

Dear Lincoln Families,

Thank you very much for your generous donations and raising over \$19,000 at our 2018 PTO Fun Run! We are also grateful for Ms. Lowry's leadership, and all of the moms, dads, and grandparents that volunteered to make this event a success! We appreciate our caring and supportive Lincoln community!



Lincoln Expansion

We anticipate that the scheduled start of work on the Lincoln Expansion Project next month will require us to make some changes to the processes and procedures we have in place for arrival, dismissal, recess and emergency preparedness. We will be talking to the construction team on Thursday, October 25, about several things, including these changes, and will provide an update following that meeting. Information specific to the expansion project can be accessed on our Lincoln School website via the "Lincoln Expansion Project" button on the left side of the page. <http://www.op97.org/lincoln/expansion>

Food Free in Three

District 97 is committed to creating a learning environment that preserves, protects and supports the health and safety of all our students. It is with this important goal in mind that we have launched a program called “Food Free in Three” in all 10 of our schools. Below is our timeline for implementation and the list of foods that correspond with each phase.

- **Phase One:** Celebrations that are held during the **2018-19 school year** can include food from the following eight categories: fresh fruit*, fruit juice, fresh vegetables*, dried fruit, yogurt without granola topping, lean meats, and packaged popcorn and pretzels that are nut safe.

* Please note that any fresh fruit or fresh vegetables brought into our schools must either be pre-washed/pre-packaged from a store or prepared, cut, etc. after they arrive in our buildings. This will help minimize potential cross-contamination.

Food containing nuts or peanuts or food items that are processed in a facility that shares equipment with peanut or nut products are not permitted. Please check the ingredient labels for all foods that will be brought to the classroom to assure they meet this requirement.

Please be aware that there may be students in your child’s classroom who are allergic to other food items. If a student in your child’s classroom is allergic to other food products, your child’s teacher will let you know of any additional food restrictions for their classroom.

- **Phase Two:** Celebrations that are held during the **2019-20 school year** can include food from the following four categories: fresh fruit*, fresh vegetables*, and packaged popcorn and pretzels that are nut safe.
- **Phase Three:** No food will be served during celebrations that are held during the **2020-21 school year**.



Parent/Teacher Conferences are taking place on October 25-26, 2018; however, some teachers may also have conferences scheduled earlier the same week. Parent/Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to open the lines of communication, learn about your child's current level of performance and baseline assessment data, celebrate their strengths, and exchange ideas to ensure academic and social-emotional growth. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions about the conference.

Student dismissal will be at 11:00am on October 25 and October 26, 2018.

Here are some suggested questions you can ask your child's teacher:

1. How can I get regular updates or access regular updates of my child's progress?
2. In which subjects/standards/skills do you feel my child needs additional help and/or attention? Enrichment?
3. Does my child get along with his/her classmates?
4. Will you contact me as soon as possible if my child is not behaving appropriately?
5. Can you provide me with in depth information about the assessments my child is taking?
6. What are my child's current assessment scores?
7. Is my child performing at his/her grade level?
8. Can you tell me what type of attention my child receives if he/she is struggling in a particular subject?
9. Can you provide me with resources I can use to help my child in areas where extra help is needed? Resources for enrichment?
10. How can I share information with you that will give you additional insight about my child?
11. What is the best way to contact you if I have a concern?



Halloween is an exciting time at Lincoln School and our annual parade is something our community looks forward to each year! As we prepare for our Halloween celebration, we want to make you aware of a few things.

Schedule - Wednesday, October 31, 2018

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| 8:00am-11:30am | Classroom Instruction |
| 11:30am-12:25pm | Lunch/Recess |
| 12:45pm | Parade (outside weather permitting) |
| 1:15-2:15pm | Class celebrations |
| 2:30pm | Dismissal |

Pick up location if your child is going home for lunch and returning to school dressed in their costume:

Kindergarten - pick up at 11:25am in their morning line up lines on the west side of the building
1st, 2nd, 3rd grades - pick up at 11:30am in their morning line up lines on the north side
4th, 5th grades - pick up at 11:30am in their morning line up lines on the west side

Parade Route starting at 12:45pm:

- Students will exit Door 12N and travel east on Harvard to Oak Park Avenue
- Walk south on Oak Park Avenue to Fillmore
- Walk west on Fillmore to Clinton
- Walk north on Clinton to Harvard
- Walk east on Harvard and re-enter school through Door 9W

Please remember:

- No weapons (knives, guns, etc.), blood-like paint, or portrayals of violence.
- No culturally offensive or insensitive costumes.
- Costumes are not worn to school. Parents are asked to send students to school with their costumes, and students will change after lunch.
- Students going home for lunch should return to school wearing their costumes.
- Any families that prefer their child(ren) not take part in the Halloween activities, please be sure to notify the teacher. Students will be offered alternate activities in the library and supervised by a Lincoln staff member.
- All volunteers need to be coordinated through the teachers and must check in the office before entering classrooms.
- We are implementing Phase I of the "Food Free in Three" Program for our Halloween Celebrations. Celebrations that are held during the **2018-19 school year** can include

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October 23 - Picture Retake Day

October 24-26 - Book Fair

October 25 - 2nd Grade Assembly: Kids on the Block

October 25-26 - Half Day for Students-**11:00am Dismissal** ; Parent Teacher Conferences

October 31 - Halloween Parade and Parties

November 6 - No School for Students, Institute Day

November 9 - Spanish Immersion Field Trip

November 14 - 1st Trimester Ends

November 21-23 - No School for Students, Thanksgiving Break