

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Lincoln Families,

Happy 9/5 Day! I shared with our staff this morning that many schools and cities are celebrating today as “9 to 5 Day” and commemorating the one and only Dolly Parton! What better way to celebrate than with a little Dolly-inspired fun and a reminder that every day is a great day to celebrate our community!

We had a great PTSA meeting last evening, and I left feeling so grateful for the incredible community we have here at Lincoln. One of my favorite things about our meetings and this group is seeing how everything becomes an opportunity to celebrate our students, families, and school.

As our PTSA parents shared last night, Laps for Lincoln is becoming more of a “FUN”draiser than simply a fundraiser! And with that being said, I am SO excited to tell you about the fun we have planned as we reach our Laps for Lincoln milestones!

Our Laps for Lincoln FUN milestones:

- First Marker: If we reach our first goal, we will celebrate with a **PJ Day on Tuesday!**
- 45K: If we hit 45,000, we will have Cafeteria Karaoke!
- 60K: At 60,000, we will celebrate with an all-school pizza party AND an assembly with Dinger!
- Stretch Goal: And if we reach our stretch goal...we will get to SLIME THE PRINCIPAL!

I hope you will come and join the FUN next Friday! There is nothing quite like watching our students come together, celebrate one another, and learn that their efforts can make a difference!!

It is also important to add that dollars raised directly correlate with student learning, community experiences and classroom/teacher support. The below table shows how PTSA dollars have been spent to directly impact student learning:

Where Our Money Was Spent in 2025–2026

Every dollar raised directly enriched our campus, focusing heavily on critical staffing and student enrichment.

Expenditure Category	Amount Spent	Real-World Campus Impact
School Support	$118,509	Paraprofessionals ($100K), assembly programs, campus improvements, teacher grants.
Specific-Use Costs	$33,664	Classroom supply stipends, student yearbooks, and the Pantry Program.
Fundraising Operations	$20,401	Direct execution costs for community milestones like BASH and Laps.
Community Events	$5,187	Fall Festival, Meet & Greet, Movie Night and other gatherings.
PTA Overhead	$7,581	Technology software, required liability insurance, storage rentals.

It is also so special to watch our students learn each day. One of my favorite parts of being principal is visiting classrooms. It is always my goal to visit every classroom weekly, or at least every other week, because there is truly nothing better than seeing our students and teachers in action.

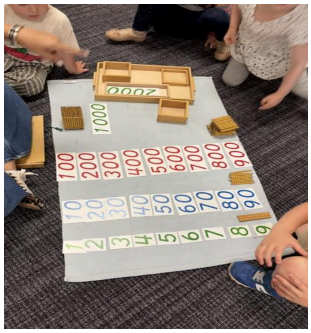
The pictures below are from Ms. Isabel's and Ms. Sheela's classrooms, and I have to say, it is absolutely amazing to watch our littlest learners learning at such high levels. Their curiosity, excitement, and joy for learning are truly wonderful to see.

As always, I feel so honored to be your principal. Thank you for being such an important part of our Lincoln community and for helping make our school such a special place.

Please reach out anytime with questions, ideas, or just to say hello!

Gina Landis
Principal, Lincoln Elementary School







UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

SEP 28	Planning & Professional Learning Day - No Classes
SEP 29	PJ Day for hitting our first fundraising marker!
SEP 30	Restaurant Night: Sweet Cow (Platt Park)
OCT 2	PTSA Coffee on the Blacktop LAPS for Lincoln Fundraiser
OCT 7	National Walk, Bike, or Roll to School Day
OCT 12	Conference Day - No Classes
OCT 12-14	Upper El/4th/5th Grade Conferences
OCT 16	Lincoln Annual Family Movie Night Restaurant Night: HipPOPs
OCT 21	Restaurant Night: Homegrown Tap & Dough Wash Park
OCT 29	Literacy Parade (Time TBD)

View the full calendar on our website →

LINCOLN HIGHLIGHTS

National Walk or Ride to School Day!!



Celebrity Crossing Guard on Walk/Roll to School Day!
Wednesday, October 7th

National Walk/Roll to School Day is Wednesday, October 7th. On this day, we will have a special celebrity guest assisting our crossing guard. Please help us celebrate by traveling to school using “active transportation.”

We are excited to announce that our celebrity crossing guard will be AJ Anaya, Pro BMX Rider!

