



# LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## SIGN UP FOR A CLUB . . OR TWO!

### Principal's Message . . .

Dear Lincoln Families,

Several weeks ago, our August 24th newsletter included information about the Mount Prospect Safe School Emergency Guidelines. If you haven't already, please be sure to set aside a few moments to review that information. Lincoln Middle School continues to strive to provide a safe and secure environment for its students and staff.

Further, I want to share the following with Lincoln families:

- Fire, tornado (shelter-in-place), and lock down drills were practiced successfully on the first day of school.
- All school entrances are locked during the school day. Visitors are only allowed access through Door #1 (front office) and must be "buzzed" in by office personnel. Please do not be offended if your identity or purpose is questioned to determine admittance.
- School offices are equipped with emergency weather and police radios.
- We maintain an active and involved partnership with the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments.
- Crossing guards and bus monitors are present at the start and end of the school day.
- Lunch supervisors are outside at lunch recess for each grade level.

Effective school safety procedures require the commitment of all parties—students, parents, and school staff. Your support is vital in our efforts to provide a prepared and safe environment at Lincoln Middle School.

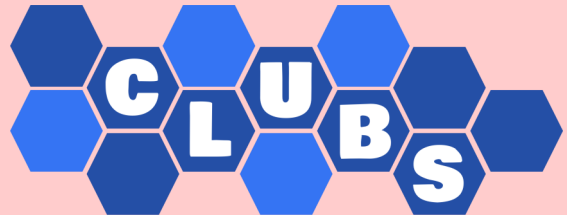
Enjoy the great weather this weekend,

Paul Suminski

**ORDER YOUR SPIRIT  
WEAR NOW!**  
**The store closes  
this weekend.**

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

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



Sign up for any of these activities!  
Give 'em a try— now is the time!

Creative Writing Club  
Ultimate Frisbee Club  
Boys Volleyball Club  
Computer Science Club  
Indoor Soccer Club  
Floor Hockey Club  
Peer Partners Club

Sign up sheets and more information  
in the Commons!

# YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE A QUESTION . . .

## Lincoln Chromebook Q and A

### Charging:

**Q.** Are Chromebooks to be fully charged at the beginning of the school day?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Is the charge cord to be left at home?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Is there the ability to charge at school?

**A.** *Technically, but there are only 20 charging slots and over 750 students with Chromebooks. **It is expected that the Chromebook will be charged at home.** Charging chromebooks at school should be a last resort. The charging station, located in the front office, is not in place of responsibly charging the Chromebook at home each night. Using the charging station disrupts the students ability to participate in class while the Chromebook is charging and also disrupts the front office staff.*

### Loaners:

**Q.** Are loaner Chromebooks available when a student's Chromebook is out for repair?

**A.** *Yes. **BUT** the loaners are first used for those students with a Chromebook hardware issue and not a misuse issue. There are a limited number of loaners available.*

**Q.** Are the loaner Chromebooks available for students who forget theirs at home or have an uncharged Chromebook?

**A.** *No. Loaners are only used for Chromebooks that are in need of repair. There are a limited number of loaners available.*

### Chromebook and Case Handling:

**Q.** Should anything besides the Chromebook be put inside the secure case?

**A.** ***No!!** Even small headphones should not be left or placed in the Chromebook case. This has caused cracked screens.*

**Q.** Should the Chromebook be put inside a backpack or other bag?

**A.** *No. This can easily cause a cracked screen.*

**Q.** Should the Chromebook be taken out of the secure case?

**A.** *No. This can also cause a cracked screen or other damage to the Chromebook. The Chromebook should always stay in the case.*

**Q.** Can I decorate the Chromebook with stickers or anything else?

**A.** *No. Do not put any stickers on the Chromebook and do not remove any of the stickers or labels already on the Chromebook. Do not write or mark on the Chromebook.*

## ASK THE OFFICE LADIES . . .

**Question:** How come the office will not deliver an item to my child when I drop it off?

**Answer:**

The school office gets dozens of items dropped off every day and the front office staff is expected to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Often, students have contacted home, usually via text, and are aware that the items is being dropped off.

Students are instructed to check the office table in between passing periods for any items they might expect from home. More often than not, parents and students have communicated and the items are picked up quickly.

Eyeglasses, contacts, etc., will be delivered as soon as possible.



### **Dropping off a lunch?**

Label it with your child's name and grade then drop it in the grade-level lunch bin in the office. Lunches will be brought down at the appropriate lunch period.

***Please note: Fast food (i.e., Jimmy Johns) should not be ordered for delivery as a student lunch. We can not manage fast food deliveries in the school office. Parents may drop off fast food items, label the lunch, and place the items in the lunch bin. Fountain drinks will not be delivered to the cafeteria.***

**Parents may not bring items such as pizzas or birthday cakes for students to share during their lunch period.**

## LINCOLN HOMEWORK REQUEST GUIDELINES



### Homework request AFTER an absence:

- A homework request can be initiated after students have missed at least two days of school. Teachers are not required to provide homework before the two-day minimum.
- If parents and students are interested in obtaining homework prior to the two-day minimum, then they are encouraged to check team webpages on the [Lincoln website](#).
- Upon returning to school, students must turn in homework that was given to them before the absence. Students, however, will have one day for each day of absence to make-up any work that was not given to them before the absence.
- Students are responsible upon their return to check with all of their teachers for any homework, tests, quizzes, projects, or other assignments that need to be made up.

