# Lincoln Bulletin September 1, 2016

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### Important Dates

Friday, September 2 Teacher Institute

NO CLASS FOR STUDENTS

Monday, September 5 Labor Day Holiday

**NO SCHOOL** 

Tuesday, September 6 Gr. 4 & 5 Curriculum Night

6:00-6:15 PM Gym 6:15-7:00 PM Classroom

Wednesday, September 7 Kindergarten and Gr. 1 Curriculum Night

6:00-6:15 PM Gym 6:15-7:00 PM Classroom

**Gr. 2-3 Curriculum Night** 

7:00-7:15 PM Gym 7:15-8:00 PM Classroom

Monday, September 12 Board of Education Meeting

7:00 PM at Corron Elementary

Friday, September 16 Kick-a-Thon

6:00 PM at St. Charles North High School

Thursday, September 22 PTO Meeting

6:30 PM at Lincoln

Monday, September 26 Color Portraits

Student Photographs and Classroom Pictures taken

# From the Principal

We have had a successful start to our 2016-2017 school year! There have been many changes in the Lincoln community, and students have adjusted wonderfully. There are many new students, teachers, and other staff members that have joined us this year. Everyone has done a great job of welcoming our new faces and making them feel at home.

#### The 3 C's

One thing that has helped us with the new transition is our focus on the 3 C's that were developed last year. We have taken time to review these in the classrooms and during our announcements in the morning:

- Care about your learning
- Commit to progress
- Carry out common courtesies and respect.

This past week, I have asked students to focus on third "C". One way students can do this is by being friendly to others throughout the day. We have practiced looking at people and greeting them as we arrive each morning. This includes other students, teachers, lunch parents, bus drivers, our custodian, and our office staff. A smile and a "good morning" can definitely brighten someone's day!

Please take some time to review and reinforce these concepts at home and when you are out and about. I'd love to hear some examples of what students are modeling when they are away from school!

#### Introducing...

Since we have so many new staff members this year, I would like to introduce them over the next few weeks in the Lincoln Bulletin. Our first introduction is Mrs. Gehrig, our Social Worker.

#### **Lincoln Elementary Social Work Services**

I wanted to introduce myself as the new Social Worker here at Lincoln Elementary. I am very excited to be returning to CUSD 303 after a few years in District 302. In my role at Lincoln I will be meeting with students for a variety of reasons both individually, in small groups, and in the classroom. Through the Second Step classroom lessons, your student will be working on skills that improve their learning, teach empathy, emotion management, and problem solving. Throughout the year they may be bringing links to the lessons we teach to review at home. I work part time and I am at Lincoln on Tuesday, Wednesday and every other Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. <a href="mailto:kristin.gehrig@d303.org">kristin.gehrig@d303.org</a>, 331-228-3394

#### Cell phones

I realize that for communication purposes, some students carry a cell phone or other devices with them to school. Our policy is that these devices need to be in backpacks and turned off throughout the day. This includes the time that students are on the buses. Teachers have been asked to remind students of this expectation. Please reinforce this with your child if they carry a cell phone.

#### **Curriculum Nights**

Next week we will hold our curriculum nights for parents to learn about our work for this year. The scheduled times are listed in the bulletin. This is a time for parents to come learn more about Lincoln and about the work their child will be doing this school year. Each evening will start with a 15 minute presentation in the gym. I will share the focus for our building as determined by the work of our School Improvement Team this summer. I will also be sharing other pertinent information for parents. Mrs. Lisa Moline, our PTO president, will speak about the work of the PTO. After that, parents will join the classroom teachers to learn more about the curriculum and expectations at that grade level. I hope to see you all there!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Mrs. Balaskovits, Principal

## Lincoln Hours

The Lincoln School office hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily. The office phone number is 331-228-2500. Messages can be left on voicemail 24 hours a day. The school day begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:00 PM for grades 1-5 Lincoln students. For AM Kindergarten the school day begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 11:15 AM. For PM Kindergarten the school day begins at 12:25 PM for and ends at 3:00 PM.

# Pre-Arranged Absence Forms

Absences (other than sick days or doctor appointments) during the school year are considered UNEXCUSED unless a pre-arranged absence form is completed. This form allows students to make-up homework missed during the absence. Forms must be received at least two school days prior to the absence. Prearranged (Excused) absences shall be limited to five per year.

Prearranged absence forms are available in the main lobby in the magazine rack and on the Lincoln School website. Thank you for your cooperation.

## From the Secretary

- Students received their lunch cards at school. Parents will use PushCoin to make
  payments to lunch accounts. Please visit <a href="www.PushCoin.com">www.PushCoin.com</a> to set-up a lunch account
  for your child. You will need your child's student ID number to add your child to your
  PushCoin account.
- All money sent to school must be put into an envelope, and clearly marked with your student's name, classroom, and purpose (i.e. Emily Smith, 2K, lunch money).
- Aramark Lunch Menus will be on the Lincoln School website. There are also some copies
  of the menu in the magazine rack in the main lobby.
- It is assumed all eligible bus riders will be riding the bus home UNLESS we are notified in writing. Please refrain from last minute changes (except in emergencies). The office can be extremely busy, and voicemail messages left may not be heard before dismissal.
- If you still need school supplies, I have one School Toolbox for each Grade K,1, 2 and 5 and 2 Toolboxes for Grade 3. Please call the office if you would like to purchase one.

