a fire pole, and much more. Free lunch.

**Mount Prospect Fire Department Poster Contest**

Grades K-5 are encouraged to design a poster using the NFPA Theme:

“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.” Deadline is October 10.

**SLIME Workshop at Gathered Boutique & Workshop in Mount Prospect**

Keep the slime making out of your kitchen, and in our workshop for an hour of Slime making fun!!

Ages 6 and up. More info, go to <https://www.gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com>

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