

Dear Lincoln Families,

We have had a successful week with the procedural changes for arrival, dismissal, and recess! In addition to our movement opportunities for recess, we are also offering a space for quieter activities where students choose to read, draw, color, or play. Thank you for your patience, flexibility and suggestions for improvement as we continue to refine our procedures during the Expansion Project.

Illinois 5Essentials survey

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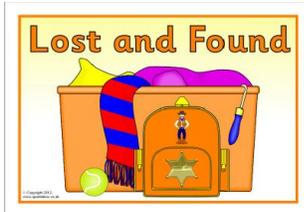
District 97 will be administering the Illinois 5Essentials Survey again this year to certified staff and parents/guardians from all 10 of our schools, as well as students in grades four through eight. We would appreciate it if Lincoln parents participated! School-level reports will only be generated if at least 20 percent of our parents/guardians complete the survey, which can be accessed until Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, by visiting <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. This percentage will be based on the total number of students enrolled at each school. Here is a link for additional information about the survey:

<http://www.op97.org/lincoln/news/1647444/information-about-the-illinois-5essentials-parent-guardian-survey>



We would like to suggest the following recommendations to ensure the safety of the children during the Expansion Project:

- Doors 3S (Kindergarten), 9W (intermediate porch), 12N (primary porch) all open at 7:50am and staff are available to supervise. We recommend that parents supervise their children if arriving before 7:50am.
- We recommend that parents supervise their children playing on the playground before or after school hours.
- On the mulched playground, large rectangle viewing windows have been cut out where students can see inside the construction site while standing instead of dangerously climbing fences.
- A portion of the fence on Harvard (slightly west of the construction site) will be cut open this weekend and folded back to create a more direct pathway for foot traffic from Door 9W to the Harvard Street sidewalk.
- When crossing the intersection at Harvard and Kenilworth, we recommend using the walkway that is furthest away from the barricade to stay safe from the turning cars.



If your child is missing a coat, hat, gloves, lunchbox or a water bottle, it may be in our Lost & Found! We encourage students to check for their missing items, and parents are welcome to come to the main office and find their child's belongings.



In preparation for the upcoming winter season, our goal is to ensure that our students continue to receive daily physical activity. We plan to go outside for recess as often as possible, and warming centers will be made available for students. **Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately and all clothing items are labeled.** Dressing your child in layers and having a change of shoes will help ensure comfort both indoors and outdoors.

Please do not send cough drops, medications, vitamins and/or ointments of any kind in backpacks or on a child's person. These items must be stored in the health office with a doctor's order.



November 14 - 1st Trimester Ends, 7:00pm DivCo Meeting
November 15 - Ms. Weber's Class Field Trip
November 16 - Ms. Zarosl's Class Field Trip
November 21-23 - No School for Students, Thanksgiving Break
November 29 - 5th Grade Field Trip
December 6 - 2nd Grade Field Trip
December 7 - Report Card Distribution, 1st Trimester
December 12 @ 7:00pm - PTO Meeting
December 18 @ 12:30-2:00pm - Band Holiday Caroling

December 20 - Holiday Sing, Grades K-1

December 21 - Holiday Sing and Band Performance, Grades 2-5

December 22-January 6 - Winter Break

January 7 - Classes Resume