### Homework request BEFORE an absence:

- A homework request before an absence should be initiated by contacting a teacher at least three days prior to the absence.
- Teachers are not required to provide homework before an absence. If a teacher does provide homework, please be aware that the homework is the teacher's "best estimate." There may be changes in the homework upon the student's return and/or an alternate assignment may be given.
- Parents and students are encouraged to check team webpages on the [Lincoln website](#) for homework.
- Upon returning to school, students will have one day for each day of absence to make-up any work that was given to them before the absence.

# LINCOLN POMS



## CLINICS

Tuesday, September 25  
 Thursday, September 27  
 2:55 - 3:45 pm  
 BUSSE GYM

## TRYOUT

Friday, September 28  
 3-5 pm  
 BUSSE GYM

It's not too late to become a member of the Lincoln PTO. There is a membership form included in this newsletter. This year we are moving forward with an electronic directory option. All 4 D57 school PTO's are working together to implement the use of "Directory Spot". 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.**

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. Please join us at the next PTO meeting on September 18 at 7pm in the Lincoln office conference room. If you have any questions, please contact us at [Info.LincolnPTO@gmail.com](mailto:Info.LincolnPTO@gmail.com). Also, our website is in process of being updated, but it can be accessed through the Lincoln website parent section.

# PTO !! PTO !! PTO !!

**Picture Day  
 September 28**

**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](mailto:latkinson@d57.org) by September 17, 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities and & 7 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!)



**MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

# OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY  
SEPT. 22  
10AM TO 2PM**

**Kids, Come Meet Sparky!  
Slide Down a Fire Pole! Sit in a Firetruck!**



**Fire Trucks, Ambulances &  
Special Rescue Vehicles**

**An Opportunity to Slide  
Down a Fire Pole**

**Fire Safety and Emergency  
Preparedness Programs**

**Special Teams Demonstrations**

**Fire Extinguisher Training**

**Fire Sprinkler Demonstrations**

**FREE Lunch Provided**

**FIRE STATION 13 • 112 E. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY**

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7-13

## LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.  
Fire can happen anywhere.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018  
firepreventionweek.org



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## 2018 POSTER CONTEST

Fire Prevention Week takes place October 7-13 this year. In an effort to educate students about fire safety, the Mount Prospect Fire Department annually sponsors a poster contest. The theme this year is:

**"Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."**

Mount Prospect students are encouraged to design a poster using this year's theme. Students may enter the contest through their school or individually if their school elects not to participate. For more information on the theme, please visit the NFPA website, [www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week).

**Entries are judged on originality, creativity and use of theme.**

All entries will receive a participation ribbon; however, a first, second and third place winner will be chosen from each grade level. All of the first place winners will then proceed to the Village-wide contest, with the final winners receiving an award from the Mayor at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

### CONTEST RULES:

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to design a poster.

All submittals must contain the following information (on the back of their submittal):

1. Student's Full Name
2. Student's Home Phone Number
3. Name of School
4. Grade Level
5. Teacher's Name

- All posters must be completed on poster board (maximum size of 16" x 20").
- Individual entries can be dropped off at the Police/Fire Headquarters, 112 E. Northwest Hwy. (Fire Department — Second Floor), or at the main office of the student's school prior to the deadline.
- **The deadline for entries is October 10, 2018.**
- All entries will be returned to the students' schools after the contest ends.





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.

**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.

**Please Join Prospect High School Girls Volleyball Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Prospect vs Wheeling at 6PM for Camper Reunion/Senior Knight in the Fieldhouse.

Please wear your camp t-shirt.

**Mount Prospect School of Classical Ballet & Studio Impulse at MPPD!**

Excellence in dance education in a positive environment. Offering beginning through advanced classes for kids & adults. For details, log on to [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org) or call 847.640.1000, ext. 207

**Preschool and Kindergarten Dance Classes Now Forming at MPPD!**

Nurture your child's natural love of movement in Pre-Ballet, Mini Medley and Kindergarten Combo classes with MPPD! For details, log on to [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org) or call 847.640.1000, ext. 207

**Girls in Aviation Day – Saturday, October 13, 8:30am – 3pm**

Sky's the Limit: Interactive Aviation Camp for Middle and High School Girls – FREE but space limited! More info, go to <https://waiskysthelimit.eventbrite.com>

**Attention all Parents–Cub Scout Pack 154 Now Enrolling New Scouts-Boys & Girls**

Grades K-5. Fun activities planned: pinewood derby, Haunted & Klondike Hikes, Campouts, museum overnights, and more.! Learn about nature and STEM! Email [mppack154@gmail.com](mailto:mppack154@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Off School Special – Monday, October 8**

Off School Special on Monday, October 8. Register online or in person at any Mt. Prospect Park District facility. Go to [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org)

**Prospect High School Annual Kid's Dance Clinic**

Join the Prospect High School Dance Team on Friday, October 12 for a poms clinic and performance at the football game. Email [katina.tole@d214.org](mailto:katina.tole@d214.org) for the flyer and registration form.

**Run/Walk or Volunteer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lemons of Love 5K on Sunday, Oct 7**

Help raise funds to build Lemons of Love bags for chemo patients! Please go to [www.lemonsoflove.org/pink-lemonade-5k.html](http://www.lemonsoflove.org/pink-lemonade-5k.html) for more information and to register.

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