



## From the Principal's Desk



Dear Lincoln Community,

Thanks to all the students and staff who participated in **ROARS Week** earlier this month. We had a week of spirit days kicking off our year-long focus on appropriate school behavior: **Respecting yourself and others, Offering empathy, Acting Safely, being Responsible for your learning; and Showing self-control.** Teachers recognized students with raffle tickets for meeting these expectations. I want to specially thank Chipotle and the Original Pancake House for their generosity; each donated gift certificates to award students for their good efforts. We will continue this recognition all year long with our monthly ROARS themes. October will be "Respect yourself and others" month.

We are very excited about **the national conference of the Association of Middle Level Education (AMLE)** taking place next month. AMLE is the premier organization of middle school educators world-wide, and I am very pleased that Lincoln staff will be playing a major role in this year's conference. Read below for details.

On a **safety note**, I wanted to express my gratitude for all the parents who are following our drop-off and pick-up guidelines. Overall, traffic flow has been good, and fewer students have been running across the middle of the street after being dropped off (though it is still happening). **Please do not drop your child off across the street on Lincoln Ave.**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are coming up Thursday, September 29, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Hours are from 3:20-7:20 PM. Please reference your child's team page for directions on how to sign up for a conference with the core team. Encore conferences are on a drop-in basis.

Dr. Murray



To inspire every child to discover, learn, achieve, and care

*The mission of Lincoln Middle School is to meet the intellectual and developmental needs of young adolescents in a positive, safe, and multidisciplinary environment, and to prepare them for a socially responsible life in a changing global society.*

# School Attendance Makes a Difference

Your high expectations make a positive difference in your child's academic success. Another basic yet important way to make a difference in your child's education is to make sure he or she attends school regularly and on time.

Children don't do as well in school when they frequently miss part of or an entire school day. You can help your child succeed in school by understanding how schools define absences. You can also help by learning ways to support your child's school attendance.

## **Unexcused Absences**

An unexcused absence is when children miss school for reasons not accepted by the school. Some reasons for an unexcused absence are:

- Vacation
- Staying home to take care of or visit with family members
- Missing the school bus
- Sleeping too late

**Please note that your child is not exempt from any missed work when they have an unexcused absence. It is his/her responsibility to get any work missed from their teacher.**

## **Late Arrival**

All students are expected to be seated in homeroom at 8:05 a.m. A doctor's appointment or a bus problem are acceptable excused tardies. All other reasons will be considered unexcused. Exceptions must be approved by the principal. To assist students and parents in correcting this problem, a sequence of escalating interventions is followed after three unexcused tardies. These range from calls home, parent letters and conferences at school, detentions, tardy contracts, and possible legal action against the parents.

## **Excused Absences**

Schools know children have valid reasons to be absent. This is called an excused absence. Parents must tell the school when their child is going to be absent. This makes it an excused absence. Some reasons for an excused absence are:

- Child's illness or injury
- Family emergency
- Death of a family member
- Doctor or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled before or after school hours
- Religious holidays

## **When your child is absent with a valid reason:**

- Contact the school office or the attendance line on the day of the absence at **847-318-4215**. Contact the school as early as possible. Give your child's name, homeroom, date of the absence and reason for the absence. Tell the school when you think your child will return.
- Contact the school to request homework before 8:30 a.m. after your child has been sick for two or more days. Please call the front office when making a homework request or leave your request on the attendance line.

# School News



Lincoln Middle School is excited to announce that four of our teachers are presenting in October at the Association for Middle Level Education's Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. It was a competitive field for prospective presenters with over 760 session abstracts submitted for less than 140 session slots. Irene Kappos and Julie Jemison are presenting the session "ELA Co-Teaching: One for All" and

Christine Thielen and Megan Preis are presenting the session "Energizing the Flipped Classroom."

In addition to the four Lincoln presenters, Melissa Johnson, Kara Dabe, and Dr. Tony Murray will be attending the conference. The entire group is excited to expand their knowledge of teaching practices for middle level students and bring back some innovative learning experiences to share with students and staff at Lincoln Middle School.

The Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) is a global non-profit association devoted to supporting those who work with young adolescents. Founded in 1973, AMLE has more than 46,000 members in 45 countries. Over 3,000 educators from around the United States as well as four other countries are expected to attend this year's annual conference in Austin. For more information about AMLE please visit <http://amle.org>.



## FALL WEATHER

Just a reminder that P.E. classes will be outside until the end of October.

Students are welcome to bring sweatshirts and sweatpants to wear over their gym uniforms. Students can store them in their PE locker for the chilly days ahead.


## P.E. Intramurals

Our intramural program will be starting this Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. It is a chance to have some more fun playing the sports we present in class. Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> are parent teacher conferences so intramurals will not be held that day. We will be starting with La Crosse and Flag Football. Bring your friends and sign up with the PE teachers. We will be done in time for you to take the activity bus home.

You do NOT need to have a sports physical in order to attend!



# To all District 64 Families



Autumn days predictably bring cooler weather, changing colors and of course, cold and flu season. Since influenza viruses vary from year to year, it may be difficult to predict the flu season's beginning and peak. Flu activity in the U.S. peaks between December and February, but can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May.

To prepare your family for the 2016-17 Influenza Season, please visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for basic flu facts, prevention tips, and treatment information by clicking below:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/current.htm>

For Your Good Health,

Margaret Temari, RN, MEd.  
Certified School Nurse & Facilitator, School  
Health Services



# Developmental Screenings



## School District 64 Early Childhood Diagnostic Team

Jefferson School, 8200 N. Greendale, Niles, IL 60714  
Phone: (847) 318-5360, Fax: (847) 318-5442



## 2016 - 2017 Developmental Screenings

**School District 64 offers monthly free  
developmental screenings for children  
age 2yrs 9mos through 5yrs 11mos  
who live in the School District 64 community.**

(All screening appointments for preschoolers age 2 and 9 months through age 5 and 11 months are on Tuesdays at 9am, 10am, or 11am unless stated otherwise. Call the Jefferson School Office at [\(847\) 318-5360](tel:8473185360) for more information or to make an appointment for a screening.)

..October 11  
..November 1  
..December 6  
..January 17

..February 14  
..March 14  
..April 11  
..May 9

Meet with our Early Childhood Diagnostic Team  
and find out how your child's early cognitive, social-emotional,  
communication, and motor skills are developing.

**CALL US TODAY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!**

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## Infant & Toddler Developmental Screening

*Free screening for children  
from birth through age 3  
living in the School District 64 community*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016,  
9am - 12pm**

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# Parent University



## The Climb to Mastery

### Understanding Formative Assessment

Join this Parent University to learn more about *formative assessment*, the method by which teachers can assess student learning real-time. We will offer a hands-on experience that would demonstrate an overview of some formative assessment strategies and technology tools that teachers and students utilize to gauge learning and understanding.

Open to parents and all adult members of the community.



Facilitated by Rachel Labuz and Allison Sobotka  
Instructional Technology Coaches

