



# Lincoln Elementary School Newsletter May 2022

**May 9, 2022**

**From the Principal's Desk**

*Hello Lincoln Families and Happy May!*

*It looks like we have fast-forwarded into summer with the weather forecast for this week! Yikes! 90 degree weather is forecasted for 3-4 days this week! Guess we'll make sure that the AC is in working order!*

*I wanted to send a quick note with our newsletter this month. We will have one more newsletter at the end of the school year with report cards on the last day of school, which is May 27th. But there is definitely a bit of information we need to share sooner rather than later, so I'll add a few quick notes with the PTO information now,*

*and send home End of Year News at the end of the month.*

*Thank you so much for your generosity to our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week last week. Your kind notes, cards, letters, flowers, treats and gifts were so thoughtful and heartwarming. We truly have the most amazing teachers at Lincoln, and I am grateful for the ways in which our families honored and recognized them for their work. THANK YOU!*

*A special thank you to all of our presenters and volunteers who made our Fine Arts Day so special! Students experienced so many different activities related to performing arts, visual arts and technology! A day like this could not have been possible without our 20+ presenters, the volunteers who helped with the activities and the teacher planning committee who put the whole thing together! Our students each experienced a lot of variety throughout the day and we hope that we have sparked a bit of curiosity as well!*

*The next 15 school days will FLY by...so much fun and activities ahead of us! Please be sure to keep track of us on Facebook and refer to the dates in this month's newsletter to know what's happening for the next three weeks!!*

*We appreciate all that you do to make sure your child is at school, on time and ready to learn each day, even as the school year is winding down! We truly have the best families, and I am so thankful for that!*

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Julie Horchem*



## **Class Lists and Placement for the 2022-2023 School Year**

During the past several weeks, I have had parents contact me regarding planning for the 2022-2023 school year. I would like to outline my rationale and the procedures and guidelines for considerations of class assignments for the upcoming school year.

First of all, our teachers, Mrs. Peterson and I take a great deal of time and thought into the process. We consider teaching and learning styles, balanced academic groupings, social considerations, peer relationships and other factors that may impact children in each section. In addition,

we consider special education needs, reading/math needs and other special circumstances when creating the lists.

The teachers will present the tentative class lists to administration before the end of the school year, and I will work to make final adjustments and changes to the lists, as needed. Class placement and teacher assignment is communicated in August AFTER registration to accommodate for students who move in and out of the district during the summer.

While parents are certainly welcome to provide information to me that they feel may be used in determining lists, IT IS BY NO MEANS A GUARANTEE THAT A CHILD WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR TEACHER'S CLASS. Students will not be assigned to a class simply because a parent makes a request for that teacher. In addition, fluctuating enrollment may necessitate moving a teacher to a different grade level prior to the start of the school year.

If you feel that there is an extenuating circumstance that should be considered when class lists are created, this information should be communicated in writing to Mrs. Horchem no later than Friday, May 27th, 2022. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mrs. Horchem.



## End of Year Notes From Nurse Jennifer Cook

It's not too soon to be thinking about and planning for the next school year! Our school nurse, Jen Cook, has information to share regarding physicals and immunizations. Reminder...when making your summer plans, don't forget to schedule your dental and physical exams. All incoming kindergarten students will need a physical, dental and eye exam, along with updated immunizations. All incoming 2nd graders will need a dental exam. All incoming 6th grade students will need a dental exam, physical exam and any required immunization updates. The deadline for these exams is Saturday, October 15th. Please remember that the school district will no longer accept "appointment cards" for a future appointment for those students who are not in compliance on October 15th. Any student who is not in compliance after October 15th will be excluded from school and will be marked unexcused.

The sooner that you are able to take care of the exams and immunizations, the better! Exam forms are available in the main office and at your health care provider's office. You may also email your completed forms to [jennifer.cook@mcusd709.org](mailto:jennifer.cook@mcusd709.org)



## **ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 20TH**

One of our favorite end of year activities is our annual all school picnic. The Annual Lincoln End of Year School Picnic will be held on **Friday, May 20th**. Parents are invited to come to school to eat outside with their children during their child's lunch/recess time. We will use the bus loading parking lot, the staff parking area, the grassy area to the north of the school/cafeteria and the grassy area along Jefferson Street for families to gather for lunch. There will also be a few tables set up inside if you would prefer to eat inside.

