

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Lincoln Community,

Thank you all for coming to our Back to School Night this Wednesday! The turnout was truly incredible. It is such a testament to what a special community we have at Lincoln and how much you all care about our school. As I have said before, I truly feel honored to be a part of it.

One of my thoughts this week has been around safety during arrival and drop-off. We know mornings can feel a little hectic, and we also have some things we can continue to improve on our end. We are working on systems and making sure we have qualified staff outside each morning to help things run as smoothly and safely as possible.

I also think it is important that we model the behavior we want to see from our children. We want our kids to grow into safe, responsible and independent people who know how to make good choices even when we aren't right beside them. We want them to go to the park with their buddies and rest assured that they are as safe as possible. Using crosswalks, following traffic rules and taking that extra minute to be safe are all ways we can model that for our kids.

So, just a few friendly reminders: please use the crosswalks when crossing Pennsylvania & Exposition/Pear & Exposition, no crossing mid-block, and if you park on the west side of Pennsylvania, please take the extra minute to use the crosswalk with your child. Thank you for helping us keep our kids safe!

And now, to completely date myself...I grew up in Colorado during the John Elway Broncos years. I can still remember where I was during “The Drive” against the Cleveland Browns. If you know, you know!

So, in honor of the first Broncos game of the season, **Monday will be our first Spirit Day!** Wear your Broncos gear, your

favorite team gear, or just orange and blue. Let's have some fun, show our school spirit and support our local team!

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

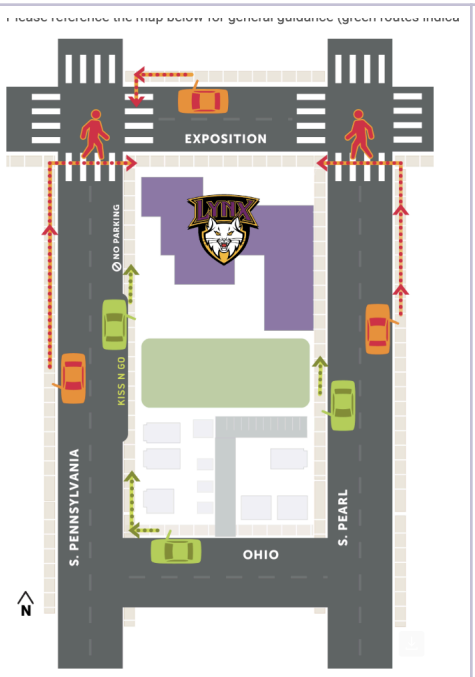
Have a wonderful September weekend!

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Gina Landis

Principal, Lincoln Elementary School

Volunteer to Help - If you have a few minutes in the morning to help open doors at Kiss-and-Go, serve as a crossing guard, or coordinate a Walking School Bus with neighbors, please connect with Mrs. Landis.



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

SEP 18	LAPS Kick Off Assembly for Students Restaurant Night: HipPOPs Truck After School
SEP 22	Restaurant Night: Kaos Pizza

SEP 24	PTSA Community Meeting
SEP 25	Fall School Picture Day
SEP 28	Planning & Professional Learning Day - No Classes
SEP 30	Restaurant Night: Sweet Cow (Platt Park)
OCT 2	PTSA Coffee on the Blacktop LAPS for Lincoln Day
OCT 7	National Walk, Bike, or Roll to School Day

View the full calendar on our website →

LINCOLN HIGHLIGHTS

Diebles Testing

Teachers will be conducting DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessments with our students over the coming weeks. These brief evaluations allow us to gauge reading progress and identify areas where additional guidance may be helpful. Because we know thoughtful assessment helps shape effective instruction, our educators will combine these results with daily classroom observations to tailor learning. DIBELS serves as one more valuable tool to help us understand each child's unique needs and foster their academic journey. We wanted to share this quick update so you remain informed about everyday learning at Lincoln!

LUNCH & RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

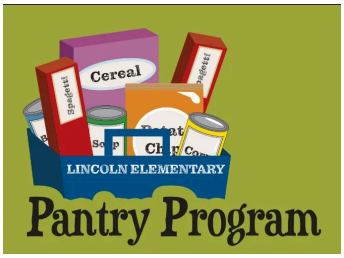


We are also seeking volunteers to support lunch and recess periods. This is a great opportunity for caregivers and extended family members who have an hour or two during the day to support our amazing school!

If interested, we ask that you complete the DPS background check process (the DPS “Good Deed Code” is e9x8to9), attend the one-time informational meeting on Tuesday 9/29 at drop-off (8:00 AM), and choose a committed, weekly shift. Please consider signing up as a back-up volunteer to help cover shifts when necessary.