Walk, ride your bike, use your wheelchair, scooter, skateboard, or ride RTD on October 7th to receive a raffle ticket to win gift cards or an exclusive lunch with Principal Landis. If you need

to drive, please park one or more blocks away from the school and come to the main school entrance (Exposition & Pennsylvania) to receive your raffle ticket. Our goal is to have everyone use human-powered transportation on this day!

LUNCH & RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
NEW INFO MEETING DATE: 9/29

We are 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.

PTSA CORNER



PTSA COFFEE ON THE BLACKTOP BEFORE LAPS
Friday, Oct 2 | 8:15-8:45am
Lincoln Front Entrance

Stick around after drop off (and before LAPS) to meet other Lincoln parents near the main entrance. Coffee and treats provided – just bring your own mug. We hope to see you there!



LINCOLN ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, Oct 16 | 6-8:30pm
Lincoln Field

Join us for an outdoor movie night under the stars! Bring your favorite stuffie, cozy blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy ***The Super Mario Galaxy Movie*** with our community. The HipPOPs dessert truck will also be at Lincoln if you want to purchase a

sweet treat and support the school at the same time! (*Note: While our field continues to be worked on, we anticipate the ground will be a little dirty. Don't forget picnic blankets or lawn chairs to sit on to make it more pleasant!*)

[Learn more about the PTSA on our website →]

SUPPORT LINCOLN



LAPS FOR LINCOLN – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Friday, Oct 2 | 8:30am-12pm
Lincoln Field

Our LAPS event is only 1 week away! Don't forget to create your student's specific fundraising page and begin collecting donations. Our goal this year is $60k – currently, we are 24% to our goal.

Let's hit our first milestone of $20k and celebrate Tuesday **9/29 with a Pajama Day**! Your students are welcome to come to school wearing their favorite pajamas!

Want to help them unlock even more special incentives?
$45k = Cafeteria Karaoke 🎤
$60k = Pizza Party and Visit from Dinger, mascot of the Colorado Rockies 🍕
$70k (stretch goal) = SLIME the Principal 😝

Wondering how you can participate?

☑️ REGISTER AND DONATE! Get started here. This creates your student's specific fundraising page that you can share with

others.

☑️ SPREAD THE WORD! Reach out to family, friends, neighbors, anyone who would love to support your child and our school! Share your child's fundraising page and consider having your child craft a personalized message or video.

☑️ DOUBLE THE MATCH! Ask your company if they participate in a corporate matching program. Contact fundraising@mylincolnptsa.org or treasurer@mylincolnptsa.org for any questions.

☑️ VOLUNTEER! We need your help to run a successful event. Sign up to volunteer or work a shift the morning of Oct 2.

☑️ JOIN THE FUN! Come cheer on your little runner. You can even join them for a couple of laps. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends are welcome.

Each class has its own spirit theme, and we'd love to see your kids dressed for it! Questions? Reach out directly to your student's teacher. Classes run at staggered times, so check the schedule to plan your morning if you're coming to cheer or help out.

THANK YOU for being a part of LAPS and for supporting our wonderful school community!

SWEET COW

RESTAURANT NIGHT: SWEET COW

Wednesday, Sep 30 | 12-10pm (All day)
1882 S Pearl St. (Platt Park location)

Treat yourself to ice cream and time with Lincoln families and friends. Enjoy a night of community, conversation, and sweet treats with **40% of sales being donated back to Lincoln**! All menu items count, but gift cards, retail, online orders, and delivery are not included. To participate, tell the person at the register you're supporting Lincoln when you pay.

HipPOPs
handcrafted gelato bars

RESTAURANT NIGHT: HipPOPs

Friday, Oct 16 | 6-8:30pm

Near Lincoln Field

HipPOPs, the world's coolest dessert truck, is rolling up Lincoln during the annual Family Movie Night 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! We will share ordering instructions in the app once available. Find allergy info here.

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Are you a local business owner or know someone who is? With over 350 families attending Lincoln, our "Partners in Education" business sponsorship program is a powerful way to increase brand awareness of your local business while supporting Lincoln and getting a tax deduction. In fact, 76% of Lincoln families say they have referred a sponsoring business! To learn more, visit the PTSA Partners in Education page or email sponsors@mylincolnptsa.org.

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