



# LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## BACK TO SCHOOL—August 26th

### Principal's Message . . .

*"Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken."*

~Bill Dodds~

Well, the first day of school isn't really the day after Labor Day, but you get the idea. Believe it or not, we are getting tired of empty hallways and peace and quiet—bring on the first day of school! We are just about ready and look forward to the life that the students bring to our building. We know that parents are excited and we hope that the children are excited (at least a little bit).

We are pleased to start our school year off welcoming both Dr. Elaine Aumiller, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Susan Woodrow, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. I am confident that Lincoln will continue to flourish under their leadership and look forward to another successful year for our students.

The prized piece of paper in this mailing for our students is their schedule, but I hope that parents will try to find the time to read through everything else. The newsletter contains valuable information for parents and students and is posted on the Lincoln web page about every other week. Email is often our preferred method for parent communication, so please provide accurate email addresses and check your email often! Do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions or concerns. It is going to be another terrific year at Lincoln. **See you on August 26th!**

Mr. Angelaccio

### Outdoor Education—Sixth Grade Only

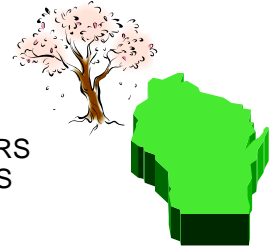
**Who:** Sixth Grade Students

**What:** Outdoor Education

**Where:** YMCA Camp MacLean  
Burlington, Wisconsin

**When:** September 29 and 30 – LIGERS  
October 1 and 2 – CHEETAHS

**Cost:** \$137.00



Lincoln sixth grade students participate in this unique learning opportunity. The program is designed to assist students in building new friendships, connecting with Lincoln faculty, and discovering the curriculum in an outdoor setting.

The YMCA Camp MacLean in Burlington, Wisconsin, has been selected as the site for this program. Math, science, social studies, art and writing skills are taught through hands-on activities in a variety of settings. Geology, water studies, compass, and journal writing lessons are paired with games, skits, and a campfire to engage students in a well-rounded experience. Sessions are taught by Lincoln and Camp MacLean faculty with assistance from parent chaperones.

Parent chaperones are integral to the success of the outdoor education program. Chaperones are responsible for a small group of students throughout the trip and will supervise a cabin of students each evening.

Medical or previous outdoor education experience is preferred, but not necessary. Instruction and training will be provided to those chaperones selected for the trip. If you are interested in being considered as a chaperone, or if you'd like more information, please contact Ms. Stefanie Elzer at [selzer@lincoln.dist57.org](mailto:selzer@lincoln.dist57.org) or Ms. Kathy Heyl at [khey1@lincoln.dist57.org](mailto:khey1@lincoln.dist57.org)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Physical Education Uniforms

**Please use the envelope enclosed to order students physical education uniforms. Checks should be made out to: Fitness Wear. Students purchasing P.E. uniforms must bring this envelope with them to PE class on Thursday, August 27.**

**STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO BRING THEIR GREEN P.E. LOCK ON THIS DATE.**

### LIONS ON THE WEB!

[www.lincoln.dist57.org](http://www.lincoln.dist57.org)

**Have Questions?**

**Need Forms?**

**Want Info?**

**Contact Info?**

**Check the Web!**

## WE WANT YOU TO KNOW

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS FROM THE OFFICE**

**We would like to remind parents of the following guidelines:**

- ⇒ When reporting an absence, please call the attendance line (847) 385-3890 before 8:00 a.m. You can leave a message at this number anytime.
- ⇒ Please help your child be organized in the morning before they come to school. We are happy to help your child be successful throughout the day, but we need to protect the classroom environment with as few interruptions as possible. Typically, we do not call into classrooms for students to pick up forgotten items such as homework, lunch, gym suit, etc. If parents bring these items during the school day, it is the student's responsibility to check in the office for the items.
- ⇒ Checks are the best way to purchase items in the school office (locks, gym suits, etc.) Often times we are unable to provide change.

