

Principal's Digest

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Dear Lincoln Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for reading the *Principal's Digest*. Please remember to refer to the school's website calendar (www.lincolnelementary.org) and the monthly PTA newsletter, *The Linc*, on a regular basis for school-related information and events.

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz
Principal

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 27 – Grades 5-8 band program registration, 6:30PM in Room 116 (band room)
- Wednesday, September 28 – Author visit for grades 4-6, 2:00PM in the school auditorium. We welcome author Adam Gidwitz to Lincoln School.
- Thursday, September 29 – EFAC Fall Open House (***Adults Only***), 5:15-6:00PM.
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- Friday, September 30 – EFAC General Assembly, 6:30PM-8:00PM, held at the Commonwealth Plaza
- Friday, September 30 – Grade 2 Potluck: Friday, 9/30, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
- Friday, September 30 – Spirit Day! Let's all show Lincoln School pride! Students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit on this day by wearing a Lincoln t-shirt/sweat shirt (any color); a purple shirt/sweater/sweat shirt; or their grade-level colored t-shirt (same one they will wear for Kids' Day). Grade-level colored t-shirts are as follows: Kinder = pink/white; 1st gr. = red; 2nd gr. = orange; 3rd gr. = yellow; 4th gr. = dark blue; 5th gr. = green; 6th gr. = light blue; 7th gr. = grey; 8th gr. = purple.
- Wednesday, October 5 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM, in the library
- Thursday, October 6 – Grades 7&8 High School Fair, 9:00AM-11:00AM, in the auditorium and gym.
- Friday, October 7 – Author visit for grades 6-8, 1:45PM. We welcome author Adriana Mather who has written a young adult novel about the Salem Witch Trials
- Friday, October 7 – Grade 1 Potluck – more info to come
- Friday, October 7 – PTA Meeting, 9:00AM in the auditorium
- Friday, October 7 – Quarter One Progress Reports sent home with students
- Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day Holiday, no school

General Information

- Our Fall Open House is for current Lincoln parents whose children are already enrolled in the school. This ADULTS ONLY event is from 6:15-8:00PM. This is an opportunity for Lincoln parents/guardians to meet their child's teachers, visit the classrooms/school and learn about their child's curricula. The EFAC Open House will take place from 5:15-6:00PM before the Lincoln School Open House in the individual EFAC teachers' classrooms. The evening will open at 6:15 in the school auditorium for the principal's State of the School Address and introduction of teachers. **See the two attachments which include our school organization and the schedule for the evening.** Please join us!
- Girl Scouts from Lincoln's 8th Grade troop plus GS Lincoln alums in 9th and 10th grades will be watching kids during the Fall Open House on Thursday, September 29th from **6pm to 8:15 pm** at the Church of Our Saviour, 530 W Fullerton, **\$10 per child**, hosted by experienced 8th, 9th & 10th Grade Girl Scouts, supervised by adult Girl Scout volunteers. Games, crafts, songs, and healthy snacks. Proceeds to benefit troop fundraising for travel and

activities. Please register in advance, they can only take 40 children maximum. Contact troop leaders April Donnellan akdonnellan@gmail.com or Colleen Day theirishcolleen@aol.com to reserve a spot.

- Welcome back to school from your Local School Council (LSC). The LSC has already met 3 times this year—first to organize, next to approve the budget for this academic year, and finally for our regular monthly meeting in September. Look for us the first Wednesday of every month (except January) starting at 6pm in the library. Our next meeting will be held on October 5, 2016. Come see what it is all about. Think you might be interested in serving on the LSC? We currently have 10 members meaning ***we have two vacancies*** (one parent member vacancy and one community member vacancy). Our current members are:
 - Lisa Barrow (chair)
 - Andrea Okun (vice-chair)
 - Louis Hernandez (staff member liaison and secretary)
 - Carmen Gioiosa (communications and technology committees)
 - Litcy Ludvic (organizations committee)
 - Chris Santiago (budget committee)
 - Nada Riley (building, traffic, and safety committee)
 - Ashley Williams (teacher and teacher liaison)
 - Greg Thompson (teacher and teacher liaison)
 - Mark Armendariz (principal)
- Thank you to all the parents/guardians that have been volunteering at the school. Your participation in school activities make a huge difference and contribute greatly to the climate and culture of Lincoln School.
- The morning drop-off (kiss and ride) has been very smooth this year. I encourage you to use this drop-off option for your child. I am there most mornings and love welcoming the children to school each day. Remember, the kiss and ride is located on the west side of Geneva Terrace right in front of the gym entrance.
- Lincoln Elementary is excited to announce that we have a Facebook Group. For those on Facebook, this is simply another way for Lincoln families, faculty, and school organizations to gather as a community. This is not only a place for parent-run organizations and faculty to share exciting news and events, but also a place for parents to share positive news, pictures, or maybe extracurricular team achievements. We strongly encourage you to join our new social community. Please remember this is a place for us to educate and engage positively as a school community.
- Have you joined the school's PTA? If not, I encourage you to do so. It's an important school organization and proceeds benefit our students in many ways. Contact PTA Membership Chair Stephanie Frankel at stephanierfrankel@gmail.com for additional information.
- As of this moment I do not have any details, other than what I read/hear from the media, regarding a possible teacher strike. I encourage you to tune in to the media for any updates. I will communicate any information with you as it is relayed to me from CPS senior leadership.
- As of today, we have not met our student enrollment projection of 857 students. We have 852 students and will have to refund the district approximately \$20,000 due to this enrollment shortfall. FYI, our enrollment last year was 839 students.
- *Girls in the Know*, in partnership with ivivva, is presenting its She & Me Empowerment Series in Lincoln Park and the Loop. This workshop is presented to 5th and 6th grade girls who attend alongside a trusted adult. The following topics are covered: Empowerment, Body Image, Safety, the Birds and the Bees, and Dreams and Goals. Attached you will find registration information for upcoming events that begin in late October. If you have questions, please contact Jean Sawin at jean@girlsintheknow.org.
- It's always great to have our students' Daisy, Brownie, and Girl Scout troops meet here at their school. We welcome three troops to Lincoln School again this year.
- Grade-level Potlucks: varying dates and times - This is a long-standing, adults-only PTA Lincoln tradition. Families in our school host potluck gatherings for parents/guardians and teachers in every grade, K-8. This is a GREAT way to meet your students' parents/guardians in your grade. The date of each grade-level potluck is/will be posted on the school website calendar. Thank you grade 8 for already hosting your potluck! The following potlucks are on the school calendar:
 - Grade 2 Potluck: Friday, 9/30, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 - Grade 1 Potluck: October 7. More info to follow

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- Grade 3 Potluck: October 14. More info to follow.
- Grade 4 Potluck: October 21. More info to follow.
- Grade 5 Potluck: October 21, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
- Kindergarten TBD
- Grade 6 TBD