

## ***Principal's Digest for the week of 9/28/15***

Dear Lincoln Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for reading the *Principal's Digest*. There's a lot going on at school this month, so I hope you find the following information helpful. Please remember to refer to the school's website calendar ([www.lincolnelementary.org](http://www.lincolnelementary.org)) and the monthly PTA newsletter, *The Linc*, on a regular basis for school-related information and events.

Sincerely,

Mark Armendariz  
Principal

### **Thank you for reading the following information**

#### Upcoming Events

- October 1 – Fall Open House (Adults Only), 6:15PM-8:00PM
- October 2 – Adults-Only Grade 5 Potluck, 6:30PM. Contact your grade-level PTA Room Parents for details.
- October 8 – High School Fair, 9:00AM-11:00AM in the school auditorium and gym
- October 9 – French Cine Club, 3:45PM-5:30PM, grades 5-8, in the auditorium
- October 9 – Quarter One Progress Report Distribution
- October 12 – Columbus Day, No School
- October 13 – LSC Meeting, 6:00PM in the school library
- October 14 – K-8 Picture Day, 9:00AM-3:00PM
- October 16 – Kindergarten Potluck, 5:50PM-8:30PM. Contact your grade-level PTA Room Parents for details.
- October 16 – Adults-Only Grade 1 Potluck, 7:30PM. Contact your grade-level PTA Room Parents for details.
- October 16 – Adults-Only Grade 3 Potluck, 7:00PM. Contact your grade-level PTA Room Parents for details.

#### General Information

- Please come to our Adults-Only Fall Open House, October 1, 6:15-8:00 PM. Basically, this is our curriculum night for current Lincoln families, a time to meet your child's teacher(s), an evening to tour the entire school, and to mingle and enjoy some treats in the gym with other Lincoln families. **The classroom locations of all teachers will be posted on an easel on the main floor as you enter the school through door #11.** Here is additional information on the evening:
  - The evening will begin at 6:15 in the school auditorium with the principal's annual State of the School Address and introduction of the faculty to the parents;
  - The rest of the evening will be broken into two sessions, 6:50-7:20 and 7:25-7:55, throughout the school to give you the opportunity to meet with the teachers;
  - **Kindergarten**-the teachers will meet you in their own classrooms and offer the same curriculum presentation twice: 6:50-7:20 and 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 1**-the teachers will meet you in their own classrooms and offer the same curriculum presentation twice: 6:50-7:20 and 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 2**-the teachers will meet you in their own classrooms and offer the same curriculum presentation twice: 6:50-7:20 and 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 3**-the teachers will meet you in their own classrooms and offer the same curriculum presentation twice: 6:50-7:20 and 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 4**-the teachers will have a "meet and greet" in their own classrooms from 6:50-7:20 and then the entire grade 4 teacher team will offer a joint curriculum presentation in Room 207 from 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 5**-the teachers will offer a curriculum presentation in their own classrooms from 6:50-7:20 and then a "meet and greet" in their own classrooms from 7:25-7:55;
  - **Grade 6**-the grade 6 team will come together to offer a curriculum presentation from 6:50-7:20 in Room 107 and then the grade 6 teachers will have "meet and greets" in their own classrooms from 7:25-7:55;

- **Grades 7 and 8**- the grade 7/8 team will have “meet and greets” in their own classrooms from 6:50-7:20 and will offer a joint curriculum presentation in the auditorium from 7:25-7:55;
- **Specialty teachers (French, Music, Band, Special Education, Art, Library, P.E., English as a New Language, Counselor/Case Manager)**-will be in their classrooms from 6:50-8:00 to meet with parents.
- For families that are interested in learning about the grades 6, 7, 8 International Gifted (IG) Program at Lincoln School, the application process, and application deadline dates, etc. please refer to the CPS Office of Academic and Enrollment’s website at <http://www.cpsdae.org/index.jsp>. I suggest you periodically check the website for updates posted by CPS. Please know that students selected for the IG Program are selected by CPS not by Lincoln School personnel. Lincoln students are not given priority for enrollment into this program; all applicants are on the same footing. Please, please, please make sure you read all their instructions VERY CAREFULLY and do not miss deadline dates.
- Lincoln School is a grant recipient for the After School All Stars program. More information will come shortly about our grades 5-8 after school extracurricular program. Thank you Mrs. Gerber and Ms. Phippen for writing the award winning grant!
- The grades 6-8 After School All Stars Dram Club will perform *The Music Man* this year. The Drama Club ALWAYS produces a great show! Please see the attached flyer for audition information, print it out, complete it, and submit it to either Ms. Ragen or Mr. Brummitt. First come, first serve!
- Speaking of after school programs, Lincoln School partners with two organizations that offer after school opportunities for all ages of students: St. Vincent DePaul and St. Pauls Church. Both of these organizations have pick-up for children after school right here at the school and will escort the children to their after school programs. Please see the attached flyer for the after school program offered at St. Pauls.
- Lincoln School Spelling Bee: The Lincoln School Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 1:45 in the school auditorium for fifth through eighth grade students. Please use the attached word lists to help your child study. You will find a 6th Grade list and an 8th grade list. The 5th grade and 7th grade lists are not included because they contain the same words found in the other lists. There will also be a vocabulary section for this year’s spelling bee. If your child would like a list of the words with definitions, please ask Mrs. Rimington or your child's language arts teacher.
- Does your child have a Chicago Public Library library card? Please see the attached flyers for library card information and the library card application. Please submit a completed library card application to our librarian, Ms. Rimington.
- A few parents have asked me if we plan on equipping the rooftop playground with play equipment, balls, hopscotch, etc. The answer is YES! In time, it will be equipped. Rome was not built in a day and neither will our rooftop playground!
- When your child is absent from school, please call to notify the main office **AND** submit the attached Reason for Absence Form to your child’s homeroom teacher.
- **PLEASE AVOID CONTRIBUTING TO CONGESTION AROUND THE SCHOOL:**
  - Kemper Place is closed to all traffic from 8:25 A.M.-9:00 A.M. and also from 3:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.
  - Walk your children to school.
  - Double-parking is not permitted on the streets around the school. Offenders will be ticketed.
  - **FREE parking is available ONE block away from the school at 2316 N. Lincoln at the former Children’s Memorial Hospital parking garage. Please USE IT!**
  - Do not park in designated handicapped parking zones or in the driveways of our neighbors.
  - **Do not park or idle in any of the alleys around the school. Do not use the alleys around the school as a throughway.**
  - Never leave your car to pick up your child or to have a “quick chat” with your child’s teacher. These chats are never quick!
  - Use crosswalks and do not cross in the middle of the street.
  - Obey crossing guards and police officers.
  - There is a “kiss and ride” area designated to drop off your children at school each morning. It is located on Geneva Terrace along the west side of the street in front of the gymnasium doors. There are red cones in the street, pull ALL THE WAY UP to let your child out of the car ON THE SIDEWALK side of the street.
  - NEVER LET YOUR CHILD OUT OF THE CAR ON THE STREET. Pull in and pull out. Prepare your child to exit your car swiftly and safely.