



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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QUARTER 2 STARTS ON MONDAY!

Principal's Message . . .

Dear Lincoln Families,

The conference sign-up is posted on the website. We look forward to seeing parents and appreciate your continued confidence and support. If you have questions about conferences, please contact your child's team leader:

Cheetahs

Mrs. Amy Marker / amarker@d57.org

Ligers

Ms. Alexa Martin / amartin@d57.org

Panthers

Ms. Jessica DiVito / jdivito@d57.org

Wildcats

Ms. Kristen Kaage / kkaage@d57.org

Snow Leopards

Mrs. Amy Traversone / atraversone@d57.org

Jaguars

Mrs. Loretta Rose / lrose@d57.org

Please read the conference overview in this and previous newsletters to help you navigate this process.

Please considering joining the PTO. Only those families who join the PTO will have access to this year's directory. The PTO membership form is included in this newsletter.

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Parents— Take Note!

- Friday, October 19, is the last day of the first quarter and most students will have a change of schedule (CSO class or Broad Experience) on Monday, October 22. Check the Parent Portal to confirm your change of class. Click Standards Grades to get to the quarter rotations.
- Lincoln's health education classes will begin in PE classes during the 2nd quarter. Lessons incorporate the Illinois health Standards, i.e., coping with stress; understanding emotions; and changes during the teen years. The health grade is included in the PE grade on the portal but will have separate health categories. The two grades are averaged as one grade on the portal and for the report card.
- On Friday, October 26, report cards, MAP scores, PARCC scores will be distributed to students at the end of the day. Students will be directed to bring these items home to their parents or guardians.
- Conferences are October 29, November 5, and November 8, from 3:30—7:30pm. Be sure to read more information about conferences in this newsletter.



**COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF "BOOTIFUL" MUSIC
WITH OUR LINCOLN ORCHESTRA!**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018—7PM—BUSSE GYM

STUDENT PICTURE DAY RETAKE NOVEMBER 7, 2018

- *Proof sheets were distributed today.*
- *Follow order instructions on the envelope.*
- *Plan a retake if you were absent or are dissatisfied with your original proofs.*



Lincoln's annual **Vision and Hearing Screening** will take place on Thursday, November 1. Please remind your child to bring their glasses to school on that day.

Please note that **not all** students are screened, this is determined by state mandates. Also, vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an eye doctor.

Attention 8th Grade Parents of students who wear glasses or contacts: Please email Mrs. Smith, RN, (ssmith@d57.org) with the date of your child's last eye examination. Please call the health office with any questions or concerns.



LINCOLN CONFERENCES OCTOBER 29, 2018 NOVEMBER 5, 2018 NOVEMBER 8, 2018 A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Lincoln parents will receive notification of conferences in one of the following ways:

- Personal phone call to arrange a conference
- Email sent home suggesting a conference
- Email sent home explaining a conference is not considered necessary at this time due to our satisfaction with the child's progress or recent communications with parents

(Emails were sent on October 11, 2018.)

On Monday, October 15, 2018, at 8:00am, the conference sign-up link opened on the front page of the Lincoln website.

After a team is chosen on the screen, the next screen will display options for available appointments on the conference days. Conferences start at 3:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Once you click on a time, you will fill out a form, and then sent an email confirmation.

During the time you select, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's core teachers (Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math). Teachers are seated within the same room (room assignments will be determined closer to conferences and posted at school on the day of conferences) and parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers individually for several minutes. **The other teachers your child sees (music program, broad experience, physical education, foreign language) will all be present on conference days as well and are available on a drop-in basis.**

INFORMATION ABOUT CONFERENCES

Attention! All Lincoln Students!



If you like Halloween and helping out the community, then participate in **Trick-or-Treating-For-Canned-Goods** with Mr. Ruggiero. All you need to do is stop by the outside of Lincoln Middle School on Halloween (Wednesday, October 31) and Mr. Ruggiero will give you instructions. Stay for as long or as short as you like.

