

*Principal's Digest*  
February 7, 2018

Dear Lincoln Families,

Thank you for reading this month's *Principal's Digest*. Please remember to keep abreast of important school news and events on a regular basis by reading this communication, the PTA newsletter *The Linc*, and our school website calendar ([www.lincolnelementary.org](http://www.lincolnelementary.org)).

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz  
Principal

Thank you for reading the following

- K-8 Quarter 2 Report Card Distribution Day, Friday, February 9.
- Grade 2 Assembly, Friday, February 9, 10:05 and 1:55 in the school's auditorium.
- Grade 4 Assembly, Thursday, February 22, 10:05 and 1:55 in the school's auditorium.
- PTA meeting, 9AM, Friday, February 9 in the school's dining hall. All are welcome.
- EFAC Board meeting, 6:30PM, Monday, February 12 in the school's library. All are welcome.
- LSC Meeting, 6PM, Tuesday, February 13 in the school's library. All are welcome.
- FOL meeting, 7PM, Tuesday, February 20 in the school's library. All are welcome.
- Diverse Learner's Parents' Group Meeting, 6:00PM-8:00PM, Thursday, February 22. RSVP to Melissa or Leah and they will provide you with the address of the Lincoln Mom hostess. Adults only please. <https://www.facebook.com/UniqueLincolnKids/> [uniquelincolnkids@gmail.com](mailto:uniquelincolnkids@gmail.com)
- A special thank you to Diane Smason and Mia Nagle for organizing the Annual PTA Career Day for our grades 7 and 8 students. The day was a big success as students learned from many professionals about their careers and the paths they took to their present day profession. A warm thank you to our keynote speaker, Jerry Quandt, for beginning the event on a high note.
- Please join us for this very important **free** event: The PTA Wellness Committee is pleased to offer its second training session with the Anti-Defamation League for K-8 parents and guardians in the New Year. This session will dovetail the training Lincoln middle school teachers received earlier this school year. We feel this is an important event for you to attend so we at the school and you at home can reiterate the same message around safe schools and safe learning and social environments. The PTA Wellness Committee is covering the costs of this session, so **admission is free**, but limited to the first 40 people to register.
  - Talking about Race, Racism, and Other Forms of Bigotry with Your Kids. Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. (check in begins at 6:15 p.m.). As a society, public conversations about race, racism, and other forms of bigotry have increased in volume and intensity. Events such as Charlottesville, Ferguson, and the Orlando Pulse shooting mean that students may be attuned to these issues in ways that adults and teachers do not anticipate. In this session, Dr. Trubowitz will discuss the development and impact of prejudice in children, strategies for engaging young people in conversations about race and racism, and tools for creating a bias-free environment in our homes and classrooms. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adl-session-ii-tickets-41397223209>. For questions please contact Adrienne Eltink, PTA Wellness Committee Chair, at [Adrienne.eltink@gmail.com](mailto:Adrienne.eltink@gmail.com) or [312-339-0539](tel:312-339-0539).

- This information was previously sent to you on January 18. Please read the attached letter from the CPS Office of Local School Council Relations concerning the upcoming Local School Council (LSC) elections which will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Also included are the CPS LSC timeline and the required candidate forms. Candidate forms must be submitted in person to our school's Main Office. Lincoln School has what is called a "traditional Local School Council." The elected LSC positions are for a two-year seat on the council. For more information on LSCs, their purpose, council members' responsibilities, and why you should consider to run for a seat on the council, please refer to <http://cps.edu/Pages/Localschoolcouncils.aspx>.
- Please join us for this **free** upcoming family event and bring grandma and/or grandpa to our February Lincoln School Family Classics Movie Matinee. We will show Shirley Temple's 1937 film *Heidi* (the movie is 98 minutes long). Please refer to <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0028988/> for more information on this movie to decide if this is an appropriate movie for you and your child(ren). We ask that students in grades K-5 be accompanied by an adult, but students in grades 6-8 do not need to be accompanied by an adult. February's Lincoln School Family Classics Movie Matinee will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2:00-3:38 (the end of the movie). So, bring your popcorn and beverage and join us for a Sunday afternoon. (Concessions will not be sold at the event.) The date and title for March's movie will be announced shortly.
- Thank you to all the wonderful Lincoln families that hosted a country at the school's second International Festival. The evening was a smash hit with well over 1,200 attendees. A record forty countries were represented at this year's festival! A special thank you to the International Festival steering committee: Xun Mei Del Sesto, Eva Hartz Vega, and Litcy Kurisinkal. This has truly become a signature Lincoln event hosted by our talented families.
- Thank you to our PTA Book Fair coordinators, Emily Tedrowe and Darcy Lear, for organizing a spectacular two-day book fair event at our school. The students, families, and teachers thoroughly enjoyed this year's Book Fair!
- Every year the Lincoln EFAC program organizes a successful ski trip for all Lincoln students. Please see the attached two documents for additional information and registration. The ski trip takes place on Saturday, Feb. 24 and is limited to one bus of 53 skiers. The trip has always been a big hit so please register ASAP to guarantee a seat to the slopes.
- Deadline Extended! It's not too late to get tickets to see the Chicago Wolves play the Cleveland Monsters on February 18. The Wolves will donate a portion of each ticket sold to Lincoln's PTA and all Lincoln families will sit together in the same section. This is a FUNdraiser as well as a great way to spend a wintry Sunday afternoon! Print the attached form and leave it in the PTA lockbox in the office with payment by Friday February 9.
- The Lincoln School FOL Online Auction, Feb 15 – 25, is one of the most important fundraisers for the school. Online auction items range from restaurant gift certificates, outings with teachers, sporting events, and much more! All proceeds benefit our students. Details will follow shortly.
- K-8 Lincoln School Yearbooks for sale: Beginning January 20, 2018, yearbooks will be on sale for \$30.00 without a name on the cover and \$33.00 with a name on the cover. Simply go online to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) and enter 40289, which is Lincoln's order number. (See attachment.) ALSO, WHEN PLACING YOUR ONLINE ORDER PLEASE BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR CHILD'S GRADE AND ROOM NUMBER! When ordering online, you should receive a confirmation number AND a confirmation email. Please print the confirmation email and save. The confirmation email serves as your receipt. For those who prefer to pay with cash, check, or money order, please keep a look out for information regarding when you can order your

