



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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NO SCHOOL MONDAY—PRESIDENTS' DAY—Feb. 18

Principal's Message . . .

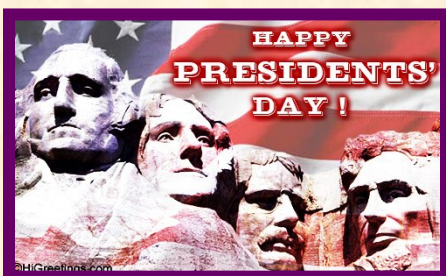
Dear Lincoln Families,

Last week I explained in this message that the Quarter 3 end-date and the Quarter 4 start-date were changed due to the District having to use emergency weather days (4 days so far and it's only early February). 3rd Quarter report cards will be distributed April 5.

Yesterday I sent the following message to parents and guardians of the Class of 2019: "Because four weather emergency days have extended the 2018/2019 school year, it is necessary to change the date for the Lincoln Middle School graduation. Graduation exercises will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Prospect High School Field House. (This is a change from May 22, 2019.)" **THE LAST DAY FOR 8th GRADE STUDENT ATTENDANCE WILL BE TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019.**

Managing school calendars is always complicated when emergency days come into the equation. Decisions to extend quarters, adjust various event dates, and move graduation ahead by one week are made with great thought and consideration and I appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

Paul Suminski



BUY YOUR Yearbook

ASK THE OFFICE LADIES ...



Question: If my child is ill and will be home for several consecutive days, do I have to call the attendance line everyday?

Answer: YES! The attendance line is open 24 hours! Just dial 847.394.7350, Press 1. It is the responsibility of the school to account for each and every student daily. A student's absence must be reported to the school office by a parent or guardian. The more timely information the front office has regarding your child's absence, the better we can ensure the safety and well-being of your child.



Question: Can I use the west parking lot to pick-up or drop-off my child?

Answer: No you may not. This lot is for staff and guest parking only. Bus traffic is heavy at the start and end of the school day and **parent traffic is not allowed in the west lot.** Thank you for helping us to keep the kids safe.



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Let's Talk Tech! From Ms. Sassatelli

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Parents, have you explored our [District 57 Instructional Technology](#) webpage? There are several resources especially for you:

[1:1 Initiative Parent Resources](#)

[Digital Citizenship Resources for Parents](#)

This is a great place to start for conversations with your student about their 1:1 experience and making responsible decisions online.

Let's Talk Tech!

Family Tips from [Common Sense Media](#): Self-Expression and Identity

Because so much of the way kids interact in the online world revolves around creating personal profiles and avatars, identity starts to take on a new meaning. If there's a large gap between an online and offline identity, it can fragment a kid's sense of self. [Common Sense Media](#) provides the following tips:

- **Talk to your kids about anonymity.**
- **Remember that exploration is a part of growing up.**
- **If your kids' avatars or screen names concern you, talk with them.**
- **Identities grounded in hatred, violence, illegal activities, or risky sexual behavior should be avoided entirely.**
- **Ask your kids to think about who they want to be in their online life.**

Read more about each of these tips on the full [Self-Expression and Identity tip sheet](#)

Let's Talk Tech!

Family Tips from [Common Sense Media](#): Research & Evaluation

When children use a website for research, they should make sure it's worthy of their trust. Fortunately, there are ways to evaluate the trustworthiness of a site.

[Common Sense Media](#) provides the following tips:

- * **Evaluate a website's credibility.**
- * **Compare multiple sources.**
- * **Watch out for ads.**
- * **Follow school assignment guide lines.**
- * **Wikipedia can be a springboard for searching, but shouldn't be the sole resource.**

* Read more about each of these tips on the full [Research & Evaluation tip sheet!](#)

TRACK AND FIELD!


The sun is shining and the snow is hopefully on its way out...it's time to lace up your running shoes and join track and field! If you are interested please sign up in the commons and make sure you have a current physical on file in the nurse's office. (Interscholastic Athletic Packet: [Click Here!](#)) First track and field practice is Monday, March 11 from 3-4. Please meet in the West gym dressed and ready to run.



RN TO THE RESCUE!

Influenza and the common cold are caused by different viruses, but they have similar symptoms. In general, people with colds feel less sick and are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds do not usually result in serious health problems such as pneumonia or hospitalizations.

For more info, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/coldflu.htm>

Is it a cold or flu? 

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Aches	Usual	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Rare





Off School Special – Monday, February 18

All children welcomed between Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Polar Bear Day!

AM: Inline Skating at CCC (children may bring their own roller skates)

PM: Polar bear craft, tag, and fun snack!

****Please pack your child a lunch. Must wear 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
- Departing for Field Trip at 9:15 AM
- There is a \$1.00 cash late fee for every minute after 6:00 PM that you are late.
- **Rates:** First Child \$40, Second Child \$35
- **Must Register by Thursday, February 14**

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.

OFF SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM #35302



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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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.

Prospect Girls Volleyball Clinic 5th - 8th Grade

Join us March 3rd 9:00-11:00AM at PHS for Girls Volleyball Clinic. All skill levels welcome to participate. Contact Laura Gerber at phsgirlsvball@d214.org for registration. \$30 per player, T-shirt included.

Find Your Story at Mount Prospect Public Library February 1-28

Kids ages 11 and younger – read, play, and create to earn prizes during Winter Reading!
You could win a Kindle Fire HD! More info, go to www.mppl.org/kids/

Prospect Band presents “Mother/Son Knight Out” Saturday, March 2

Come dressed as your favorite Dynamic Duo to this inaugural event! DJ, Games, Photo Booth, Giveaways, Sundae Bar. Enjoy a “knight” out. Register now at www.prospectband.com

Enroll in a YMCA Camp Today!

*Y Trained Staff *ACA Accredited *Financial Assistance *Extended Care Included *Fieldtrips, Swimming & Rock Climbing. Go to <https://www.ymcachicago.org/lattof/pages/summer-day-camp>

Skate to Save History on Presidents’ Day, February 18

Skating Party with music at the CCC, 12-5, Monday, February 18. \$5 admission. Skate for the MPHS educational programs. More info, go to www.mtphist.org

February 14, 2019