We encourage you to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc. for eating outside. Due to limited indoor seating, our picnic day will be canceled if it is raining or if there is the likelihood of rain. (Look for a SwiftReach email alert by 7 pm on Thursday, May 19th along with a Facebook post if the weather is questionable for 5/20.)

**Your child's picnic time is about the same time that your child eats lunch:**

5th/6th: 11-11:55 am

3rd/4th: 11-11:55 am

Kindergarten/1st: 12:00-12:55 pm

2nd: 12:30-1:20 pm

(This time also includes their recess time)

**The picnic menu will consist of:**

Grilled Hamburger or Grilled Hot Dog

BBQ Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Fruit Cookie

White or Chocolate Milk

The picnic note order form for placing your hamburger or hot dog order is included with this newsletter, if you wish to purchase a school lunch on picnic day! Families may use their prepaid Meal Magic Lunch account funds to purchase meals ahead of time on Picnic Day. Only cash or check will be accepted on the day of the picnic (no credit card sales).

Our PTO has arranged to have three dessert food trucks at Lincoln during Picnic Day. Kamaela's Creamery, Grandma Nana's and The Baking Baer will all be here each with different dessert treats available for purchase. These trucks will be parked in the circle drive in front of the school. Because of the increased pedestrian/child traffic with these trucks, we will keep our parking lot open only for handicapped accessible parking from 10:45-1:15 pm on Picnic Day. Thanks to our Lincoln PTO for arranging such special treats for Picnic Day!

## End of Year Housekeeping

As we approach the end of the school year, there are always a few housekeeping items to remind families of:

**-Library Books:** Our students will no longer be checking out library books for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Poshard has lots of other activities planned and our students will continue to visit the library during their weekly library time through the end of the year. Mrs. Poshard will continue to email overdue notices to students/families. Please remember that if your child is missing a library book, it needs to be returned or the cost of replacing the book paid in order to receive your child's report card on 5/27.

**School Lunch/Milk Charges:** Friday, May 20th will be the last day that students can charge for extra milk with their lunches. All outstanding lunch/milk charges need to be paid in full in order to receive your child's report card on 5/27. Remaining funds on your child's account are transferred to next year (including those going to MJHS).

**Missing Text Books:** If your student is missing a textbook or classroom library book, it also needs to be returned or the cost of the book paid in order to receive your child's report card on May 27th.

**iPad Damages:** We will begin collecting student iPads soon. You will be contacted if your child's iPad has any damages which need to be taken care of before the end of the school year.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THESE  
END OF YEAR TASKS!**



**Don't Forget to Pre-Register  
Your Incoming Kindergarten  
Student for the 2022-2023  
School Year!**

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022, it is time to begin the kindergarten registration process.

1. Please complete this [FORM](#) as soon as possible.
2. On July 28th, you will attend registration day at your neighborhood school to pay your school fees, provide the documents listed below, and sign-up for kindergarten round-up.

3. On August 2nd, new families will receive their official school assignments. Every effort will be made to place new families in their neighborhood schools, but that is not always possible due to class size limits.

4. On August 4th, you and your child will attend kindergarten round-up at your assigned school.

5. On August 8th, your child's teacher assignment will be available in PowerSchool.

6. On August 11th, your child will attend his/her first day of school!

Documents you will provide on  
registration day (July 28th):

-Original certified birth certificate  
(must have before your child can start school)

-3 proofs of residency  
<https://www.morton709.org/file/1264/760-AP2%2011-1-18.pdf> (must have before your child can start school)

-Immunization record  
<https://www.morton709.org/file/1618/2020-21%20back%20to%20school%20info.pdf>

-Medical exam form  
<https://www.morton709.org/file/6/Child-Health-Examination.pdf>



-Dental exam form

[https://www.morton709.org/file/1060/36\\_DentalExam.pdf](https://www.morton709.org/file/1060/36_DentalExam.pdf)

-Eye exam form

[https://www.morton709.org/file/1062/38\\_EyeExamReport.pdf](https://www.morton709.org/file/1062/38_EyeExamReport.pdf)



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS CAUGHT ROARING IN APRIL!

