

Principal's Digest
January 10, 2018

Dear Lincoln Families,

I hope you had a relaxing winter break and that 2018 will be a great year for us all. Please remember to keep abreast of important school news/events on a regular basis by reading this communication, the PTA newsletter *The Linc*, and to our school website calendar (www.lincolnelementary.org).

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz
Principal

Thank you for reading the following

- Please join us for these two very important **free** events: The PTA Wellness Committee is pleased to offer two training sessions with the Anti-Defamation League for K-8 parents and guardians in the new year. These sessions dovetail the training Lincoln middle school teachers received earlier this school year. We feel these are important events 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 these sessions, so **admission is free**, but limited to the first 40 people to register. Participants may attend either session or both. They are stand-alone trainings held in the school's auditorium.

Session I: Bullying Prevention, Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. (check in begins at 6:15 p.m.). Dr. Lara Trubowitz, ADL Education Director, will discuss definitions of bullying, its impact on individual students and school communities, and what educators and families can do to prevent its escalation. Attendees will come away from the session with tools for preventing and intervening in bullying and bias-based incidents. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adl-training-session-i-tickets-41397036651>

Session II: 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 or [312-339-0539](tel:312-339-0539).

- Please join us for this **free** upcoming family event: Lincoln School Family Classics Movie Matinee. In the cold days of Chicago's winter months, Lincoln School will host a Lincoln School Family Classics Movie Matinee once a month in the school's auditorium. We will show a "classic" movie beginning at 2:00 sharp, once a month, this January, February, and March to all Lincoln families. 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. The first Lincoln School Family Classics Movie Matinee

will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2:00 until the end of the movie. We will show the 1968 film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. Please refer to <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0062803/> for more information on this movie to decide if this is an appropriate movie for you and your child(ren). So, bring your popcorn and beverage and join for a Sunday afternoon. (Concessions will not be sold at the event.). Titles for February's and March's movie will be announced shortly.

- Please join us for this **free** upcoming family event: The Lincoln Elementary School International Festival 2018, 6:30-9:00PM. The International Cultural Festival is here again at Lincoln Elementary School! The festival casts a spotlight on the richness of our wonderfully diverse community and is a spectacular cultural experience for Lincoln families. We have 40 countries represented at this year's festival! All country activities will be hosted by our Lincoln families. The cultural festival takes Lincoln students on a journey "around the world" in two and half hours exposing them to diverse cultures that span the globe. International Festival is a platform for Lincoln families to celebrate the diversity and global citizenship of our student body. This event is free and open to all Lincoln Elementary School students and their families. Official "passports" will be issued only to the first 400 Lincoln School students on a first come, first serve basis. So, make sure you are the earliest birds to globe trot through the school. We look forward to seeing you.
- Please join us for this **free** upcoming family event: The annual Lincoln School Winter Open House for currently enrolled Lincoln families. Accompany your child(ren) as they proudly act as ambassadors of their school and take you on a tour of their school to classroom(s) and to meet their teachers, 6:00-8:00 PM. Meet the teachers, meet Lincoln families, and enjoy your neighborhood school. Please make sure you visit the PTA Book Fair in the school gymnasium.
- Join us for this upcoming annual Lincoln School family event: Mark your calendars for one of Lincoln's favorite events, our annual PTA-sponsored Book Fair! The Book Fair will be open to students, families and friends on Wednesday 1/31 from 9 am to 5 pm, and on Thursday 2/1 from 9 am to 4 pm, and then again from 6 pm to 8 pm during the Winter Open House. Flyers from our book supplier, Anderson's Bookshop, will go home with students the week before the fair as will information about the day and time your student's classroom will visit the fair. As usual, the Book Fair will offer everything from the hottest YA novel bestsellers to the perfect picture book, along with teacher-recommended favorites and a great selection of adult books too. If you'd like to volunteer at the Book Fair, we welcome you! Keep an eye out for a future sign-up to come by email. Get ready to read, Lincoln - winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book.
- If you are planning to transfer to another school from Lincoln, please stop in the office for a Transfer Request Form. This form should be completed at least one week prior to your transfer. We must have this completed form on record so we can transfer your child's records to the new school. All textbooks and library books must be returned before we will issue the transfer records to the new school.
- The Chicago Wolves is partnering again this year with our Lincoln School PTA for a family outing on February 18. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated by the Wolves to our school's PTA. Please see the attached flyer for details and ordering information.
- Lincoln Parents/Guardians of 5th - 7th Grade Girls: For the third consecutive year, Lincoln School's PTA Wellness Committee will host a Girls in the Know Empowerment Workshop Series. Girls in the Know is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower and educate pre-teen girls. Beginning on Tuesday, February 6th, this four-part/four-week workshop will be

