

Lincoln Newsletter

September 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to the start of the school year! We welcome all of our new students and families to the Lincoln community. We also are excited to have new staff members at Lincoln this year! Ashley Sborz is our first grade teacher. Mrs. Sborz has teaching experience in LCPS and Winchester and she also has her master's degree in Reading from Shenandoah University. Sheryl Fiolek is our art teacher and she also teaches art at Tolbert Elementary. Kristin Washko is one of our resource assistants. Mrs. Washko has subbed at Lincoln for several years in each grade level. Megan Bichy is our parent liaison and she will work with Lincoln and Hamilton families. The parent liaison's job is to help families who may need some financial assistance for school pictures, field trips, after school clubs, or other items. Families may email Ms. Bichy at Megan.Bichy@lcps.org if they have a request for assistance.

Thank you to Krista Ramey and the PTO Garden Club for working many hours on our gardens in front of the school, around our school sign, and other areas. The gardens look incredible! We would like to have a few parent and student volunteers to continue to help with weeding the gardens this fall. If you are able to volunteer a few hours a month for this project, please email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org.

I thank each family and staff member for your support as we work together to provide an outstanding education for your child. I thank the Lincoln teachers and staff as they have dedicated many hours to prepare lessons and activities using the new Schoology program for each grade level. The Lincoln teachers continue to show tremendous efforts in their preparation to provide an excellent education for each child.

There will be moments during the year when we experience challenges with technology and we thank you for your patience. If your family would like to have a free hotspot, please email me to request this resource if you have not already contacted me. If you have any questions, please email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org. We will continue to share photos throughout the year on our school Twitter page @Lincoln_ES. Please email me tomorrow if you would like to share family photos from the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Dave Michener
Principal

September Dates

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| Tuesday, September 8 | Schools Starts |
| Friday, September 11 | Patriot Day All Students and Staff Wear Red, White, and Blue |
| Thursday, September 17 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 20 | Spirit Wear Orders are Due |
| Tuesday, September 22 | Back to School Night K-5 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, September 25 | Joe Corbi Orders Due |

September Birthdays

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| Max | September 2 |
| Mrs. Dillon | September 4 |
| Eliza | September 7 |
| Elizabeth | September 8 |
| Carter | September 11 |
| Colden | September 17 |
| Ayden | September 20 |
| Danny | September 21 |
| Ethan | September 23 |
| Mrs. Mendez | September 23 |
| Mrs. Fortenbaugh | September 27 |

What is the Lincoln Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)?

The PTO's goals are to encourage interaction between family and school, serve as a source of support, and work with teachers, staff, and the community at large to improve our children's educational experience. The PTO works closely with the teachers to provide enhanced school experiences during school hours. The PTO coordinates numerous after school enrichment opportunities as well.

All parents are members of the PTO just by being a parent at Lincoln. PTO meetings are once a month and all are encouraged to come anytime. There are no dues to join and everyone's participation is welcomed.

Communications - PTBoard

We are excited to continue this school year with PTBoard, a PTO communication and administrative board. It will aid in communication of PTO events and activities throughout the school year. The student directory will be located via this board as well. **For those families who have had kids at**

Lincoln, please skip ahead to step 5. For all NEW parents/staff, please set up your account, by following the steps below:

1. Parents or school members browse to ***lincoln.ptboard.com***
2. Click > Sign Up
3. Fill out Sign In information
4. On "Join School" pop-up screen, enter your school code **YSR7FM**
5. Please navigate to "Forms and Payments">
6. "Free Membership & School Directory for the Year" to fill out all your student/s and parent information. This also allows you to "opt out" of your information showing in the directory if you so choose.
7. Please be sure to add all children
8. ***** Existing families, please also repeat step 5 when you sign on so you can access the directory****

How Can You Help?

This year, obviously, is going to look a little different than previous years. The calendar as it stands currently is listed below. There will be changes as our times change and when we return to school. Some of the events that are not on the calendar at this time include, picture day, grandparents day, donuts with dad, muffins with mom, fall festival, family game night, spaghetti and bingo, auction, and field day. Erica Scott continues to be our volunteer coordinator and will help facilitate any events we may have. Please contact her at ericakoskiscott@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to coordinate. If you have an idea for a new event, please reach out to any PTO Board Member. We welcome new ideas anytime to enhance our children's experiences at Lincoln.

| Lincoln Elementary PTO Calendar | | | |
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| Month | Day | Event | LES or PTO Event |
| September | 8 | First Day of School, Virtual | LES |
| September | 11 | Patriot Day Wear Red, White, and Blue | LES |
| September | 17 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. | PTO |
| September | 20 | Spirit Wear Orders Due * site closes 11:59 pm | PTO |
| September | 22 | Back to School Night 6:30 p.m. K-5 | LES |
| September | 25 | Joe Corbi Orders Due | PTO |
| October | 1 | Chunky Blanket Workshop | PTO |
| October | 2 | Chunky Blanket Workshop | PTO |
| October | 9 | Chunky Blanket Workshop | PTO |
| October | TBD | Spirit Night at Monks/Tipped Cow | PTO |
| October | 12 | No School (Columbus Day) | |
| October | 26 | No School (County Wide Staff Development) | |
| November | 2-3 | No School | |
| November | 5 | Tree of Life Service Dinner | LES |
| November | 11 | Veterans Day | LES |