**Kindergarten:** Leya B., Joey J., Heidi G., Jessup K., Maeve S., Hazel L., Micah G., Dawson G., Hayden L., Frank T., Jovie W., Barrett K., Ivy T., Geneva Z., Cameron P., Mason S., Estelle H., Jack G., Connor R., Hayden L., Gabe S., Adeline K., Charlie T., Abel C., Kamp W., Joel H., Annemarie W., Wynn P., Evie H., Caroline C., Ruby L., Levi P., Opal R., Mason S., Chelsea C., Sydney S., Josie N., Christian F., Oliver H.

**First Grade:** Brynlee K., Josh H., Julianna H., Liam D., Finn S., Tucker H., Hudson R., Nina H., Colin C., Lydia P., Karson W., Grayson V.

Will J., Halle W., Lorelei Z., Vivian W., McKenzlee W., Elisa H., Brody T., Karsyn T., Abigail K., Corinne G., Knox P., Elsie S., Selah H., Kaden B., Reed S., Jalyne M., Tytus W., Emmie F., Walter G., Hadley E., Kennedy R., Titus G., Alex W., Dane H., Harper F., Hayes A., Aria M., JJ G.

### **Second Grade:**

Bella L., Micah W., Jaxon H., Ashton M., Jordan M., Job F., Cruz T., Charley W., Griffin A., Brynn C., Zovi S., Cordelia R., McKenna M., Elaina H., Palmer H., Edie M., Emmett C., Parker J., Rowen Z., Alivia S., Blake N., Otto G., Connor C., Alex S., Layton S.

### **Third Grade:**

Max M., Olive S., Madison S., Jerry C., Klair B., Ezra G., Briggs O., Daphna S., Dillon H., Charlie K., Tripp Y., Matthew K.

### **Fourth Grade:**

Peyt M., Livvy H., Ina U., Nixon A., Quinn R., Hudson Z., Seth J., Tatym W., Ruxin H., Allison W., Nolan H., Colton W., Isaac C., James W., Olivia M., Lilli Z., Garrett K., Harlow S., Paisley S., Asher D., Brendan K., Emerson S., Shane R., Cameron K., Nyokyee S., Reagan D., Fisher R., Miles G., Addie A., Jovie Z., Mariska W., Ben V., Colton S.

**Fifth Grade:** Taryn M., Carly B.

**Sixth Grade:** Aidan C., Keegan W., Piper W.



## **Important Upcoming May Dates:**

### **Thurs., 5/12:**

-6th Grade Field Trip to St. Louis (depart at 6:45 am; return between 6:30-7 pm)

### **Fri., 5/13:**

-1st Grade Field Trip to Wildlife Prairie Park

-6th Grade Step Up Day at MJHS (10-11:30 am; students will eat lunch at MJHS).

### **Tues., 5/17:**

-Kindergarten Field Trip to Morton Public Library and Idlewood Park

### **Wed., 5/18:**

-Morton Public Library Summer Reading Program Assemblies in afternoon  
-District 709 Retirement Reception at Bertha Frank 3:30-5 pm

### **Fri., 5/20:**

-6th Grade Early Civilization Museum Day  
-Lincoln All School Picnic (see note above for information and times)

### **Mon., 5/23:**

-End of Year Kindergarten Celebration (outside) 6-7:30 pm

### **Tues., 5/24:**

-4th Grade Field Trip to New Salem

### **Wed., 5/25:**

-Lincoln Laugh Olympics

### **Thurs., 5/26:**

-Rain Date for Lincoln Laugh Olympics

### **Fri., 5/27:**

-Last Day of School!  
-End of Year Awards Assembly at 9:30 am  
-School is dismissed at 11:55 am



# Lincoln School PTO

## News and Views

### May 2022

Hello Lincoln Families,

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who pitched in this year with their time and talents. It takes all of you to make PTO successful. A special thanks to Mary Miller, our outgoing Vice President. We will miss having her on the board, even as we are excited to welcome our new Vice President, Anna Hopkins. Robyn White will also be joining as Treasurer Shadow.