Can't make it to Lincoln? Just bring in canned goods and drop them off to Mr. Ruggiero ... even after Halloween. No permission forms needed - just show up. See Mr. Ruggiero for more details and to answer any questions.

LET'S TALK TECH!

Family Tips from [Common Sense Media](#): **Cyberbullying**: Cyberbullying can result in severe emotional and even physical harm. It's important to recognize the warning signs of cyberbullying and talk to your kids about preventing it. [Common Sense Media](#) provides the following tips:

- Recognize context.
- Help teens understand when behavior crosses the line.
- Encourage empathy.
- Be realistic.
- Remember that your teen might be the bully.
- Tell them to disengage.

Read more about each of these tips on the full [Cyberbullying tip sheet!](#)

You can meet with Ms. Sassatelli at conferences !



- Is your child having trouble with online textbooks at home?
- Do you want a better understanding of your child's Chromebook?
- Are there any other technology issues related to your child's education?
- Stop by to see Ms. Sassatelli, Lincoln's technology coach, during parent/teacher conferences. [Select a time slot](#) to book your appointment!

**Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect
Membership Form
2018-2019**

Become a member of the Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect! Research has shown that the most important indication on how well a child will do in school is the level of parental involvement in that child's education. This does not mean that you have to perpetually volunteer for PTO programs (although that certainly would be nice) or be at school all day. Just being a member of the Lincoln Middle School PTO offers support for the organization. **ANNUAL DUES ARE \$6 PER MEMBER AND INCLUDE A SCHOOL DIRECTORY. If you do not want your student's information in the directory, please submit a written request to Lynn Atkinson at latkinson@d57.org by September 25, 2018.**

You can also support Lincoln PTO Programs with our only fundraising event. We simply ask each family to make one donation for the year to our 'No Stress' fundraiser. *No selling anything!* Without your support we would not be able to provide engaging all school cultural assemblies, Dynamite night, 8th Grade Activities and other activities.

You can write one check, payable to Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect, for both PTO membership dues and the No Stress fundraiser. Please complete the information below (please print clearly):

Student Name(s): _____

Member Name: _____ \$ 6
(parent or teacher name)

Member Name: _____ \$ 6
(parent or teacher name)

Yes! I would also like to support Lincoln's PTO 'No Stress' fundraiser: \$25 \$30 \$40 \$50 Other
\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect Volunteer Sign-Up

As noted above, Lincoln's PTO and the programs it supports require the help of great parents like you! Your volunteered time ensures that the quality/fun events we offer will continue to benefit all of our students. Please check your area(s) of interest and volunteer today! Both moms and dads are welcome!

Volunteer Name(s) _____
(Please Print)

E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I would like to help (check as many as you wish) – see **descriptions on the back**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts Assemblies | <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamite Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th Grade Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th Grade Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation |

Student Name _____ Grade 6 7 8

Questions? Contact Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect at Info.LincolnPTO@gmail.com

Lincoln Middle School PTO of Mount Prospect Committees

Cultural Arts plans assemblies and programs for the students which complement the school curriculum.

Dynamite Night is an annual fall event of games, prizes, food, music and dancing. Sixth graders attend in the late afternoon and seventh/eighth graders in the evening. This committee hires the game vendor and DJ, purchases food and schedules volunteers. This is the biggest social event sponsored by the Lincoln PTO.

Eighth Grade Activities are end of year events for the eighth graders that include a dance, picnic, baby picture contest, and production of a video. It's a great way to send off our eighth graders and provide wonderful memories to take with them to high school.

Grade level activities are held for sixth (typically considered to be Dynamite Night) and seventh grade students. This committee plans the events, orders food (if needed), secures raffle prizes and schedules volunteers.

Staff Appreciation plans activities to recognize Lincoln's staff. This includes providing meals during conferences and during staff appreciation week in May. The committee determines theme, events and coordinates activities and volunteers.

Winter Activities plans for a ski/sledding trip at a local facility during the winter months. The committee collects registration forms, money, secures transportation and orders snacks. (And snow!)