

Principal's Digest

3/28/16

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

- **April 1 – No School.** Read attached letter from CPS CEO, Forrest Claypool
- April 5 – FOL Meeting, 7:00PM, in the library
- April 7 – End of Quarter Three
- April 7 – Grade 1 Assembly, 10:05AM and 1:50PM, in the auditorium
- **April 8 – No School for Students, School Improvement Day**
- April 8 – Student registration for the 2016-2017 school year opens (K-8). **ONLY STUDENTS NEW TO LINCOLN NEED TO REGISTER.** Returning Lincoln students ARE NOT to re-register.
- April 9 – Chicago Metro Regional History Fair, 8:00AM-12:00PM, held at Lane Tech College Prep High School
- April 11 – Quarter Four Begins
- April 11 – EFAC Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in the library
- April 12 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM, in the library
- April 13 – Report Card Pick-Up Day, No School for Students (for parents: 11:30-3:00 and 3:45-6:30 PM)
- April 13 – Local School Council elections in the school auditorium (6:00 AM-7:00 PM)
- April 18-April 22 – Spring Break, No School
- April 25 – Classes resume
- April 27 – FOL Laps for Lincoln Kick-Off in the auditorium for our students
- April 29 – FOL Parent/Daughter Dance-details to follow in next Digest
- May 4 – Kindergarten Assembly, 10:05AM and 1:45PM, in the auditorium
- May 5 – Illinois State History Fair, Springfield, IL
- May 5 – PTA Meeting, 9:00AM, in the dining hall
- May 6 – FOL Laps for Lincoln Fun Run Event at Oz Park
- May 9 – EFAC Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in school library
- May 10 – ALESMA Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in the band room (Room 116)
- May 11 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM, in the school library
- May 12 – Lincoln Art Walk, 6:00PM-8:00PM
- May 13 – FOL Parent/Son Dance, 5:00PM-7:00PM
- May 13 – French Cine Club, 3:45-5:30PM, in the auditorium
- May 13 – Grade 7 Assembly, 10:05AM and 1:50PM, in the auditorium
- May 13 – Room Parent Thank You Luncheon, 11:00AM-1:00PM. Location TBA
- May 16-19 – French Camp at Camp Tecumseh for all Lincoln grade 5 students and EFAC grades K-5 students
- May 20 – Quarter Four Progress Report Distribution

General Information

- The FOL Auction Party was a smash hit! Thank you to all the parents, community members, teachers, and staff that attend. Also, thank you to those that supported the event but were unable to attend. It was great to get

together to eat and be merry while celebrating all that is Lincoln. It's so rare that we get the opportunity to gather **together** in one large room to mingle, eat, dance, and chat about the school and CELEBRATE our children. It truly was a fantastic COMMUNITY event. A special thank you to the auction co-chairs Amy Chasse and Cathy Bergmann, online auction chair Hilary Kurinsky, FOL President Dani Cupps, and the many, many parent volunteers that worked so hard to make this a successful evening. We raised enough funds during the Principal Dream Dollars "paddle raise" to cover the cost for a new computer lab (to be equipped over the summer).
THANK YOU!

- As of today (3/28), principals have not been informed of the school district's contingency plan for the Friday, April 1 "Day of Action." Please read the attached letter from CPS CEO Forrest Claypool (we emailed this to you last week). I will communicate with you as soon as I receive additional information. To quote M. Claypool from his letter, **"If you have the option of keeping your student(s) at home or attending a non-CPS facility on Friday, April 1, we encourage you to do so."** This will not be considered a day of absence for your child. Lincoln will NOT be open for students on Friday, April 1st unless we are informed that our school will be a contingency site or if we are given any other directive.
- PARCC testing, the State of Illinois assessment for all grade 3-8 public school students, will begin the week of March 28th. Grades 3 and 4 will take these assessments with a paper and pencil test; grades 5-8 will take these assessments on the computer. Please make sure your students are in attendance, on time, and well-rested for their examinations. Please see the attached letter from CPS senior leadership regarding PARCC testing. Here is the PARCC testing schedule at Lincoln School:
 - Grade 3: 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/11, 4/12, 4/26 all from 9:00-11:00;
 - Grade 4: 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/11, 4/12, 4/26 all from 9:00-11:00;
 - Grade 5: 4/29, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/9, 5/10 all from 10:00-12:00;
 - Grade 6: 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31, 4/5, 4/6 all from 9:00-11:00;
 - Grade 7: 4/27, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/9 all from 10:00-12:00;
 - Grade 8: 4/7, 4/11, 4/12, 4/26, 4/28, 4/29 all from 10:00-12:00.
- I attended an evening meeting about the upcoming demolition of the former Children's Memorial Hospital. The demolition will begin within the next 2-3 weeks, will be completed in six phases, and last about nine months. You may subscribe to get construction updates/alerts at <http://mi-cmh.com/>
- Student registration for the 2016-2017 school year opens (K-8) on April 8. **ONLY STUDENTS NEW TO LINCOLN NEED TO REGISTER.** Returning Lincoln students ARE NOT to re-register. Please see the attached two documents for information for the upcoming school year. The district may implement changes, but at this time the information on the two attachments are up-to-date.
- The CPS budget deficit is still not resolved. Principals were recently informed that we will need to look at our budgets to come up with additional funds to close the budget gap. Lincoln has been asked to "give back" \$38,960. At this time I cannot commit to this amount. I am in the process of analyzing our school budget (again) to see what is feasible. We will not close positions, programs, or tap into parent-raised funds to come up with the requested amount.
- April 13 – Local School Council elections in the school auditorium (6:00 AM-7:00 PM). Parents and community members may vote for up to five (5) candidates across the parent and community ballot. Parents and community member may not vote for teacher or staff candidates. All parent and community voters must show proof of identity and address to be eligible to vote. In addition, parents must bring their child's report card or copy of child's birth certificate. The list of LSC candidates is posted inside the school building on the first floor bulletin board near the main entrance (door #1).