



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Arrives!

Principal's Message . . .



The amber tones and muted shades of beige are replacing the green hue, indicating the change of another season—in plain language . . . can you believe it's FALL?

This Friday marks the mid-point of the first quarter —time to take a moment to review your child's grades! Progress notes are no longer mailed home in hard-copy fashion, only report cards will be mailed home at the end of each quarter.

Knowing that getting information from middle school students is often more difficult than teaching a cat to sing, our Parent Portal provides insight into your child's performance and a review of their grades. Many parents find this tool quite useful and share the following tips:

- ◆ Check the Parent Portal WITH your child. This helps to generate conversation and provides immediate feedback.
- ◆ Look at grades often, but not too frequently. Many parents look at grades every two weeks.
- ◆ Use the link to a teacher's email to ask questions. Grading procedures can be complex and typically vary based on the subject. Simple averages are not the norm as most teachers employ "weighted" or "categorical" grading systems. If something does not look right, ask.

We hope that your transition to another school year has been smooth and we look forward to 2011-12. We hope you enjoyed this final day of summer and look forward to the rest of the year!

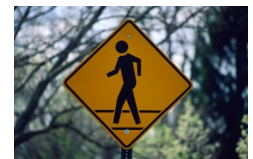
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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURES

I appreciate our families' cooperation and patience during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. Student safety is our #1 priority and we appreciate parents' efforts in helping us be sure that our students arrive and dismiss safely. There are just a few points that I want to remind parents of that will help with this part of our school day:

- ◆ Students must be **IN CLASS** at 7:45am. Therefore, morning target drop-off time should be between 7:30 and 7:40am. The only entrance open after 7:40am is Door #1 (front office).
- ◆ Students may only exit vehicles that are pulled over in the right lane, next to the sidewalk. This applies to both the front turn-around and the Candota drop-off lane.
- ◆ Walkers and drivers should cooperate with our crossing guards on Lincoln Street. Always exercise extra caution when students are entering/dismissing school grounds.
- ◆ It is illegal to use cell phones in School Zones. Refrain from using your cell phone during drop off and pick up times.
- ◆ Bicyclists are required to walk their bike while on school grounds and motorists should pay extra attention on their way to and from schools.

Thank you for respecting these guidelines which are in place for the safety of Lincoln students.



Beyond the front page . . .

- = After School Academic Help for Students
- = Dynamite Night—a Flyer from your PTA
- = Info from the YMCA

CROSS COUNTRY—Running away with success! A few words from Mr. Shaffer and Ms. Elzer . . .

The cross country team is “on a roll” after winning their 3rd and 4th straight conference meets this week. During this streak they have also won 16 races in a row & counting...



On Tuesday, the cross country team had its best team race of the season against London, with the majority of the runners recording their fastest times on our course. In the 8th grade boys race: Lincoln had a “long red line” in the front, taking the top 5 spots. Karson—1, Matt – 2, Colin – 3, Max – 4, Griffin – 5, Kyle – 7, Ryan – 10, Mike – 11, & Javier – 13. The 8th grade girls won by tucking 4 runners behind London’s 1st runner: Kirsten – 2, Claire – 3, Megan – 4, & Juliette – 5. The 7th grade boys beat a solid London team by 7 points. Lincoln’s top ten finishers: Brad – 19, Dexter – 17, Vinny – 15, Kevin – 13, Noah – 12, Andrew – 9, Jack – 6, Jeff – 5, Anthony – 4, and Sean – 1.

The 7th grade girls followed up their Troy 2nd place finish (out of a 50–team field) last weekend with another fine performance by placing 19 runners in the top 20. Here are Lincoln’s top 10 finishers: Megan – 11, Paige – 10, Madison – 9, Mary – 8, Emma – 7, Brittany – 6, Hannah – 5, Dana – 4, Molly – 3, and Brooke—1.

Yesterday, we faced St. Peter and (individually) took first place in 3 races and won all 4 team races. Your individual winners are: Brooke - 7 girls, Sean – 7 boys, and Kirsten – 8 girls.

Good luck at the Oak Park Invitational this weekend!

And . . . Mr. Lupo has the run down on Lincoln’s Wiffle Ball World Series!

The Lincoln Wiffle Ball World Series has come to an end!

After 18 teams valiantly fought throughout the entire tournament, only one team is able to stand up and say, ***We Are The Lincoln Wiffle Ball Champs !!***

The two day tournament came down to the Final Four Teams that included the Thugs (Tyler , Ethan, and David), RNR (Ryan, Richy, and Nick), an our championship game of The Kings (Kyle , Matt, and Steven) and the eventual champions, the Cy Youngs (Adam, Bobby, and Ryan). The championship game started out as a defensive battle until the Cy Youngs dropped 5 runs in one inning on the Kings, an inning which included home runs by both Adam and Bobby!



Congratulations to the Cy Youngs on their championship, and thank you to Adam and Bobby for putting this together for us!

CALLER ID?

Often parents will call the front office and state that their Caller ID indicates that the school called. As every phone in the building will display the (847) 394-7350 ID, the office staff may be unable to determine just exactly which staff member called your home. We certainly will check with the health and principal offices, but often are unable to determine who tried to reach your home. Typically, staff members will leave a message if there is no answer, so parents might find it helpful to listen to message before calling the general number. Thank-you.

ATTENTION 6th GRADE PARENTS! AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MRS. BROWN, R.N., SCHOOL NURSE

If you have not yet turned in your 6th grade physical, please do so immediately. Per Illinois School Code (105-5/27-8.1), all 6th grade students must have a physical exam and all required immunizations. **Forms have been emailed home to those families who have not met this requirement.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Brown directly at (847) 394-7350, X-5004.

