

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Friday to our amazing Lynx community!

I want to begin this letter with a big THANK YOU! I am continually amazed by this magical community and the way you show up for our kids. Raising over **$60,000** for our school and organizing such a special event for our students is no small feat. What a gift to our Lincoln community!

Laps for Lincoln was truly fantastic! From the theme songs that accompanied each class to the creative costumes, our students and teachers brought so much fun and personality to the day.

We had everything from the spooky fun of *Thriller* and Michael Jackson-inspired costumes, complete with sequins and gloves, to our Primary Montessori students sailing in as pirates! Each class brought its own personality to the celebration, and I loved seeing our students and teachers running hard and expressing themselves in their own unique ways. What a special day for our Lynx community!

Making Memories That Matter

I want to share something I think about often: the connection between how children feel about school and their long-term success. Research suggests that when students feel connected to their school, teachers, and peers, they are more likely to engage in learning, experience academic success, and develop a stronger sense of belonging. These connections matter not only in elementary school but as students move into middle school, high school, and beyond.

I am a firm believer in the importance of making memories. When children feel connected to their school, school becomes more than a place they come to learn. It becomes a place where they belong. And we have some pretty wonderful memory-making happening here at Lincoln!

I had so much fun with our students this week during Kafeteria Karaoke! At first, some of our fifth graders were a little reluctant to sing during lunch. Before long, though, they were joining in and having a blast. Then *Baby Shark* came on as our final song, and I got up and joined the conga line! Those are the moments that make me smile. I love seeing our students let their guards down, laugh together, and simply enjoy being kids.

Speaking of making memories, there are dates below which reflect what is coming up at Lincoln!

As much as I love the fun and celebrations, I also want our families to know that we are working hard and learning at high levels every day. As I visit classrooms each week, I continue to marvel at the rigor of the instruction happening across Lincoln. Our students are grappling with complex word problems, building foundational reading skills with CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, and engaging in rich lessons that challenge them to stretch their thinking.

Teachers, interventionists and specialists are providing thoughtful differentiation, extensions, and opportunities for students to grow at their own levels every day. There is so much intentional work happening in our classrooms. It is simply amazing! Our students also have the opportunities to not only learn at Lincoln but on field trips, as well. The pictures below are of our ⅘ grade field trip to the art museum! Big thanks to Mr. G for the beautiful pictures!.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. Thank you for being such an important part of Lincoln and for helping make this school such a special place for our children. I am so grateful to be part of this community!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Together we are Lincoln!

Gina Landis
Principal, Lincoln Elementary School













UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT 12	Conference Day - No Classes
OCT 12-14	Upper El/4th/5th Grade Conferences
OCT 15	Broncos Spirit Day
OCT 16	Lincoln Annual Family Movie Night Restaurant Night: HipPOPs
OCT 21	Restaurant Night: Homegrown Tap & Dough Wash Park
OCT 24	Lincoln Annual Fall Fest
OCT 25	Lynx Experience: Halloween Cookie Decorating
OCT 27	Middle School Night @ Steele Elementary
OCT 27-28	Balarat 5th Grade Overnight Program
OCT 28	Picture Retake Day
OCT 29	Literacy Parade PTSA Coffee on the Blacktop

[View the full calendar on our website →]

LINCOLN HIGHLIGHTS

🍂📚 Literacy Day Parade 📚🍁

🗓️ Tuesday, October 29 • 8:40 AM ⏰

Get ready to celebrate our love of books! 🎈
Students are invited to **dress as their favorite book character** and **bring the book that inspired their costume** for our schoolwide Literacy Day Parade! 🎉

📍 Parade Details 📍

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Families	🌟 Older Students	📸 Picture Time
Line up along the **field keeping *two sides* open for students to join the parade route.** . Students will come out through gym doors and parade outside the parent viewing area!	Line up along the gym walls and cheer on younger students from inside first, then join outside for the parade and pictures!	Students will have opportunities to take photos outside with classmates during the parade! 📷

💡 Friendly Reminders 💡

- Choose **friendly book characters**—no masks, weapons, or inappropriate dress. 🎭
- Wear costumes during school **as long as they do not interfere with learning**. ✏️
- Come to school in costume and option to **change into regular clothes after the parade** if needed. 👕
- Don't forget to **bring your matching book**! 📖

We can't wait to see our Lincoln readers bring their favorite books to life!

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

It's hard to believe it's already time to start thinking about middle school! Although we would love to have you stay with us at Lincoln Elementary indefinitely, we know our students eventually have to fly the coop! We are excited to partner with you as you take this next step.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT @ STEELE ELEMENTARY

This is a great opportunity for 5th grade families to learn more about local middle school options and begin thinking about what might be the right fit for next year.

Representatives from area middle schools will be at Steele to share information about their programs, school communities, and what makes their schools unique. Families will have a chance to visit with different schools, ask questions, and learn more about the transition to middle school.