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| November | 25-27 | No School (Thanksgiving Break) | |
| December | TBD | Cookies/ Photos with Santa | PTO |
| December | 23 | Start of Winter Break | |
| January | 4 | School resumes | |
| January | 18 | No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) | |
| January | 19 | No School (Moveable holiday) | |
| January | 20 | No School (Inauguration Day) | |
| February | TBD | Read-a-Thon | PTO |
| February | 15 | No School (President's Day) | |
| March | 2 | No School (County Wide Staff Development) | |
| April | TBD | Science Fair | LES |
| March-April | 29-4 | No School (Spring Break) | |
| April | 12 | No School (Planning Day) | |
| April | TBD | Community Outreach Event/Activity | PTO |
| April | TBD | Earth Day | PTO |
| May | 3-7 | Teacher Appreciation Week | PTO |
| May | 31 | No School (Memorial Day) | |
| June | TBD | Field Day ** pending school schedule | LES |
| June | 15 | Last Day of School | |

After School Enrichment

Each year, the PTO offers many after school enrichment opportunities. Although this year will look different, we hope to have some “outside” after school clubs once we return to the hybrid model. LCPS is not permitting schools to have outdoor activities organized by the PTO or schools at this time. Keep a look out for announcements and flyers to register for these awesome events when we are able! If there are any questions or ideas for new after school offerings, please contact Harriet Wegmeyer at harriet.wegmeyer@yahoo.com.

Fundraising Opportunities

In order to fund the school assemblies, field days, field trips, etc, the PTO needs to raise money throughout the year. Your help is vital! Simply registering your card at Harris Teeter, or scanning Box Tops can help. The PTO will offer Joe Corbi (for those lunches or dinners you do not need to think about), Blanket workshops, and Lincoln Ornaments this fall and in the winter quarter we kick off the Read-a-Thon. We generally host an auction night as well, which is our largest and most fun fundraiser of the year. Unfortunately, considering the current state, it will likely be cancelled again this year. But stay tuned...

Members of the PTO

Lincoln Elementary PTO Board & Leadership 2020-2021

Executive Committee

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| President | Krista Ramey | kristaramey415@gmail.com | 415.902.2928 |
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Committee Leads

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| Auction Coordinator | Katie Speegle | kspeegle@gmail.com |

Any questions, please reach out! Although this year is like no other to date, WE CAN DO IT! Cheers to a great school year and the building of resilient kids (and families)!

Art

Greetings! I am very excited to be a part of the Lincoln family this year! My name is Sheryl Fiolek and I've been teaching art for 17+ years. I enjoy creating pottery, tie dying, hiking, and hanging out with my family and pet bunnies. Some of my first lessons will take time connecting and getting to know everyone through artwork and sharing. We will also get into a routine for the year.

At the beginning of each Google Meet I will have the supply list for the day on the screen so students can gather their materials. If we need anything other than our traditional pencil, paper/sketchbook, and crayons/colored pencils, I will let students/parents know ahead of time. The sketchbook is a great way to keep everything organized.

For our first lesson we will be creating a collaborative artwork around symbolism. We will use the elements of art through creating, revising, producing and presenting a final product which we will share with you when we are finished (surprise)!

Then we will venture on to our Original Art Works Lessons. This is a school fundraiser that is very beneficial to our school. You should have gotten a folder at the school pick up for your child with a labeled paper in it. (Thank you Krista Ramey for putting this together!) Please remind your child not to draw on this paper until we begin this project. That will involve (depending on grade level) using typography (letter design) and art techniques that reflect their feelings and interests. Of course a lot of things will be developing this year as we personalize the lessons to fit individual needs. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

If you haven't seen the suggested art supply list, please check My Schoology homepage. If you have any questions, difficulty securing supplies, or can't get to it, just email me: Sheryl.Fiolek@lcps.org.

Thanks so much for your support, let's have an amazing year!

Mrs. Sheryl Fiolek

Library

Paula Dillon

Welcome to "school library 2020"! Library lessons will be offered synchronously one week and asynchronously the next. I will have live meets with first, third, and fourth grades during the first week of school, and with kindergarten, second, and fifth grades the second week. If your child is not meeting with me live there will be a lesson posted for them to work on independently. Our first lessons will cover what our distance lessons will look like, as well as procedures for getting books from the library. We will be offering curbside pickup as well as a book bus that will make two stops in the area once a week. After that, the younger students will go over how to take care of their books and everyone will be reviewing the ebooks and other resources available through LCPSGo. The general outline of library plans for this quarter can be found on the Lincoln Library webpage. <https://www.lcps.org/domain/10281> I can't wait to see our Lincoln Leopards' smiling faces again!

Counseling Connection

Welcome back to Lincoln!

My name is Holly Janson and I am the School Counselor at Lincoln Elementary. I am super excited to be back at Lincoln AND back to school.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students. Many times I get puzzled looks when I say I provide career development at the elementary level, but it is never too early for children to be exposed to the opportunities their futures will hold! I look forward to offering support to the Lincoln students, staff, families, and community.

I will be starting classroom counseling lessons on the first day of school. I will be having classroom lessons every other week virtually. September we will start by getting comfortable with the expectations of virtual learning and learning what a school counselor does!

If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. I am so excited to work with your children and get to know you throughout the school year!

All the best,
Ms. Holly Janson
Lincoln Elementary School
School Counselor
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