**DISTRICT 64  
PARENT**



**Wednesday,  
October 12th, 2016  
6:00PM to 7:00PM**

**@WASHINGTON SCHOOL  
in the Learning Resource Center (LRC)  
1500 W. Stewart, Park Ridge**

**2016-17 Parent University Series**





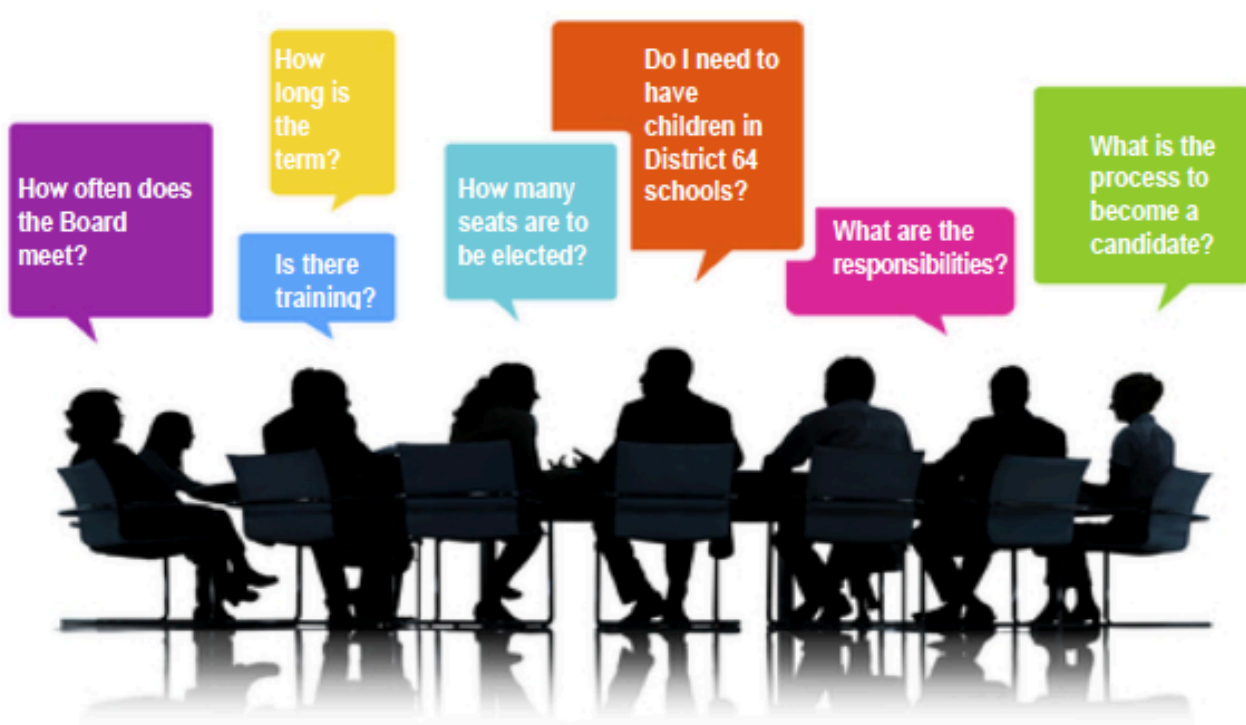
# Coffee with the School Board

With the Board of Education elections coming in April 2017....  
are you curious about Board service now or at some point in the future?

Come talk with fellow residents who have served about what it's like to contribute  
to your local public schools in this important way.

## A-B-C's of School Board Service

Coffee & Conversation  
Wednesday, October 12 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
District 64 Educational Service Center  
164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge



Park Ridge-Niles School District 64  
[www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org) > Board > Board Election 2017

# Appreciation Day

## Principal Appreciation Day Friday, October 21

Great schools like ours have leaders that build successful learning environments for all students.

They work collaboratively with teachers as the instructional leaders of their schools and build strong connections with families.

Our Principals and Assistant Principals are the foundation of educational excellence in District 64.



District 64 invites you to email or call your Principal and Assistant Principal to thank them for their leadership this year.



# ELF News

**Support D64 Schools with a Family Movie Outing!**  
*Take your family to the movies while raising money for innovative projects in D64 schools!*

**D64 ELF Fundraiser at the Pickwick**  
**Saturday, November 5 at 10 a.m.**  
**5 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge**

