



Lincoln Elementary
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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Facebook and Twitter

Please like "Lincoln Elementary School" on Facebook to get updates and see pictures of all the great things happening at our school. You can also follow us on Twitter, @LincolnElemWash. Be sure to use *#washpride* when sharing about events in our school district on Facebook and Twitter.

Absence Line

Just a reminder to call the office if your student is not coming to school for any reason. You may call the main number, 653-3691, after 7:30 or any time before 8:30 on the absence line, 653-1101. Please include the reason for absence as we code all absences in Powerschool. Thanks for your help!

Dismissal Time

Our first dismissal bell will ring at 3:25 for early buses and students that get picked up. The second bell will ring at 3:30 for late buses and students that walk. If you have any questions please call the office at 319-653-3691.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are invited to come to Parent/Teachers conferences and visit with their children's teachers. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 26 from 4:00-7:30. If you have any questions, please give Lincoln a call at 653-3691.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served each morning from 7:40 - 8:00. If students plan on eating breakfast, please have them come to the gym right away when they get to school to eat first, before they go out to recess.

Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will be taking re-take pictures on Friday, October 20. All students should have a picture taken so if your student missed the original picture day on September 8th they will have their picture taken on Oct. 20th. If parents did not like the pictures that were taken in September, they can return their picture package and have those pictures re-taken. If you would like to order online, go to MYLIFETOUCH.COM. The code for retakes is BN807457Q1.

5th Grade Band

5th Grade Band has started. Students will have individual lessons at Lincoln and large group at the High School. Each Monday **percussion** will go to the High School at 3:05 and finish at 4:00. Each Tuesday, **brass** will meet at the same time at the High School and on Thursday, **woodwinds** will meet for their large group. These students will need to be picked up at the High School at 4:00 on these days.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

As your child's school nurse, we want to welcome your child back to school for what promises to be a productive and exciting new school year. We also want to make you aware of a "pesky" situation that impacts schools around the country, often as the school year begins.

Pediculosis, or head lice, will always be present in the community and are most common among preschool and elementary children. We have attached detailed information on identifying head lice and the recommended steps to treat it. Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not transmit disease. The Iowa Department of Public Health does not support routine classroom or school-wide screenings to stop head lice. We will be focusing on parent and staff education about head lice detection, treatment, and prevention. It is important for families and schools to work together to manage head lice. Here are some steps you can take to reduce head lice outbreaks:

- Check your child's head at least once a week.
- Talk to your child about how common head lice are among school-aged children.
- Discourage your child from sharing combs, brushes, hats, scarves, hair accessories, and earphones.
- Keep hats, mittens and scarves in the sleeves of your child's coat.
- Encourage your child to tie back or braid long hair.
- If your child is found to have head lice at school you will be notified by phone and provided with educational materials for treatment. It is expected that treatment be started before your child returns the next day. Treatment **MUST** be done in conjunction with cleaning, or a re-infestation is likely. For children traveling between parents, share this information with everyone involved. Do not forget to check and treat, if necessary, everyone in the household.
- Our goal as school nurses is to provide you with the information you need to safeguard your child's health and ensure that his or her education is not disrupted. We hope you find this information useful, and send best wishes to your child for a rewarding school year.

Holly Roth (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Shelly Hoffman (Tuesday, Friday)
Lincoln School Nurses

MRS. BEENBLOSSOM

What a great start to the school year!! It is always fun to welcome our 3rd graders and see how much our 4th and 5th graders have changed over the summer! Coral was VERY glad to be back! She missed all of the love she receives when she is at school!

This year we have started PBIS and are in full swing! Students have been explicitly taught and have practiced the expectations in our expected areas! Adults are noticing and giving verbal praise coupled with tickets on a regular basis! Please refer to our PBIS brochure and letter that were sent home on meet the teacher night!

I have gone into each classroom to read, The Energy Bus, by Jon Gordon to the students. It's a story about staying positive and overcoming challenges. In the book, the characters talk about creating a positive vision, fueling your ride with positive energy, no bullies allowed, love your passengers and enjoy the ride! It is a great book! If you would like to borrow it to read, please let me know, as I would be happy to loan it out - you can always pick it up on Amazon too!!

While we are focusing on the positive there will still be consequences when necessary. Adults will be using the following conversations for success, which allow students the opportunity to fix what they are doing.

1. I noticed you(fill in the blank) 2. Tell me what you should be doing? 3. Can you do that?
4. Do you need help? 5. Please show me what it should look like? 6. Teacher gives Positive Performance Feedback. 7. Can you follow the expectation from now on?

If students refuse, or are defiant the adult offers choices. One of the choices may be to try to resolve the problem in the office. We want students to be able to have the opportunity to correct their own behavior and practice will assist in that.

We had a successful Bike a Thon and prizes will go home on October 6th!

Before and After School Pick-up and drop off

Parents should be dropping off and picking students up from either the north side of the building on Monroe street or on the West side, where the playground is located on South 6th Street before and after school. **Please do not pick up or drop off out front for safety reasons.**

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have! We are excited for an amazing year here a Lincoln Elementary!!

Again, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you need something or have any questions!!

Teresa Beenblossom
Lincoln Principal

BLOG SITES

3rd Grade Blog Site

Ms. Doorenbos, Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Hinson,
Mrs. Rausch Ms. Vander Stoep
3rd Grade Teachers
<https://lincoln3rdgrade.blogspot.com/>

5th Grade Blog Site

Mrs. Bruty, Mr. Berhow, Mr. Green,
Mr. Hippen, Mrs Olson
5th Grade Teachers
<http://lincoln5thgrade.blogspot.com/>

Other Blog Sites

Mrs. Hill
Music
Hillmusicblog.blogspot.com

Mrs. Brokaw
ELL Teacher
<http://brokawbulletin.blogspot.com/>

Mrs. Humphreys
Art Teacher
<https://sites.google.com/a/washington.k12.ia.us/lincoln-elementary-art/>

Mrs. Sieren
ELP/Title Teacher
<http://sierenelp.blogspot.com>

Mr. Hippen
5th Grade Teacher
<https://mrhippen5thgrade.blogspot.com/>

October 2017

- Tues., Oct. 3 - Girls on the Run
STEM Club - Media Center
- Wed., Oct. 4 - Walk from 8:03 - 8:30 for Iowa Healthiest State
- Thurs., Oct. 5 - Latino Parent Night at 6:30 in the Public Library
Girls on the Run
- Fri., Oct. 6 - GUM Day
- Tues., Oct. 10 - Fire Assembly and Fire Stations
Girls on the Run
STEM Club
McTeacher Night at McDonalds from 5:00 - 7:00
- Thurs., Oct. 12 - Girls on the Run
- Tues., Oct. 17 - Vision Screenings
Girls on the Run
STEM Club
- Wed., Oct. 18 - 1:10 Dismissal - Professional Growth**
- Thurs., Oct. 19 - Girls on the Run
- Fri., Oct. 20 - Picture Retakes
- Mon., Oct. 23 - Lincoln PTG at 5:30 in Lincoln Media Center
- Tues., Oct. 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30
Lincoln Book Fair
Girls on the Run - Location to be announced
- Thurs., Oct. 26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30
Lincoln Book Fair
- Mon., Oct. 30 - Girls on the Run
- Tues., Oct. 31 - Halloween Activities 2:10 - 3:10



District Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Washington Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact Mr. Dicks or Mrs. Thode at 319-653-6543.