We realize that our 5th grade students will be at Balarat during this event, but we hope this evening will still be helpful for Lincoln families who are able to attend. Families from Steele, Asbury, Lincoln, and McKinley-Thatcher Elementary Schools are invited to join us!

When: Tuesday, October 27, 4:30–6:00 PM
Where: Steele Elementary, 320 S. Marion Parkway

Please note: We plan to hold the event outdoors, weather permitting.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of exploring middle school options and getting excited about what comes next!

LAPS 2026: TOGETHER WE RAISED $62,369!

LAPS for Lincoln was a huge success, and it happened because of you! Whether you donated, collected pledges, volunteered your time, cheered from the sidelines, or helped out in the classroom, you made a difference. We blew past our $60,000 goal, which means the whole school will celebrate with pizza, a visit from Dinger, and Principal Landis getting slimed! 😜 Plus, the top fundraising classroom and the top two LAP-pers from each class have earned an ice cream. We are so proud of all our students, and we're so grateful to be part of a community that shows up for our kids like this. Thank you, Lincoln!

🍦 Congrats and many thanks to our top fundraising classroom: Ms. Algoe!

🍦 Congrats to these LAP-pers who rain the most laps by grade (including ties)!

Kinder: Loli (Ms. Catherine), Ayden (Ms. Isabel)
1st: Elsa (Ms. Heidi), Arlo (Ms. Francie)
2nd: Henry (Ms. Erin), William (Ms. Erin), Finn (Ms. Rollins), Miles X. (Ms. Rollins)
3rd: Jax (Ms. Wright), Riley (Ms. Wright), Lucca (Ms. Wright), Miller (Ms. Amy)
4th: Max I. (Mr. Reno), Matias (Mr. Reno), Wyatt (Mr. O)
5th: Eba (Mr. G), Penny (Ms. Algoe)

6th: Eileen (Mr. G), Audrey (Mr. Reno)

Friday, Oct 16: School-wide pizza snacks
Wednesday, Oct 21 at 2pm: Celebration assembly featuring slime time & Dinger

We would love your thoughts on how to improve LAPS for next year – please take our short survey to provide feedback!





PTSA CORNER

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, lawn chairs, and snacks to enjoy ***The Super Mario Galaxy Movie*** with our community. Be sure to support our 6th grade students who will be selling popcorn and other treats! The HipPOPs dessert truck will also be at Lincoln, and 15% of proceeds go back to our school. (*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!*)

LINCOLN ANNUAL FALL FEST

Saturday, Oct 24 | 2-5pm
Lincoln Campus

Dress up in your best costumes, bring friends and neighbors, and get ready for an afternoon of fall fun! Join us at the school on a Saturday for this free community event featuring carnival games, music, fall activities, and our popular haunted house. Food and pumpkins will be available for purchase - pumpkins are generously donated by Lori Rickert from State Farm, with all proceeds going straight to Lincoln!

To make this year's Fall Fest the best yet, we need volunteers for activities and setup. Please **sign up here** or in the app!

Learn more about the PTSA on our website →

SUPPORT LINCOLN

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.

RESTAURANT NIGHT: HOMEGROWN TAP & DOUGH WASH PARK

Wednesday, Oct 21 | 5-9pm
1001 S Gaylord St. (Wash Park location)

Meet up with other Lincoln families at Homegrown Tap & Dough for a fun night of food, drinks, and community, all while supporting our amazing school! **15% of the proceeds from all orders mentioning our school** will be donated directly to

Lincoln Elementary. If you order at the restaurant, please tell your server. If you order online, you will need to enter a code. Please check the app for the code once we receive it!

LYNX EXPERIENCES

LYNX EXPERIENCES ARE BACK!

Interested in hosting one? Sign up here!

New season, new Lynx Experiences! **We're looking for hosts** to help dream up our next lineup.

Lynx Experiences are one-of-a-kind activities hosted by Lincoln families, teachers, and staff, for kids, grown-ups, or the whole family. Think a crafting party, sports tournament, tasting event, or a family game night. No experience is too big or too small. You bring the idea, and the PTSA takes care of tickets and registration. Every dollar raised goes straight back to Lincoln, and everyone gets a great time out of it. We encourage you to be creative, and we thank you for being part of what makes our school community so special!

Please submit your hosting ideas by Friday, Oct 30. Questions or need help planning? Check out our website or email: fundraising@mylincolnptsa.org.

Not ready to host? Come join the fun instead! We have 2 Lynx Experiences coming up in the next few weeks:

Sunday, Oct 25 | 2-5pm
Halloween Cookie Decorating: Get into the spooky spirit with frosting, sprinkles, and plenty of sweet treats.

Friday, Nov 6 | 4:30-7:30pm
Twist & Tumble Parent's Night Out: Kids flip, bounce, and play while grown-ups enjoy a well-earned Friday night off.

Spots are limited, so grab your tickets soon. Every ticket supports Lincoln!

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