Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Lincoln students, teachers and staff, and families, for an excellent start to the school year! The Lincoln students enjoyed working with their buddy class on creating their dream playground out of pipe cleaners, playdough, popsicle sticks, and other items on the first day of school. We enjoyed our afternoon playground dedication program and thank you to Dr. Ellis, Mrs. Ramey, and Mrs. Clark for their support of our new playground! On Friday, Mrs. Porter took our schoolwide photo and it looks great! We appreciate the support from our Lincoln families and we are off to a great beginning!

On Friday, September 10, we will have a short flag ceremony at 8:00 a.m. in honor of Patriot Day. Firefighters from the Purcellville fire department will raise the flags and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Parents are invited to join us for this ceremony. If you are planning to join us, please arrive at 7:55 a.m. on September 10 and meet us by the flagpole.

During the school year, we plan to have volunteer opportunities for students and parents. One of our community partnerships is with JK Community Farms. On Monday, September 13, parents and students are invited to meet at the farm to volunteer from 3:00- 4:00 p.m. I emailed a waiver form for each family to complete if you are able to join us at the farm. We will be helping the farm to harvest peppers! JK Community Farm donates 100% of their food to local families in need.

The students have been enjoying the new playground and we thank Mrs. Ramey and the Lincoln PTO, Dr. Ellis, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, and Mrs. Clark for their work and support. Our next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. and all parents are invited to join us. This will be a virtual meeting and the Google meet code is LincolnPTO. Join the Google meet using your child's chromebook device.

We want to welcome our new staff members to Lincoln! Jami Cutrell is our new EL teacher. Sheila Bryant is our first grade assistant and cafeteria hostess. Kristin Washko is our first grade teacher. Lora Webster is our special education resource assistant. Renee Voce is our
fifth grade teacher. Deb Smith is our guidance counselor. We thank our new staff for their work and support!

We thank each Lincoln family for their support during the first week of school and I want to welcome our new students and families to the Lincoln community! A reminder that if you have a transportation change, please call the office by 12:30 p.m. at (540) 751-2430 or send in a note. Please do not email Mrs. Beard about a transportation change. If you have any questions, please email me at Dave.Michener@lcps.org.

Sincerely,

Dave Michener

Calendar

September 3 Holiday No School
September 6 Holiday No School
September 8 Moveable Monday Monday Schedule for Specials
September 8 Lock Down Drill 11:00 a.m.
September 10 Patriot Day Spirit Day Students and Staff Wear Red, White, and Blue
September 10 Flag Ceremony with Purcellville Fire Department 8:00 a.m.
September 10 Joe Corbi's Orders Due
September 11 Patriot Day
September 12 Fall Spirit Wear Orders are Due Online on PTBoard
September 13 Students and Parents Volunteer at JK Community Farm 3:15-4:15 p.m.
September 15 PTO Wednesday Tennis Club Starts 2:35-3:35 p.m.
September 16 Holiday No School
September 20 Virtual PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 21 PTO Spirit Night at Chik Fil A 5:00-8:00 p.m.
September 22 PTO Wednesday Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
September 23 PTO Thursday Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
September 24 Spirit Day Team Number Day Students and Staff Wear a shirt with a number
September 28 PTO Chunky Blanket Workshop for Parents at Lincoln 6:00 p.m.
September 29 PTO Wednesday Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
September 30 PTO Thursday Tennis Club 2:35-3:35 p.m.

PTO News

All parents are members of the PTO just by being a parent at Lincoln. PTO meetings are once per month on the third Monday from 7-8 pm. We will hold our meetings virtually this year. There are no dues to join, and everyone’s participation is welcomed. Our first meeting of the
2021-2022 school year will be on Monday, September 20th at 7 pm. Details about the virtual meeting will be posted closer to the date.

The current officers include:
- President: Krista Ramey
- Vice President: Sara Brown
- Volunteer Coordinator: Erica Scott
- Secretary: Tiffany Woodcheke

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to be back and to see the children and families again! Now you may be wondering, if you missed it, what is the PTO and who are the board members this year? 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 as well as coordinates numerous after school enrichment opportunities.

- Treasurer: Megan Meyer
- Fundraising Director: Lori Erdman

Committee Leads:
- PR & Social Media: Christi Porter
- Teacher/Staff Liaison: Julie Reiter
- Spirit Wear Coordinator: Melanie Pawluk
- After-School Enrichment: Harriet Wegmeyer
- School Board Liaison: Sara Brown
- Yearbook Coordinator: Dania Hye
- LCL Coordinator: Christi Porter

Along with various supplies, emails, and paperwork, please check out the PTO letter that was sent in email form as well as in print for your family. It has an abundance of useful information you’ll want to retain throughout the year. Some of the information covered includes the 2021-2022 school calendar (as is stands currently), how to log on to PTBoard, and special events like Joe Corbi (for those days you just do not want to cook or forgot to plan a meal) and spirit wear! Joe Corbi orders are due by September 10th and our fall spirit wear store closes on September 12th.

