



# LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## IAR TESTING STARTS MONDAY 3/11

### Principal's Message . . .

Dear Lincoln Families,

IAR (formerly PARCC) standardized testing begins on Monday. Please be sure to change clocks, arrive at school on time, charge chromebooks and bring earbuds. The testing schedule is posted in this newsletter. Plenty of rest, a good breakfast, careful listening, and trying one's best is long standing advice to any student who is preparing to take any exam. Although valuable, standardized is only one indicator of a student's academic progress and I am confident in Lincoln students' preparedness.

The 3rd Quarter ends March 22 and report cards will be distributed after Spring Break on April 5. We are starting to see signs of spring fever in our hallways (even though there is NO sign of spring outside). Staying on task with homework and grades is important as we approach the last quarter of the school year.

Thank you for taking a few moments each week to keep yourself and your family informed by reading this newsletter. I appreciate your interest in the work we do.

Paul Suminski

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*Yearbook*

**Sunday— March 10**



**LINCOLN  
WRESTLING  
GOOD LUCK  
AT  
STATE!**

**Michael M.  
Damien P.  
Nathan L.  
Joel M.  
Kenichi N.**

## 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.

**STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING EARBUDS OR HEADPHONES.  
BE SURE CHROMEBOOKS ARE FULLY CHARGED AND READY.**



**What is G.O.A.L.?** Formerly StreetHawks, G.O.A.L. brings hockey to schools, community centers and other places where kids can play in safe, structured environments. To make the game more accessible, the Blackhawks provide equipment, tips on how to grow the program and instruction from youth hockey coaches. The skills that youth learn through sports like hockey- teamwork, focus, the value of hard work, practice and perseverance- will benefit them in school today, in college tomorrow and throughout their lives.



**Attention all green thumbs. Would you like to be part of creating a new butterfly garden right here at school? Also, would you like to plant vegetables, herbs, and flowers at school and then continue to grow at home over the summer? Then the garden club is perfect you. Sign up in the commons and see Mr. Rollinger in Room 508 with any questions.**

## **Lincoln Bands have had a busy start to 2019.**

In January the Lincoln Jazz Band participated in the Jazz Jamboree held at Thomas MS in Arlington Hts. 25 middle school bands played for a panel of professional musicians and college professors for comments and suggestions for improvement.



On February 13, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Lincoln Winds and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Beginning Bands performed in the 8<sup>th</sup> First Annual Ground Hog Day concert at Lincoln. For fifth graders this was their first band performance of their young career.

The Lincoln Festival of Music held at Lincoln on February 21, found many Lincoln band and orchestra musicians performing a solo for critique and rating in front of a panel of guest judges. Thirty-four of our Lincoln musicians received a rating of Excellent or Superior for their performance.

On March 18 retired Director of Bands at Wheeling High School, Mr. Brian Logan will work with the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble in a clinic. Mr. Logan has worked with hundreds of middle school and high school bands throughout his long career.

The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble perform next on Wednesday, March 20 in the annual Prospect HS Middle School Band Festival. This performance will feature Prospect HS, South MS and Lincoln MS.

# **Lincoln Bands !**

# 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.**



Dear Families,

In honor of World Autism Awareness Day (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), District 57 will be continuing our Districtwide Disability Awareness Week (April 1<sup>st</sup> -April 5<sup>th</sup> ). Each day, students will be learning about different disabilities such as: Intellectual Disabilities, Visual Impairments, Orthopedic Impairments, and Autism. To support this week, we will be having a t-shirt fundraiser. Families and students can order t-shirts to wear on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, as part of our spirit day, "In District 57 we all fit together". Shirts will be a light blue color and \$11 plus tax.



This year, we will be donating the proceeds to a nonprofit organization called Gerry's Cafe. Their mission is to open a cafe in Arlington Heights, that will employ adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They will hire, train and supervise approximately 30 adults, ages 22 and older, to work in their coffee shop. For more information here are a few links [Gerry's Cafe](#) [Gerry's Cafe Facebook Page](#)

T-Shirt ordering will be online through Colorburst Printing. T-shirt orders must be submitted online **no later than Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. No late orders will be accepted.** To order your t-shirt, please visit the online store (see link below) and place your order there by selecting the school your child attends. If you have children in more than one building, you may choose just one school for your family's order. Shirts will be delivered to your child's homeroom/advisory so please be sure to put that information on the order. Payment is by credit card or Paypal

<https://colorburst-screenprinting.ecwid.com/District-57-2019-c33910254>

If you have any questions feel free to contact me below.

Best,

Katianne Olson

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SOAR Special Education Teacher

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*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



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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.

**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>

**Non-partisan Rally to Honor International Women's Day-Friday, March 8/4:30-6:30 PM**

All ages invited at corner of 83 & Northwest Hwy. Bring positive, family-friendly signs and help form a human chain of people celebrating social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women across the globe.

**Mt. Prospect Studio Art Classes for Children Ages 7-14**

The Spring session begins April 8<sup>th</sup> – printmaking and acrylics on canvas. Come join us!  
More info, go to [www.christinethornton.com](http://www.christinethornton.com)

**FREE Kids Craft on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for St. Patrick's Day!**

Stop in on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> where kids craft for FREE! 10am-4pm.  
More info, go to [gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com](http://gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com)

**Summer Registration Now Open for 214 Discovery Camps**

Register online at [ce.d214.org](http://ce.d214.org) or call 847-718-7700.

**\*\*MP Cheer 2019 Fall Registration\*\***

Join the fun at Mt. Prospect Cheer for Sideline or Competition Cheer! New Parent Meeting 3/21, from 7-9pm at RecPlex. On-line Registration & info on Walk-in Reg dates – [www.gompcc.com](http://www.gompcc.com)

**Summer Soccer Camps – Begin June 17 – Full & Half Day**

Develop new skills & enjoy the game of soccer. Program includes lunch, uniform, World Cup, raffle prizes & more. More info, go to <https://www.hansasoccer.com>

**Schwaben Travel Soccer Tryouts: May 1 – May 31. Free Registration**

Tryout for Schwaben AC. Player development first. Train with the best regional coaches. U7-U19. Buffalo Grove. Est. 1926. More info, go to [www.schwabensoccer.com](http://www.schwabensoccer.com)

**Join Us for A Night of Free Soccer! May 17- 5:30PM. Buffalo Grove**

Soccer Open House with free tournament, raffle prizes & concession open for dinner. 5:30pm-8pm in Buffalo Grove. [www.schwabensoccer.com](http://www.schwabensoccer.com)

**D57 Education Foundation Event at Portillo's March 21 from 5 - 8PM**

Support D57 Ed Foundation's Dine & Share Event at Portillo's. 20% of the proceeds will benefit 2019 Educational Grants. <https://www.57edfoundation.org/>

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