LOST AND FOUND

Don't forget—items in the lost and found are donated to charity each quarter. The end of first quarter is October 28th.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP AROUND THE CORNER!

Basketball Tryouts—Watch and listen for information in October.
Poms Tryouts—Watch and listen for information in October.

SMILE!

Picture Retakes are scheduled for November 3rd!

OUTDOOR RECESS

Students spend 15-20 minutes outside for lunch recess daily. The weather is, obviously, getting cooler . . . so be sure your child has appropriate outdoor apparel for recess! It is a good idea to send a jacket or sweatshirt for students to simply keep in their locker to be used on an "as-needed" basis during these Autumn days of fluctuating temperatures!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



September 23

Education Foundation
Golf Outing

September 27

XC @ Holmes

September 30

Boys VB @ London

October 1

XC St Peter's Invitational

October 4

XC Conference Meet @
Melas

October 7

DYNAMITE NIGHT

October 8

IESA XC Sectionals

October 10

NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day

October 15

XC @ State

October 17

Basketball Tryouts Start

October 20

Poms Try Outs Start

It's Not Too Late!

Have that feeling that you're forgetting something? If you haven't yet joined the Lincoln PTA, there is still time and we need you! For a mere \$6 per person, our school and our kids benefit from the wealth of opportunities the PTA provides. To name but a few, Dynamite Night, Open Gyms and Graduation Activities are PTA-sponsored and depend on Lincoln families for support. In addition, we are extremely fortunate to be welcoming author Jordan Sonnenblick to Lincoln in November, thanks to you and your membership in a vibrant PTA. Check out Lincoln's website where you (spouses, too!) can find the form to become a member. If you are already a member, thank you and you should be receiving your Lincoln Directory very soon... another perk for joining.

After School Support for Students

Lincoln's LRC & Homework Express

In addition to the afterschool help and study sessions that teachers may provide, students may find it helpful to stay after school and take advantage of two other programs: Homework Express and LRC. The chart below outlines the similarities and differences between these two options. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Michelle Walsh, our LRC Director for clarification or guidance regarding after school support for your student.

Lincoln LRC	Homework Express-Room 504
Available T,W,R from 2:45-3:45 PM	Available T,W,R from 2:45-3:45 PM
Students are required to check in by 2:55 PM <i>or with a pass</i> and can stay until 3:45 PM	Students are required to check in by 2:55 PM and are required to stay until 3:45 PM.
Students are expected to arrive with materials.	Students are expected to arrive with materials.
Students may 'drop in' whenever they need to use the Lincoln's LRC for independent study. Attendance is taken to account for students' location.	Some students may be assigned to Homework Express by their Teams or by parent request. Attendance is taken and reported to Team Leaders.
Supervision provided by Mrs.Fox or Mrs.Walsh.	Lincoln staff member provides instructional support and supervision.
An academic library setting providing a quiet space and place for independent study and homework completion.	Smaller classroom setting. Instructional support and supervision is provided.
Prospect Tutors are available <i>per</i> student request.	Prospect Tutors may assist in the Homework Express classroom based on the needs of assigned students.
Students may leave the LRC, before 3:45 PM, if they've arranged transportation with their parent and/or guardian.	Students are expected to stay until 3:45 PM.

Dynamite Night

INFORMATION



LINCOLN PTA IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE DYNAMITE NIGHT!
A night of dancing, games, food and **fun** for Lincoln Middle School students

Friday, October 7, 2011
6th Grade 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Admission Tickets: \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door (includes 5 game tickets)
Advance ticket sale on October 5th, 6th, and 7th during all lunch periods in the Cafeteria.

Dance to the music provided by our DJ in the West Gym.
Play carnival games in the cafeteria. Game tickets will be **available for purchase** during
Dynamite Night for 25 cents each. Win redemption tickets and select a prize!

Suggested amount to bring for games: \$3-5

Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be **available for purchase** in the cafeteria.

Suggested amount to bring for food: \$3-5

Parents please pick up your child promptly at the conclusion of the event.
Casual dress is appropriate. Lincoln Middle School dress code must be followed.

Lincoln Middle School Students Only

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Snead
847-870-8615 or Lisa@underscan.com

Fall II Programs

October 23 - December 17

Member Registration starts October 3

Non-Member Registration starts October 10

Basketball League

Grades	Day	Time
1-2	Wed	5:30-6:30pm
3-4	Sat	10:00-12:00pm
5-7	Fri	5:30-7:30pm

Youth Volleyball

Grades	Day	Time
4-5	Mon	5:30-6:30pm
6-8	Mon	6:30-7:30 pm

Mom's Discussion Group

Instructed by a Certified Master Life Coach, Tina Haisman
Wednesdays 7-8pm

Parties at the Lattof Y

The Lattof YMCA's Adventure Center offers many exciting parties for your child. To find more about ALL the party options contact Sheri at 847.410.5289 or visit our website at lattofymca.org.

Youth Handball Class

Grades 3-10, Saturdays 4:10-5:00pm
FREE for Members!

Swim Lessons

Register for YMCA Nationally Certified swim lessons with experienced instructors. Group, semi-private and private lessons available for all ages.

Junior Water Polo Class

Ages	Day	Time
5-8	Fri	6:00-6:40pm
9-15	Fri	6:45-8:00pm



Yoga for Kids-Register Today!

Ages 7-12, Thursdays 4:15-5:00pm

Zumbatomic - Zumba for Kids

Ages 6-14, Tuesdays 4:15-5:00pm



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