yearbook(s) at school. If you have questions, then contact Michelle Thompson via email at [thompson-m1@comcast.net](mailto:thompson-m1@comcast.net).

- The Friends of Lincoln Auction committee is in full swing and needs your help to secure these items - sports tickets, dining certificates, travel & hospitality vouchers, unique experiences, kids' classes/camps, and parent & child parties. Please contact Leah Harp ([leahharp@gmail.com](mailto:leahharp@gmail.com)) for questions or to help. If you shop on Amazon, please go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Friends of Lincoln as your designated charity, a percentage of every order will benefit our school.
- No school on Monday, February 19 in honor of Presidents' Day.
- Friday, February 16, French Cine Club, 3:45-5:30PM in our school auditorium. This film is open to all grades 5-8 Lincoln students. The title of the film will be announced in the very near future. The film will end at 5:30 for you to pick up your children.
- CPS has released the 2018-2019 school calendar. See the attached calendar.
- Lincoln School will host the Regional Science Bowl on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to hold this regional science competition and wish all competitors the best of luck.
- Registration for the Spring Session of the after school chess program is underway! The 10-week program takes place at Lincoln School on Mondays from 3:55-4:55 pm and runs from 3/12/18 to 5/21/18. REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING 2017-2018 After School Chess Program! Chess Ed Spring Session 3: 3/12, 3/19, (no school 3/26), 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, and 5/21/2018. The Eventbee registration portal has been updated to accept third session registrants. The link to register is [www.lincolnelementarychess.eventbee.com](http://www.lincolnelementarychess.eventbee.com). Attached is a registration flyer for the third session. DISCOUNTED Registration Fee applies through 3/5/18; Final and Late fees begin 3/6/18. For more information about the program, please refer to the program flyer. Chess-Ed is looking forward to seeing your CHESS ENTHUSIAST this year!
- February 27: Grade 8 Graduation Retake Photos and Winter Sports Photos at Lincoln School
  - Graduation Retakes: This day is for students who were absent on graduation picture day in January or who are unhappy with the results of their pictures. If the latter, students must bring the original proofs they received from the January graduation picture day in order to have their pictures retaken. Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM.
  - Winter Sports: All students who participated in a Lincoln school-sponsored, winter team sport will have their team pictures taken for the school yearbook. Students will have the option to purchase a group photo of their team. Time: During students' lunch/recess periods.
- Sunday, February 25, Lincoln Ice Skating Party (Grades 5-8), 1:30PM-3:00PM, McFetridge Ice Arena, 3843 N. California. This event is hosted by the 8th grade room parents and is open to Lincoln students in grades 5-8. Tickets for this event will be on sale during grades 5/6 and 7/8 lunch times in the cafeteria on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the dates of February 12th and 23rd. The cost of tickets is \$5.00 (pre-paid at the school) or \$10.00 (at the door). Snacks and drinks are included in this cost. There is an additional \$3.00 cost for skate rental at the rink.
- Hello 8th Grade Parents: We need volunteers to help make this year's 5<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade ice skating party on February 25th the best ever! Please go to [www.SignUpGenius.com/go4090A45AAA823A4FF2-lincoln](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go4090A45AAA823A4FF2-lincoln) and let us know how you can help! We need parents to help:
  - Sell tickets in the lunchroom, noon-12:45, the weeks of February 12 and February 19.
  - Help chaperone the skating party at McFetridge on Sunday, February 25, 1:30 to 3:00.