Sign up for shifts here!

Questions? Please email shaudae_bryant-collins@dpsk12.net.



HELP SUPPORT LINCOLN'S PANTRY PROGRAM

Lincoln's Pantry Program provides grocery store gift cards directly to Lincoln families experiencing food insecurity. The program is funded by the generosity of the Lincoln community, and we need to increase donations to ensure we can continue supporting families in the same way we have in the past.

Monthly donations are especially helpful, as they allow us to plan ahead and make sure we have the funds available to support families throughout the school year.

Will you help us continue to support Lincoln families who need it most? You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly gift—every contribution makes a difference. Click here to donate. Thank you for helping us take care of our Lincoln community!

If your family is in need of support, please reach out to Ms. Shaudae at shaudae_bryant-collins@dpsk12.net or your classroom teacher.

PTSA CORNER

PTSA COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, Sep 24 | 6:45-8:30pm
Lincoln Library Innovation Space

Please join us for our first quarterly PTSA meeting! All parents, caregivers, staff, students, and community members are welcome. Learn more about how we're supporting the school and stay informed about upcoming events throughout the year. Childcare will be provided with an RSVP here.

Become a member! Your membership supports classroom resources, teacher appreciation, and student activities to ensure every Lincoln student has what they need to learn, feel safe, and stay engaged at school. Join now!

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Tuesdays | 6:30pm

All Lincoln parents and staff are invited to play basketball each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. Join us for mildly competitive – but age appropriate – pickup basketball games in Lincoln's historic gym.

Questions? Contact Jarred Pinkston at jarred@pinkstonproperty.com for more info.

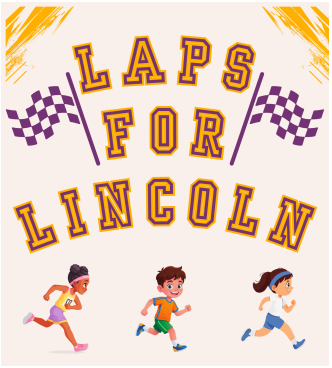
COMMUNITY RUN CLUB
Thursdays | 6:00am

Connect while moving your body! Join fellow members of our community for an informal run each Thursday morning at 6:00am. We will meet at the front entrance of the school. All abilities welcome!

Questions? Contact Jarred Pinkston at jarred@pinkstonproperty.com for more info.

Learn more about the PTSA on our website →

SUPPORT LINCOLN



LAPS FOR LINCOLN – OUR SCHOOL'S BIGGEST FALL FUNDRAISER
Save the Date: Oct 2

It's almost time for our annual LAPS for Lincoln fun run! Our kids will hit the field for some fitness and school spirit, all for a good cause. Each classroom will have a designated run time and dress-up theme, with details coming soon.

Hosted by the PTSA, this is our major Fall fundraiser where students collect donations and run as many laps as they can to help raise money for Lincoln. We ask that parents support their children by making and facilitating contributions on their behalf. This year, our goal is to raise $60,000!

We will share information next week on how to register, how to collect donations, and how to volunteer. And of course, family and friends are invited to watch, cheer on our students, and join in on the fun!

RESTAURANT NIGHT: HipPOPs
Friday, Sep 18 | after school 2:45-4:15pm
Truck 3 will be parked in front of the school

HipPOPs, the world's coolest dessert truck, is rolling up Lincoln after the LAPS student assembly with handcrafted gelato-on-a-stick treats! Choose your flavors, add your favorite toppings, and we ALL enjoy, because 15% of all sales go directly back to Lincoln!

Skip the line and pre-order online on the day of from Truck 3. Find allergy info here.

RESTAURANT NIGHT: KAOS PIZZA

Tuesday, Sep 22 | 4-7pm
1439 S Pearl St.

Meet up with other Lincoln families at Kaos Pizzeria's top-voted patio in Platt Park! It's a great way to meet more people while supporting our amazing school. Kaos will donate 15% of ALL proceeds during this window directly to the Lincoln PTSA, including online and third-party app ordering. Go on, make it a pizza night!



BUY A MARQUEE

Purchase here

Celebrate your student on the Lincoln Elementary marquee! Purchase a custom message to recognize a birthday, achievement, or special milestone to display for a week.

Your order supports the Lincoln Elementary PTSA and helps fund classroom resources, school events, and teacher support. Please enter your message exactly as you want it to appear and follow the character guidelines.

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