We are continuing to celebrate our teachers, for Teacher Appreciation Week, with a luncheon on May 11. Thank you for showing them the love last week! We also have our School Picnic on May 20th. After you enjoy your lunch, consider purchasing a treat from one of three dessert trucks that will be parked at Lincoln. We hope to share the menus soon.

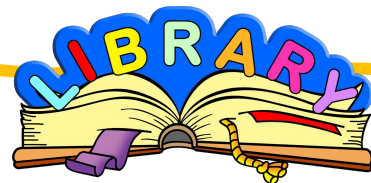
I'm already looking ahead to next year, specifically getting open positions filled. See the attached note for roles we still need filled. Please also mark your calendars for two August dates. We are hosting a back to school party for K-6 on August 5th at the Morton Pool. And, our first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year is Monday, August 15th at 7pm.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Natalie Friend, PTO President

[lincolnlionspto709@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnlionspto709@gmail.com)

309-360-3384



*We have had a wonderful year in the Lincoln Library! Thanks to the generous support of the Lincoln PTO and your support through our books fairs this year, we were able to add over \$2,000 in books to our library for ALL students to enjoy! Enjoy your summer and keep on reading!*

*-Mrs. Poshard*



*Thank you to our Kindergarten families who helped to make our April Staff Luncheon a success! Our final luncheon of the year is Wednesday, May 11th to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.*

*-Erin Jones*



- May 11** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 20** School Picnic with Dessert Food Trucks
- May 25** Laugh Olympics
- August 5** Back to School Swim Party @ Morton Pool
- August 15** 1st PTO Meeting of 2022-23 School Year

## Lincoln School Picnic

### Desserts

*Kamaela's Creamery (ice cream)*

*The Baking Baer*

*(cupcakes, cake pops, mini cheesecakes)*

*Gramma Nana's Kitchen (cookies)*

— May 20th —

\*available for purchase





## **Committee Positions** **(2022-2023 School Year)**

### **After School Adventures**

We would love to get more after school activities planned for next year. This year we had a volleyball and chess club. There are so many things you could do with this to offer our students fun and interesting activities. The chairman of this committee would help find volunteers to plan and run a club, they would help coordinate schedules, send out communications, and gather supplies. If you have a great idea but don't want to be chairman, let me know and I will start helping you plan for next year. You could teach a class based on a special skill you have, or you could just be interested in providing fun experiences for our students. Your class could be instructional or play based. Most activities are one hour in length (2:45-3:30/45) and can be a standalone activity or a multi-week/month event. *Some ideas are Lego Club, Anything Arts & Crafts, Cookie Decorating, Four-Square Club, Board Games, Dance, Book Club, Running Club, etc...*

### **Carnival Co-Chairman**

Planning the carnival is a big job but an important one! Our Carnival Chair (Kymber Poppins) and Co-Chair (you?) plan our annual carnival, which is on a Friday evening in early to mid-March. It is a tradition for our 6th graders to select the carnival theme and then this committee plans the decorations, games and prizes; sends out communications to families; and does set up and tear down the day of the event. We have other committees that help with scheduling volunteers, coordinating the basket raffle and overseeing the food and kitchen. The Carnival Committee does have a big binder with information from past carnivals to help guide your planning and as co-chair, you'd be working alongside someone with experience.

### **Carnival Basket Raffle Shadows**

Select basket themes with teachers, purchase basket items throughout the year with donated and PTO money, secure donations from local companies, get approval from city, prep and wrap baskets, sell tickets and count tickets after raffle. Great role for shoppers and deal finders. We have two current coordinators, with years of experience, whom you can shadow for your first year, before taking over the following year.