presented to 5th - 7th grade girls who attend alongside a trusted adult (female or male). The following topics are covered: Empowerment, Body Image, Safety, and Puberty. The cost of the entire program is \$125 per girl/adult pair and space is limited to 20 pairs. The attached flyer contains a link to the online registration. Scholarships are available. Girls in the Know ensures that no one will be turned away because of financial reasons. If you have questions, please contact Lincoln parent Jean Sawin at jean@girlsintheknow.org.

- **LAST CHANCE TO GET your K-8 Lincoln School Yearbook at the DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$25.00! ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK(S) ONLINE TODAY.** The Yearbook Team is taking ONLINE sales orders at this time. Now until January 19, 2018, yearbooks will be on sale for \$25.00 without a name on the cover and \$28.00 with a name on the cover. 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 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.
- 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) for questions or to help. If you shop on Amazon, please go to smile.amazon.com and select Friends of Lincoln as your designated charity, and a percentage of every order you place will benefit our school.
- Due to your generous donations to our Friends of Lincoln, we have a computer lab with brand new computers and a second computer lab that will be set up by the end of this month. Thank you for your generous donations. We are so pleased to have two computer labs in our school. In addition, we are waiting for CPS to firm up vendor contract details with Apple so we can purchase every grades K-2 classroom (general education and special education classrooms) with iPads in each classroom (63 iPads). Again, these purchases are made possible through your contributions to our Friends of Lincoln. Thank you!
- No school on Monday, January 15 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- Wednesday, January 17, Lincoln School PTA-sponsored grades 7 and 8 Career Day, 9:00-11:00AM. This is a day where our 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to learn about different careers from various professionals who come to Lincoln to share their experiences with our students. This day is organized by Lincoln's PTA.
- Friday, January 26, 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.
- Tuesday, January 30, grade 8 Graduation Picture Day, 9:00AM-12:00PM. Grade 8 students will have their individual graduation pictures taken: 2 poses with a cap and gown and 2 poses in dress clothes. This is a "proof program", so students will receive proofs of their pictures a couple of weeks after picture day and decide which poses they would like to purchase. Upon receiving their child's proof pictures, families may purchase photo packages online through the photography studio. Informational flyers will be sent home to families regarding payment options. The dress clothes photos are used for the Lincoln graduating class composite that will

be hung in the school's main first floor corridor, therefore, appropriate attire is required for all Grade 8 students: boys must wear a button shirt and tie; girls may wear a nice top/dress that must adhere to the Lincoln dress code. Skirts or dresses must be knee length and shoulders must be covered. Since the photos are taken from the waist and up, jeans are appropriate to wear.

- Friday, February 2. No school for students due to School Improvement Day for the faculty.
- CPS, through the Office of the State of Illinois Treasurer will begin an Electronic Payments system, an ePay implementation program for all CPS schools. This is the only method of electronic payment collection approved by the CPS Office of the Controller, Division of Revenue. All district schools to be live on the ePay platform no later than June 30, 2018. More information on how this program will benefit our school in the near future.