

September 17, 2018
Principal's Digest

Dear Lincoln Families,

I hope that you and your children have had a nice start to the school year. Thank you for reading this month's *Principal's Digest*. Please refer to our school website calendar (<http://www.lincolnelementary.org/calendar.html>) on a regular basis to keep abreast of events at the school. There is always something interesting happening at Lincoln School.

- Thank you to all that attended last Thursday evening's Fall Open House/Curriculum Night. It was a huge success and we greatly appreciate your attendance and enthusiasm for the start of this school year. I included my State of the School presentation to this email for your review. Many families approached me for this presentation after the address.
- When your child(ren) is/are absent, please make sure you complete the attached document and send it to school with your child upon his/her return. In addition, you must call the school (773/534-5720) to report any absences on a daily basis.
- Last year CPS launched a new application, GoCPS, for parents and students to learn more about the CPS selective school programs and application process. You may learn more at <https://consortium.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/publications/GoCPS%20A%20First%20Look-One%20Pager-Aug2018-Consortium%20and%20Chicago%20Fed.pdf> and <https://go.cps.edu/>
- Please see the attached two documents regarding the CPS 2018 Academic Report Card that is from CPS leadership.
- Band Registration for grades 5-8: Thursday, September 20, 4:00PM-5:00PM and Tuesday, September 25, 6:30PM-7:30 PM. Both in Room 118.
- Social Media Awareness and Internet Safety Presentation (Adults Only), 6:00PM, Thursday, September 20. Lincoln parents are invited to attend this important presentation led by Detective Charles F. Hollendoner, Special Investigations Unit, 1240 S. Damen Ave. Detective Hollendoner will inform parents of Internet safety, as well as social media awareness. This is an adults-only presentation; students are not to attend.
- Tuesday, Sep 25, Friends of Lincoln Meeting, 7:00PM, in the school library
- Friday, Sep 28, EFAC General Assembly, 6:30PM, Commonwealth Plaza. Please join the EFAC Board and community for their annual General Assembly. All EFAC parents are encouraged and welcome to attend. This is an adults-only event.
- Thursday, Oct 4, Lincoln School High School Fair for grades 7 and 8 Lincoln students and parents/guardians, 9:00AM in our school auditorium and gym. Sixteen high schools have already confirmed their attendance. More info will be emailed to grades 7 and 8 families ASAP.
- Friday, Oct 5, PTA Meeting, 9:00AM in the school dining hall
- Friday, Oct 5, Quarter 1 Progress Reports Sent Home. Five week progress reports are sent home with students for parents to review with their child(ren).
- Monday, Oct 8, No School, Columbus Day Holiday
- Tuesday, Oct 9, LSC Meeting, 6:00PM, in the school library
- Friday, Oct 12, French Cine Club, 3:45PM-5:30PM, in the school auditorium. This film is open to all grades 5-8 Lincoln students. The title of the film will be placed on the school website calendar in the very near future. Students will need a signed permission slip to attend the film. Permission slips will be emailed to grades 5-8 families shortly. The film will end at 5:30 for you to pick up your children.

- Monday, Oct 15, EFAC Board Meeting, 6:30PM, in the school library
- Tuesday, Oct 16, Friends of Lincoln Meeting, 7:00PM, in the school library
- Thursday, Oct 18, K-8 Picture Day, 8:00AM-2:45PM. Students will have their individual and class photos taken for the school yearbook and for family purchase. This is a "pre-pay photo program". Students will bring payment for photos on or before picture day. If paying with cash, exact change is mandatory as the photographers and the school office will NOT have change. There will also be an option to order pictures online. All EFAC classes will take a group photograph at 8:00AM. Informational/payment flyers will be sent home explaining payment options and picture package choices. Please note that the photos of grade 8 students on this day are not the graduation photos.
- Grade-level potlucks are a long-standing adults-only Lincoln tradition. Every grade, K-8, has a willing parent that kindly and graciously agrees to open his/her home to you to host this event. We encourage you to attend these social evenings to meet other Lincoln parents in your child's grade. The dates for all of the events are posted on the school website. This is a great way to meet other parents in a relaxing atmosphere. Thank you parent hosts!
- After School Care: You may still register for after school care. It is offered at our school by JCC J at School, Monday-Friday, 3:45-6:00PM. <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/before-after-school-care-info/>
- School Fee: \$100 fee per child. Cash or money orders made out to Lincoln School are accepted. Your child's homeroom teacher will accept/collect this fee. Per CPS, no personal checks. If you have not yet done so, please remit fee payment. This allows us to purchase books and materials for our children.

Thank you,

Mark Armendariz
Principal