*\*Many of our committees work with a team of volunteers. As a chairperson you are the coordinator, but you are rarely doing everything on your own and most of our committees have binders or great notes from previous years so you aren't starting from scratch.*

Please contact Natalie Friend at [lincolnliionspto709@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnliionspto709@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in any of these positions. Thank you for considering!!

## **Many Thanks from the Carnival Basket Committee!**

It was so wonderful to have an in-person school carnival! We cannot express our thanks enough for all the support of volunteers, students, families and area businesses. The Basket Raffle was a success because of all of you. So many details go into making these baskets and we are truly grateful for all of your help and support!

Many thanks to the Basket Committee and helpers:

**Staci Leuchtenberg** for helping us gather donations from area businesses

**Sueann Spinder** for printing materials and sending out emails to teachers and families (and answering all of our questions)

**Jamie Larson, Mary Barrick, Holly Levy and Staci Leuchtenberg** for helping wrap baskets

**Anna Odari, Marci & Mike Tewksbury, and Staci Leuchtenberg** for helping to coordinate announcing the winners and counting tickets afterwards

**Dwight Hamilton** for helping set up the tables for the baskets

Thank you to **Kymber Poppins and Jessica Harding** and team for your hard work putting together an out of this world Space Carnival!

We would also like to thank the generous Lincoln parents that graciously donated baskets to our raffle. Also, thanks to the parents who collected classroom money and shopped for the baskets. Our amazing donors make the community baskets possible. When shopping, please remember these businesses that so graciously support our school.

Many Thanks,

**Lauren Middleton and Nico Drake**  
Basket Committee Coordinators

***Thank  
You!***

### **Our Community Donors:**

A Friend of the Lincoln PTO

Art in Baking

Baked Blessings

Bronca

Caterpillar

Chicago Bears

Children's Discovery Museum

Coach Becker: Lady Potter's Basketball

Coach Schmitt: Lady Potter's Volleyball

Confectionery

Corn Stock Theater

Culvers

Destination Dreaming Travel

Elevate

Fired Up

Firehouse

Frank's Service Center

Great American Popcorn Company of Morton

Iron Coyote

KC Clothing

Knight's Action Park

LaserOps Gaming

Lighthouse Automotive

Lincoln PTO

Lulu's

Magic House

Meramec Caverns

Mike Murphy Ford

Morton Auto Collision

Morton Cinemas

Morton Park District

Ms. Peterson

Normal Theater

Peoria Chiefs

Plank

Rader's Farm

Schooners

Six Flags St. Louis

St. Louis Cardinals

Starstruck Parties

Sucré

Taco Bell

Tanners

The Nook

The Riverfront Museum

The Unlimited Stitch

Thr3ads Boutique

To the Moon and Back

Upper Limits

Wildlife Prairie Park

## It's School Picnic Time!

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 (This time also includes their recess time)

### The picnic menu will consist of:

Grilled Hamburger or Grilled Hot Dog    BBQ Baked Beans  
 ColeSlaw    Fruit    Cookie    White or Chocolate Milk

Cost for an adult meal is \$3.30; sibling meals are \$3.30 and both may be purchased using your child's Meal Magic lunch account. Please note that you may only use cash/check to purchase meals on the day of the picnic. Please return the order form by Friday, May 13th so that we can make sure we grill enough food! (Thank you Mr. Hamilton...our master griller!)

Keep the top portion for your information...return the bottom portion by Friday, May 13th!

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### **Return this portion by Friday, May 13th:**

Students and their family may use their prepaid Meal Magic Lunch account funds to purchase meals on picnic day **OR** pay by cash/check made out to Morton District 709. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Horn in our cafeteria (284-4046) or the Arbor Food Service office (284-6330).

<b>Grilled Hamburger Meals</b>	<b>Grilled Hot Dog Meals:</b>
____ # of student meals (FREE)	____ # of student meals (FREE)
____ # of sibling meals at \$3.30	____ # of sibling meals at \$3.30
____ # of adult meals at \$3.30	____ # of adult meals at \$3.30
____ Total number of meals ordered	____ Total number of meals ordered

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_