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 directory will be located via this board as well. You may find our school’s PTBoard at lincoln.ptboard.com. All parents who already have a PTBoard account will need to re-sign in with their login information and update any information. You may 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 CHNESS
5. Please navigate to “Forms and Payments” -> “Free Membership & School Directory for the Year” to fill out all your student and parent information. This also allows you to “opt out” of your information showing in the directory if you so choose.

6. Be sure to “check out”. Again, this is FREE.

7. The PTO will get notification that you have signed up and “approve” your membership. 
   a. Once this is done you will be able to access the site completely

8. This process needs to be done annually for ALL families, new and returning.

Some of the events found on PT Board:

Order your spirit wear now at Lincoln Spirit Wear. Online ordering ends on Sunday, September 12th and will ship approximately 3 weeks after the store closes. You will not want to miss out on some of these great items, perfect for spirit days! And there are some great new items not to miss.

The PTO will also be sponsoring a chunky blanket making class. Have you ever wanted to learn to hand knit a chunky blanket? Did you make one last year and forgot how to make them? Or do you want to learn a new stitch? Well, now is your chance. Lori Erdman will be organizing this event. This is going to be a lot of fun and you can make a blanket, from start to finish, within a few hours. It truly is a lovely holiday gift for a loved one. This will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at 6 pm at Lincoln Elementary School. Please see the link here to sign up. Chunky Blanket Class

Don’t worry if these aren’t your things, just by shopping with Amazon Smile and yearly linking your Harris Teeter grocery card to Lincoln Elementary School can make a huge difference, it’s free and only takes a few minutes.

To sign up to support Lincoln Elementary through SmileAmazon: smile.amazon.com and search for Lincoln PTO Inc. It should show as Purcellville, VA.

Or you can go to amazon.com, look and Account and List and choose “Amazon Smile Charity List” and search for Lincoln PTO Inc. Our unique charity link is as follows: Smile Amazon Charity Link.

Harris Teeter: Your card needs to be linked annually for Lincoln to receive funds. To re-link or link to Lincoln Elementary, please click here: https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education

Either create or sign into your account. Part way down the page, find the link school button. You may either find it by our 4-digit code: 1601 or by typing in Lincoln Elementary School. Be sure to pick the Purcellville location.

You can also go into the store and update your card at the customer service desk.

We thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to our children. It takes a village, and we have a strong village. WELCOME BACK!

PE Mrs. Clark

Welcome back!
It is so wonderful to see our students back in the building ready to learn for another year at Lincoln. Our playground dedication was such a great way to start our year and to give our students another opportunity to be active outside. This month, we will be working on cooperative games, as well as throwing and catching. Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be working on fitness assessments which will lead to goal setting. This month we will also be focusing on the food groups and learning foods that we can eat to help us create a balanced diet of a variety of foods. As a reminder, please help your children be prepared for PE days by having them wear sneakers and comfortable clothing those days. Have a fantastic September!

Mrs. Clark

Counseling Connection
Mrs. Smith, School Counselor

Greeting Lincoln Families,
I am the School Counselor this year! I am super excited to be here and get to know all of you throughout the year! As your school counselor, I am here to promote academic, career and social emotional development of all students. I am so excited to do some fun lessons this year in your classes! I look forward to offering support to all Lincoln students, staff, families, and community.

During the week of August 30th, I will be starting classroom counseling lessons. I will be having lessons every other week in your classrooms, and I will begin by learning about what a school counselor does!

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns at any time. I will be at Lincoln on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year. My email is debra.smith@lcps.org. I look forward to working with you this year!

Deb Smith

Health Clinic
Ms. Oliver

Reminders from the School Health Office
Our school’s health clinic specialist is Kathleen Oliver. She works in the school health office each day from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A health clinic specialist (HCS) works under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse (resource nurse). School staff can contact the school resource nurse at any time for advice or emergencies. HCSs are trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of an external automatic defibrillator (AED), and medication administration. Additionally, HCS's are trained in Covid19 safety mitigation and procedures & processes to promote a healthy school environment for all students, staff and families. The resource nurse visits the school regularly. Carol Rothacker, MSN, RN-BC is the resource nurse for Lincoln Elementary School.
Health office personnel are not allowed to make a medical diagnosis. If you have an urgent medical concern, please take your child to their personal physician or a medical facility. If your child has any significant medical needs, please notify the HCS/RN even if the school has been notified in previous school years. If your child has asthma, diabetes, seizures, sickle cell life-threatening allergies, or other medical conditions, you and the physician will need to complete an **Action Plan and Physician’s Order** form so the school can understand and address your child’s needs. Copies of these forms, as well as other medical forms, are available in the school health office and on the Loudoun County Public School (LCPS) website under Student Health Services. These forms must be updated each school year.

A parent or guardian must deliver any medication (prescription or over-the-counter OTC) to the school health office. Students may not transport any medication to or from school. Parents are responsible for picking up any unused medication. Medication remaining in the health office at the end of the year will be destroyed according to state law and LCPS guidelines.