• If you plan on volunteering in the school (i.e. Copy Cats, classroom parties, AVIC, etc.) you must complete a <u>Volunteer Information and Waiver of Liability</u> form. If you would like a copy sent home with your child, please call the office.



Lunch/Recess Supervisors are needed. Students have lunch/recess starting at 11:35 am until 12:30 pm. Applications are in the main office. If you have any further questions, please call either Nicole Grosh at 331-228-5028 or Patricia Burton at 331-228-5242.

# A Note From the Nurse

#### Safety tip:

Parents please do not send your children to school in flip flop shoes.

We strongly recommend gym shoes or other supportive shoes to prevent accidents on the blacktop, the stairs and throughout the building.

#### Nutrition:

Make sure your child has a healthy breakfast to prevent tummy aches that are often hard to resolve while at school and cause a child to miss instructional time in the classroom. A breakfast bar in the car is better than no breakfast at all! Please send a water bottle to school daily to ensure good hydration.

We hope you have a safe and wonderful start to the new school year! Nurse Carol

# A Message from the Library (LRC)

Students began visiting the library this week to check out books and learn about how they'll use technology and the internet to expand their knowledge.

Please help your child remember which day of the week they visit the library for book check out in order to return their books on time. This will allow them to borrow more books and grow as readers!

Listed below are the days of the week each class visits the LRC for book checkout:

- Kindergarten (AM/PM) Tuesdays
- 1st Friday
- 2nd Friday
- 3rd Thursday
- 4th Monday
- 5th Thursday

In addition to coming to the library to hear stories, learn about authors and illustrators, and borrow books, students come to the library to use technology to enhance their learning. District

303 has approved many safe, engaging, educational websites that allow students to work and collaborate in new and exciting ways as 21st century learners. These websites and online tools are referred to as Web 2.0.

In keeping with internet safety guidelines, use of many of these websites require parent or guardian permission. In this year's registration packet you received a <u>Web 2.0 Approval Form</u>. If you haven't signed and returned this form to the office please do so, so that you child can benefit from these resources.

Thank you, Mrs. Dainko



# St. Charles East & North Drill Teams are once again joining together to

**KICK CANCER** 

at the 22nd Annual

Kick-A-Thon

Friday, September 16, 2016

## St. Charles North Football Stadium

Lincoln School has a collection box in the main hallway, and students are encouraged to sign the Lincoln School banner.

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# REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 10TH BOYS - GIRLS BITTY AND IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

Open registration runs through September 10th for ALL Bitty and In-House Programs. After September 10th, a \$25 late fee will apply.

STORM recently transitioned to a new website and registration system, Sports Illustrated Play. All families are required to set up a new account in Sports Illustrated play prior to registering players.

Visit our new website at <u>www.stcstorm.com</u> for detailed information on our programs, to create a new account and to register. On-line registration required.



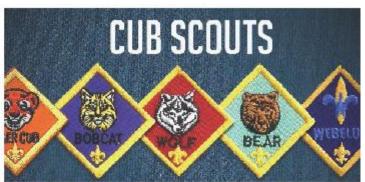


#### WE NEED COACHES!

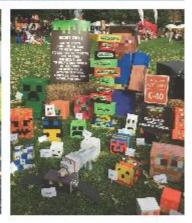
Interested in coaching in our program?
Our coaches are passionate about the game of basketball, provide instruction and mentor their players.

PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION









# Pack 113 Upcoming Events



8/27 — Cubmobile Derby
9/1 —Popcorn Sales Begin
9/16 — Campfire at Primrose Farm
9/18 Hike at Hampshire Forest Preserve
9/20 — Pack Meeting in Lincoln Gym
9/23-24 — Day 1 Campout, LeRoy Oakes
9/26 — Parents' Meeting

http://lincolnpack113.scoutlander.com http://threefirescouncil.org joinpack113@gmail.com



#### Committee Chairs Needed

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the upcoming events for this school year! I was great to see so many new and familiar faces at the welcome back events. Below are the committees still in need of chairs. Grab a friend and sign up!

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Teacher Cookie Exchange
- · St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser
- Fuel up to Play 60

#### Upcoming Events

September 16th - Run-a-thon Kickoff

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - General PTO Meeting

Join us in the library at 6:30 for our first PTO meeting of the year. Here about the fun events we have planned, how you can help and meet fellow parents. Childcare will be available if needed. Please RSVP for childcare to Lisa at <a href="mailto:lisa@modusmg.com">lisa@modusmg.com</a>

#### Signing up for Directory Spot

This year, our school directory will be housed on Directory Spot. This is an app that will allow you to have the information from the directory at your fingertips. No more searching for the little book! To receive access to the app, you will need to follow these steps:

- 1. Fill out the information form with as little or as much info as you want to share on this form.
- 2. Once you fill out the form, you will receive an email from DirectorySpot to set your password.
- 3. Download the app from the Google Play Store or the App Store
- 4. Enter your email and password as your log in.
- 5. Done!

Please email us at <a href="mailto:stellar.com">stellar.com</a> if you have any questions or issues. Access won't be instant, but we will get your account set up as soon as possible.

If you already filled out the information form at the end of last school year or sent it in with your registration forms, you are already entered. You will be receiving a Directory Spot email shortly. If any of your information is inaccurate, please let us know.

If you have filled out directory information and do NOT wish to use the app, please email us to request a paper copy sent home.