Our website: [lincoln.dist57.org](http://lincoln.dist57.org) is a great source for important information, but feel free to call the office anytime.

### **FROM THE NURSE . . .**

*Please notify the health office if your child takes **daily, routine** medications at home. This is important information to include on the emergency card. We are aware of students who are medicated at school, but feel that we need to be aware if a student is on **daily** medication as well.*

### **Transportation News**

Bus route and stop information will be sent from the transportation department. Only registered riders are allowed to ride the regular bus routes. Students should be at their assigned bus stop @ 7:25 a.m. for the first few days.

Activity buses are available only to students who are involved in school-sponsored activities. Activity route sheets are available in the front office. Bus departs at 4:10 p.m., Monday-Friday. Activity routes will start on Thursday, August 27.

Please remember there is no student drop-off in the back parking lot between 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Any questions call Transportation at 847-394-7360.

### **Lincoln Lunch Program**

The MealTime lunch program will begin operation on Thursday, August 28. Students may purchase food items with cash or bring lunch from home. If, however, you have prepaid with your school fees, please watch your mail for an important letter. It will include your child's PIN number, current balance, as well as procedures for use. If you have any questions, please call Amy McPartlin at (847) 394-7300.

### **Bicycle Safety**

Riding your bicycle to school is a privilege Lincoln students enjoy during the school year. However, safety must be first and foremost if you choose to ride your bicycle to school. Remember to always WEAR A HELMET (you can store it in your locker during the day); follow all traffic rules; and, above all, **be safe**. You may be watching for cars, but they may not be watching for you. All bicycles are to be locked in the bike racks in the front of the building. Use a sturdy lock.

### **Cross Country is up and running!**

All are welcome to run! Our program provides athletes with an opportunity to build friendships, demonstrate school pride, compete with other schools, as well as allow the young athletes to reach their personal potential and goals. Practices are daily 3:15—4:00 p.m. Practices start August 17 (8—9:00 a.m.) but it's not too late to join. Students must have a physical before the first practice. Call the office with any questions!

### **Lincoln Dress Code**

The following attire is considered inappropriate at Lincoln or any school-sponsored event:

- Shirts w/ shoulder straps less than two fingers wide
  - Exposed backs, midribs or navels
  - Clothing with spikes or safety pin chains
  - Necklines that are low or revealing
  - Exposed underwear
  - Any revealing skirts or shorts
  - Clothing advertising or glorifying the use of drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, sex or violence
  - Pocket chains or heavy metal jewelry with spikes
  - Gym shoes with roller skates attached
  - Hats of any kind, including bandanas
- Students who do not follow these guidelines will be asked to correct their appearance. Gym uniforms may be required.

**MORE INFO WE WANT YOU TO KNOW!**

**DYNAMITE NIGHT**  
**Friday**  
**September 25, 2009**  
**6th Grade**  
**4:30—6:30 p.m.**  
**7th/8th Grade**  
**7:00—9:00 p.m.**

*A night of dancing, games, prizes, and food! More information to come. Plan on joining the fun!*



**WELCOME TO  
 LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

- Mr. Chris Arends, Mathematics**
- Ms. Alex Rzenno, ELL**
- Ms. Jenna Ralston, French**
- Mr. Scott Nordland, Custodian**
- Mrs. Elizabeth Straczek, Tech Ed**
- Mrs. Alexa Martin, Mathematics**

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*We extend sincere congratulations!*  
*Mr. Andrew Mays recently wed!*



This Welcome Back Newsletter is provided as a hard copy. All future editions of the Lincoln Middle School Newsletter are available by visiting the Lincoln website: [www.lincoln.dist57.org](http://www.lincoln.dist57.org). Primary email addresses provided on the student school emergency card will be sent notification of current newsletter publications. Paper copies of the current school newsletter are available in the school office any time.