If your child takes a prescription medication it must be provided by the parent/guardian in an original pharmacy-labeled bottle and include the **Authorization for Medication Administration** form filled out and signed/dated by the physician and the parent/guardian. The HCS/RN must have written instructions from the physician in order to administer prescription medications. If the HCS/RN needs to administer over the counter medication it must be provided by the parent/guardian in an original package and include the **Authorization for Medication Administration** form filled out and signed/dated by parent/guardian. OTC medication will only be given in the amount listed on the package for your child’s age and weight and for the recommended length of time. The HCS/RN cannot administer medication that is not in its original container.

If your child is ill because of a contagious disease such as the flu, strep throat, chickenpox, etc., it would be helpful to note the reason for the absence when you call the absentee call line. This will help the school take measures to know the extent of the disease and reduce its spread. Students who have fevers should be kept at home until free of fever for 24 hours. Students who do not feel well should stay home. When students come to school ill, they not only are unable to participate fully in class, but they may also infect other students with their illness.

All 3rd, 7th, and 10th grade students and students new to LCPS will be screened for Vision and Hearing during the first 60 days of school. Kindergarten students who did not have distance vision screening or hearing tests during a physical exam within two months of the beginning of school will also be screened. The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that school divisions provide information on scoliosis to parents of students in grades 5-10. The scoliosis flyer is provided by the school at the beginning of each school year.

Be sure to keep your emergency contact information updated so we can reach you if your child is ill or injured. This can easily be done online through the ParentVUE on the LCPS website.

Welcome back to school to all of our Lincoln Leopard students, staff and families. Please contact me anytime should you have any questions or updates on 540-751-2430 or email me.
Art News
Ms. Bright

Hello Lincoln!
I am glad to be back at Lincoln teaching art for the 2021-2022 school year!
Our year will start off by participating in the Original Works fundraiser.
All students will be making self-portraits for their art submission.
Students will use crayons, markers and color pencils to complete their artwork.
I will be offering a few after school art programs this year, so stay tuned!
See you soon,
Ms. Bright

Music
Mr. Duggan

Welcome back to school everyone!
I cannot wait to get back into the classroom to safely make music with everyone once again! I am very excited to announce that singing with masks and playing instruments has been deemed safe. That means we will once again explore and apply a wide variety of classroom instruments (such as hand drums, egg shakers, and rhythm sticks to name a few) and singing games can resume. Other safety precautions will remain in place so that we can all stay happy, healthy, and musical.
One question I received a lot last year was “when will we play recorder?” There is no definitive answer for that this year as woodwind instruments are still considered a risk requiring special masks extra distance. The LCPS music department has recommended waiting to decide on recorders until later in the year so look forward to an update in a future newsletter.
Please don't hesitate to ever reach out with a question or concern. Here's to a music filled school year!
Spencer I. Duggan
@MrDugganMusic
Music Specialist, Itinerant
Banneker & Lincoln Elementary Schools

Library
Mrs. Dillon

Welcome to another school year at Lincoln! I am so looking forward to seeing students in person again in the library. Each class will visit the library each week for a lesson and time to browse and check out books. Restrictions on quarantining books after they've been handled have been lifted, which will make checkout time more fun and easier for everyone. I will be
having students wash their hands or use hand sanitizer on their way in and out of the library as an extra precaution.

Lessons at the beginning of the year will focus on library manners and book care for younger students and strategies for using our library catalog and online resources for older students.

Please let me know if I can help support your family in any way!

Paula Dillon
Librarian

Paula.dillon@lcps.org

Mrs. Cornell
SEARCH

Welcome to SEARCH! I am your SEARCH teacher, Mrs. Cornell, and I am excited to join the Lincoln family. This is my 19th year teaching and my 11th year in LCPS. I have taught in Texas, Italy, and Alexandria, Virginia but now call Loudoun County home. I have a daughter in 1st grade and a son in 3rd grade at Banneker Elementary, where my husband is a 5th grade teacher.

SEARCH is a K-4 enrichment program offered to all students. The program format is slightly different due to last year’s DL environment. For the first half of the year, students in grades 1-4 will participate in SEARCH lessons. At the conclusion of the second quarter, Kindergarten will begin partaking in SEARCH lessons.

Please let me know if you have any questions at acornell@lcps.org. I look forward to a wonderful year!

Lincoln Elementary is routinely inspected in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). As required by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the EPA, this notification is to inform you that asbestos-containing material (ACM) is present in several locations in our school. The ACM is inspected semi-annually by qualified LCPS personnel to ensure that the material remains in good condition and is not creating an exposure hazard for building occupants. Records of all inspections, response actions, and sampling data are compiled in the school’s Asbestos Management Plan document. This document also indicates the locations where asbestos-containing materials may be present.

The Asbestos Management Plan can be found in the administrative office at the school. In addition, a copy is maintained in the Loudoun County Public Schools Facilities Services Environmental Division offices, located at 741 Miller Drive, Leesburg, Virginia. Please feel free to request additional information about our Asbestos Management Plan, inspection findings, and our plan of action. The document is available for your review during normal office hours.

September Birthdays
Mrs. Dillon September 4
Elizabeth September 8
Zoey September 15
Colden September 17
Mrs. Cutrell September 17
Ayden September 20
Patrick September 20
Danny September 21
Mrs. Mendez September 23
Anna September 24