 **DREAMWORKS**



**Only \$10!**  
Includes movie  
ticket, small  
popcorn, and  
juice box!



**ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION**

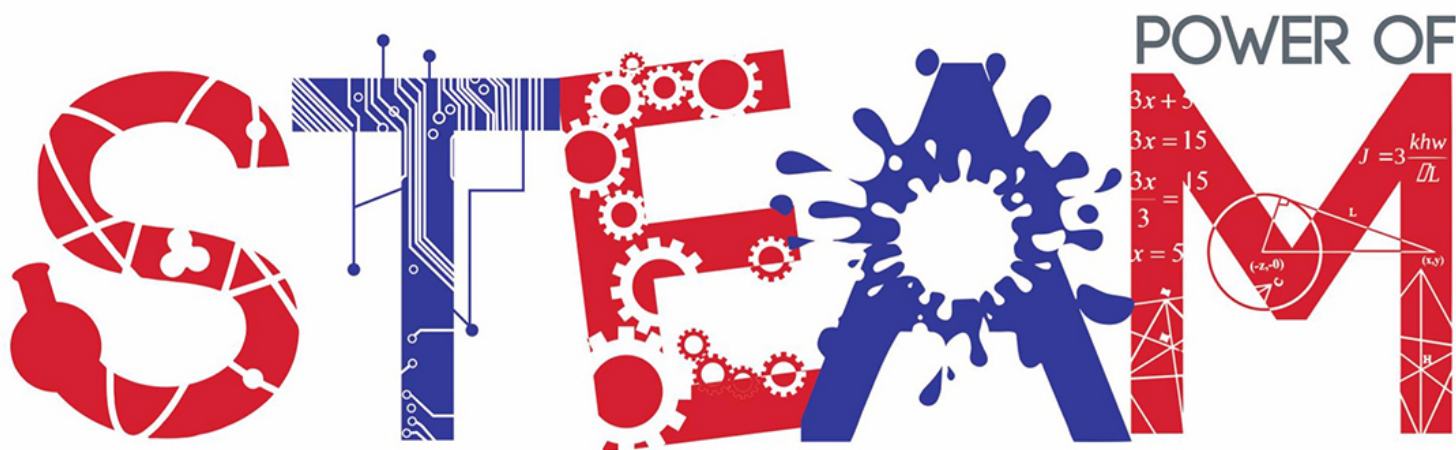
HELPING DISTRICT 64 REACH NEW HEIGHTS / [district64elf.org](http://district64elf.org)

**Guarantee your spot online now at**  
**[district64elf.org](http://district64elf.org) or purchase Nov. 5 from the**  
**D64 ELF table inside the Pickwick lobby.**

**25% of all proceeds directly benefit D64 ELF**



## Parent University



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART MATHEMATICS



Hosted at

Lincoln Middle School

Learning Resource Center (LRC)

200 S. Lincoln Avenue in Park Ridge

This program is geared towards families  
with school-aged, grades K-8 students.

Families are invited to an evening of

## Making, Coding & STEAMing

*(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)*

Members of the D64 Technology Team are facilitating a **hands-on night of exploration!** You will get to know the first elementary and middle school **MakerSpaces**, try **coding** with your family, and learn about the fundamental ideas behind our **innovation and design mindset**. Families will have the opportunity to learn and problem-solve **through exploration and play**. Bring your thinking cap and your imagination!

**Computer Science helps nurture creativity and problem-solving.**

Join the Maker Movement

Wednesday, Nov 9th, 2016

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Facilitated by Megan Preis & Kevin Michael  
D64 Instructional Technology Coaches

Parent University Series 2016-17



# Kiwanis Club Fundraiser

## Kiwanis Clubs of Park Ridge Holiday Food Basket Fundraiser for District 64 Families in Need



Harp & Fiddle  
110 Main Street, Park Ridge THE HARP & FIDDLE  
Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
4 p.m.—10 p.m.

When you dine at Harp & Fiddle on November 9 from 4-10p.m. and tell the server you are with the Kiwanis Club, 20% of your total bill will be donated to the Kiwanis Clubs. All funds raised that evening will go towards providing holiday food baskets to those families in District 64 that fall below the poverty level. Please show your support for those families by dining at Harp & Fiddle or by sending a cash donation to the Kiwanis Holiday Food Basket Fundraiser c/o Kiwanis President Frank Kaminski, 200 S. Vine, Park Ridge, IL 60068.