The Lincoln PTA is an essential part of our school community. Their volunteerism and endless support is amazing. We encourage all Lincoln families to consider volunteering for our PTA and participating in their "No Stress" Fundraiser, which is paramount to the success of the many programs that PTA offers to Lincoln students. Thank you.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**6th Grade and New Student Orientation and 6th Grade Back-to-School Night**

August 24—6:30 p.m.  
 Team presentations, building orientation, general PTA meeting  
Please note: Conference sign-up no longer occurs at this event.

**First Day**—August 26!  
 Half-Day, students dismissed at 11:25 a.m.  
**BRING YOUR RED LOCK!**

**Gym Suit Distribution**—August 28  
 In all P.E. classes. **BRING YOUR ORDER ENVELOPE AND GREEN LOCK!**

**7th and 8th Grade Back-to-School Night**  
 September 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Team presentations, general PTA meeting.  
Please note: Conference sign-up no longer occurs at this event.

**LABOR DAY**—September 7—**NO SCHOOL**

**Student Photo Day** at Lincoln is September 9.

**Dynamite Night**—September 25!

**MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL DISTRICT 57 2009-2010 HANDBOOK AND CALENDAR**

Calendars will be sent home with your youngest child in the district in the first few days of school. There is one calendar available per family.

**ARRIVE ON TIME!**  
**LINCOLN DAILY BELL SCHEDULE**

- Entry Bell 7:48 a.m.**
- Warning Bell 7:53 a.m.**
- Advisory 7:55—8:20 a.m.**
- Period 1 8:24—9:04 a.m.**
- Period 2 9:08—9:48 a.m.**
- Period 3 9:52—10:32 a.m.**
- Period 4 10:36—11:16 a.m.—Gr 6 Lunch**
- Period 5 11:21—12:01 p.m.—Gr 7 Lunch**
- Period 6 12:06—12:46 p.m.—Gr 8 Lunch**
- Period 7 12:51—1:31 p.m.**
- Period 8 1:35—2:15 p.m.**
- Period 9 2:19—2:59 p.m.**

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS and General PTA Meetings

(Conference Sign-Up no longer occurs at this event.)

### Grade 6

**Monday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Team Presentations with Orientation**  
**An Evening for Students and Parents**  
 (Any new student to Lincoln, regardless of grade level, is invited to attend this evening.)

### Grades 7 and 8

**Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Team Presentations**  
**An Evening for Parents Only**

New Parent/Teacher Conference Format  
 November 23 and November 24, 2009  
 All Grade Levels

Communication between home and school continues as a priority for Lincoln Middle School. Parent/Teacher Conferences have, unfortunately, become known as “the time parents get to talk to the teachers.” This could not be any further from the truth. We strongly encourage parents to phone or email our teachers with any questions or concerns about their child’s experience at Lincoln throughout the entire school year. Middle school children change and grow quickly, not just physically, but academically and emotionally as well. This growth happens year-round, not just in November!

In our efforts to accommodate the changing needs of our students and families, this year we offer a new format for parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will contact parents to schedule private conferences for those students who show a great need for intervention and growth. In the evening of November 24, Lincoln will host an Open-House for all families to come to browse student work, meet our teachers and enjoy informal conversation. Parents who still may prefer to schedule a traditional conference (semi-private) with their child’s team, will have an opportunity to request a time slot. Requests for traditional conferences will be taken after November 6, by emailing your child’s team leader. Availability for traditional team conferences may be limited.

#### Teacher-Initiated Private Conferences

Monday, November 23  
 Tuesday, November 24

In October teachers will contact the families of students who they believe require special, individual conferencing.

#### Parent-Initiated Semi-Private Conferences

Monday, November 23  
 Tuesday, November 24

Parents who wish to request a traditional style conference may contact their child’s team leader after November 6 to schedule a conference time.

Availability may be limited, and requests will be taken via email between November 6 and November 18.

#### Lincoln Parent/Teacher Open House

Tuesday, November 24  
 5:30—8:00 p.m.

All parents are invited to visit Lincoln, browse displays of student work, and enjoy informal conversation with our staff.