



# LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Paul Suminski, Principal

February 22, 2019

Randy Steen, Asst. Principal

Office: (847) 394-7350

[Lincoln Middle School](#)

FAX: (847) 394-7358

## Happy Birthday George Washington!

### Principal's Message . . .

Dear Lincoln Families,

I am glad a few parents could come last night for some light conversation with me before the School Board meeting. I enjoyed the time and hope you found it beneficial.

Even though the winter doldrums seem to exhaust and drain us all, Lincoln is still teeming with energy. Today we started the day with a great performance by the Prospect High School orchestra. Girls volleyball continues to be strong at the net. The wrestling team is gearing up for regionals, sectionals, and, hopefully, state! In April, the Science Chicks will participate in their underwater robotics competition, and the Lego Robotics Team is preparing for Worlds in Detroit MI. You Be The Chemist Regional Challenge is next week at Oakton Community College. Good luck to you all, Lincoln is proud of you!

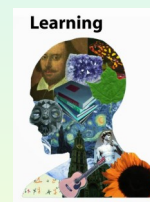
Have a great weekend everyone,

Paul Suminski



# BUY YOUR Yearbook

### An important message from Mr. Steen about upcoming standardized testing:



The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is the new state assessment that replaces PARCC. The IAR will be taken at Lincoln between March 11 and March 21 based on your child's grade. Make-ups will be conducted upon our return from Spring Break.

8th Grade:  
March 11, 12, 13  
(ELA Periods 2-4 and Math Periods 7-8)

6th Grade:  
March 14, 15, 18  
(Math Periods 3-4 and ELA Periods 7-9)

7th Grade:  
March 19, 20, 21  
(Math Periods 2-3 and ELA Periods 6, 8, 9)  
Periods 6 & 7 will be flipped for the entire school on these days. Lunch periods are flipped also.

In addition, all eighth grade students are also required to take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). The ISA will be administered on March 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Period	Bells
1	7:45-8:06
2	8:10-8:27
3	8:31-8:48
4	8:52- 9:09
5	9:13- 9:30
6	9:34- 9:51
7	9:55-10:12
8	10:16-10:33
9	10:37- 10:54
10	10:58- 11:15

**Be sure to mark  
your calendar!**

**Friday  
March 8 2019  
EARLY  
DISMISSAL**

**Dismissal time  
11:15am**

## 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.



DO YOU HAVE A SON OR DAUGHTER WHO WILL BE HOME FOR SPRING BREAK SOON?



This is a reminder that college-aged students may not freely excuse or remove students (younger siblings) from Lincoln Middle School classes. If parents would like adult children to pick up a sibling during the school day, please send an email or a note to Mrs. Moran at [rmoran@d57.org](mailto:rmoran@d57.org).



On Wednesday,  
February 27th,  
6 students will represent  
Lincoln at the 15th annual  
**"You Be The Chemist"**

Des Plaines

Regional Challenge at  
Oakton Community College.  
The regional is sponsored by  
UOP LLC, a subsidiary of  
Honeywell Corporation.  
Students will compete against  
other area middle schools.  
Top finishers will go on to the  
state level this summer.

**Good luck to:**

Carolyn G  
Kevin W  
Ivan L  
Luka K  
Bethany W  
Tommy K

### Grade 8 Calendar Dates

May 21 2019  
8th Grade Awards Night 7pm

May 22 2019  
8th Grade Great America Trip

May 28 2019  
PTO Picnic (afternoon)  
PTO Dance (evening)  
This is the last day of  
attendance for Grade 8.

May 29 2019  
Graduation at PHS 7pm  
(students arrive 630pm)

## 3.0 Using the District-Issued Device at School

The District-issued device is intended for use at school each day. In addition to teacher expectations for device use, school messages, announcements, calendars and schedules may be accessed using the student's G Suite account. Students are responsible for bringing their device to all classes unless instructed otherwise by their teacher(s).

### 3.1 Devices Left at Home

If a student leaves his/her District-issued device at home or at another location, he or she is responsible for getting his or her coursework completed when reunited with the device.

### 3.2 Devices Undergoing Repair

Loaner devices will be issued to students for temporary use when their device is undergoing maintenance or repair in the Technology Department. This loaner may be taken to and from home until the repaired device is returned to the student. The student is subject to all District policies, procedures and rules set forth in this handbook and the District's Electronic Network Access/Acceptable Use Policy when using a loaner device.

**Student Reminder:**  
Bring your chromebook to school, fully charged, every day.



### ASK THE OFFICE LADIES . . .

**Question:** Could you please tell me again the easiest way to pick up my child during the school day?

**Answer:** The office requires a parent signature if a child is pulled out during the school day. The EASIEST way is to send a note with your child (with your signature). The student should bring the note to the office BEFORE school and we will issue a pass for the student to walk out of class, come down to the office, and walk out to your car.

Another simple way is to review the bell schedule with your child and tell them to come to the office during the passing period. The parent can come into the office, meet their child, and sign him out during that passing period.

If you do not know in advance and must remove your child from class, you can come in and we will call the student out of class, but this is not the most efficient nor the least disruptive way to sign out your child.

Also, if you have made arrangements for any other person to pick up your child, we need that information in writing, with the parent signature.

Thank you.

Period	MON	TUE - FRI
1	7:45 - 8:20	7:45 - 8:27
2	8:24 - 8:59	8:31 - 9:09
3	9:03 - 9:38	9:13 - 9:51
4	9:42 - 10:17	9:55 - 10:33
Adv	10:21 - 10:51	XXXXXXX
5	10:55 - 11:30	10:37 - 11:15
6	11:34 - 12:09	11:19 - 11:57
7	12:13 - 12:48	12:01 - 12:39
8	12:52 - 1:27	12:43 - 1:21
9	1:31 - 2:06	1:25 - 2:03
10	2:10 - 2:45	2:07 - 2:45



## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

---

701 West Gregory Street - Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056  
P (847) 394-7300 | F (847) 394-7311 | [www.d57.org](http://www.d57.org)

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Good morning, District 57 families,

At last night's School Board meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Cassie Black, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Cassie, who has been working toward earning a law degree and will graduate in May, has been offered a great opportunity to begin practicing law at an educational law firm starting July 1. We are excited for Cassie as she begins this new chapter, and we thank her for her many contributions to the District over the past seven years, both as director of student services and as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. We will miss her!

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Mary Gorr, principal of Westbrook, will be our new assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, effective July 1. The title change (from curriculum and instruction) is a better description of what the job responsibilities entail. During her eight years at Westbrook, Mary has been an innovative educational leader, a mentor to many and a valued PTO and parent partner. She is also loved by the children, both current students and those who attended years ago. I know that many of you will be sad to learn she is leaving the school, but I think all who know her would agree she's an outstanding fit for this position.

We will post the Westbrook principal job and begin the search next week. We plan to form a committee of staff and parent representatives to conduct the first round of interviews. The committee will send two to three finalists to the administrative team for consideration. We hope to present the final candidate to the School Board for approval at the April meeting.

Also at last night's Board meeting, I presented a preview of the 2019-2020 Staffing Plan. The plan is based on enrollment projections for next year and the class sizes that we strive to maintain. Our goal is always to balance student needs with the District's financial constraints, while also maintaining parity between Fairview and Lions Park as much as possible. The Board will vote on the Staffing Plan at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, and we will share it after that.

Dr. Elaine Aumiller  
Superintendent of Schools, Mount Prospect School District 57

Preparing children to learn and succeed in a changing world

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Joe Sonnefeldt, *President* | Mrs. Eileen Kowalczyk, *Vice President* | Mrs. Vicki Chung  
Mr. Dennis Composto | Mrs. Jennifer Kobus | Mr. Brian Maye | Mr. Gerald McCluskey

# Meet your School Board Candidates:

## Rachael Rothrauff

D57 parent- 2 daughters at Westbrook and Lions Park  
Mount Prospect resident since 2010



I've worked for the past 15 years as a public high school teacher. I also have my Real Estate License.

My priorities for District 57 are:  
Making smart use of the referendum funds so the district can be fiscally sustainable for the long-term.  
Advocating for our schools in regards to potential new developments in downtown MP.  
Strengthening the frequency and clarity of communication with the D57 parent community.  
Encouraging innovative curriculum and extracurricular opportunities for our kids.

## Kristine O'Sullivan

D57 parent (daughter attends Fairview)



More than 15 years of experience in communications and member engagement for professional associations (currently manager of event communications at ISACA, a global association for information and cyber security professionals)

My focus is on community engagement and communications:  
Providing frequent updates on priorities and opportunities to be involved  
Seeking parent and community member feedback prior to decision-making  
Financial stewardship to strategically ensure the economic stability of D57  
Preparing kids for 21st century jobs through career and tech exploration

## Jennifer Kobus

Moved to D57 15 years ago. I have 3 kids that have attended Westbrook, Lions Park, & Lincoln. I currently have one son in college, one at Prospect High School, and one at Lions Park.



I became a D57 board member in 2014 and was vice-president in 2016 & 2017. I am currently running for re-election.

My passion and focus has been on serving the community and specifically the education community. In addition to D57 board, I am also on the governing board for St. Mark preschool. My focus on the board has been community engagement, school safety, and financial stewardship. I have enjoyed the past 5 years being a board member and hope to continue to represent this amazing school district.

## Kimberly Fay

I have lived in Mount Prospect (D57) since April 2013. My eldest daughter is a third grader at Lions Park my youngest daughter is an incoming kindergartener who will attend Westbrook.



I am an attorney for a non-profit legal aid organization. I practice immigration law, focusing on serving immigrant victims of crime, including human trafficking.

My work requires critical and analytical thinking. As a legal aid attorney, I am also adept at making the most of what is often a shoestring operating budget. I feel these skills are also necessary to be a successful school board member. I hope to make an impact on our school board by encouraging engagement from parents and district residents, ensuring that they are fully informed of board initiatives. I also hope to encourage further enrichment opportunities for students across the learning spectrum.

## Upcoming opportunities to learn more:

League of Women Voters Community Forum: Saturday, February 23rd- 9am-12pm- MP Village Hall  
D57 Candidate Listening Session: Saturday, March 2nd- 4pm-6pm- Station 34 (formerly Brick City)  
MP Journal and Topics Candidate Forum: Wednesday, March 13th- 6pm-9pm- MP Village Hall

**Early voting begins March 18th. Election Day is April 2nd.**

20

*District 57 Education Foundation*

# Great Gatsby Gala

Celebrating 20 Years of Giving Back

*celebrate with us at*

## Victoria in the Park

*1700 Elmhurst Rd. Mount Prospect, IL*

*April 6, 2019*

6-11:30

Ticket Cost \$100 per person  
<https://www.57edfoundation.org/>

# Lions Park

## Knots of Love

Join us for a fleece blanket making party inspired by and honoring Lions Park student Lauren Graver and benefitting pediatric patients at Advocate Children's Hospital Park Ridge.

**Where:** Prospect High School Cafeteria  
Enter through Door 30

**When:** Friday, March 15, 2019 from 4:00-9 PM  
*Blankets must be started by 8 PM*

### **What to Bring:**

- 2 pieces of coordinating fleece (1.5 yards each)
- fabric scissors
- a ruler
- an adult chaperone if you are in elementary or middle school

See our **facebook** page at "Lions Park Knots of Love" or email Courtney Voss at [lpknotsoflove@gmail.com](mailto:lpknotsoflove@gmail.com) with questions or for more details



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

701 West Gregory Street - Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056  
P (847) 394-7300 | F (847) 394-7311 | [www.d57.org](http://www.d57.org)

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 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Join us March 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-11:00AM at PHS for Girls Volleyball Clinic. All skill levels welcome to participate. Contact Laura Gerber at [phsgirlsvball@d214.org](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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>

**All-Ages FanFest at Mount Prospect Public Library – February 23**

Stop by MPPL 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to celebrate pop culture with games, crafts, costumes, authors, virtual reality, and more! More info, go to <https://mppl.org/fanfest/>

February 22, 2019