



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lincoln Community,

As a Cub fan, I feel I have been in some kind of time warp over the last month. Last week, still basking in the glow of the World Series, I looked at my calendar and said, "It's Thanksgiving already!?" Hard to believe, but the first semester is behind us.

I congratulate our students and staff on a very successful first term. The Parent Portal will remain closed until all grades and teacher comments are finalized. Report cards will be mailed home Monday, November 28th.

Congratulations to our Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams who finished with six, count 'em, six first place finishes at the conference meet! That's a sweep! It was great seeing nearly 20% of the student body participating in this wonderful fall sport. Thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Janousky, Miss Balcarcel, Mrs. Migon, and Miss Gronwick for all their hard work this season.

Congratulations are also in order for Miss Dabe and Mrs. Johnson who will be presenting at the Association of Illinois Middle Schools (AIMS) state conference next month. They will be sharing learning about the flexible learning space that has been piloted in their classroom this year.

Check your e-mail for previous communication about the 5 Essentials survey that parents and students will be taking in early December. The 5E is a survey we give every two years to get feedback from the entire Lincoln Community on what is going well, and what could be better in our school.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact me.

Calendar Reminders: School is **not** in session next week. MAP Testing will be conducted for selected students the week of December 12.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful, Happy Thanksgiving.

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.

Spelling Bee



Did you hear the buzz???

The (Spelling) Bee is back!

District 64 is participating in the 2017

Scripps National Spelling Bee

The District 64 2017 Spelling Bee will operate on two levels:

School Spelling Bees	District Spelling Bee
<p>Who: All 3rd-8th Graders</p> <p>What: School Spelling Bee</p> <p>When: January 2017</p> <p>Where: YOUR School!</p> <p>See Spelling Bee Website for more details!</p>	<p>Who: Top 3 Spellers from each District 64 School</p> <p>What: D64 Spelling Bee*</p> <p>When: Monday, January 30, 2017 (Check-in begins at 3:30 p.m.; Bee starts at 4:00 p.m.) Allow approximately two hours for the Spelling Bee. Please be considerate of all spellers and remain until breaks between rounds.</p> <p>Where: Roosevelt School's Auditorium</p>
Why: IT'S FUN!!!	

- ✓ Spelling & Vocabulary rounds will be included at the School Spelling Bees.
- ✓ Study Guides and Additional Information about School Spelling Bees will be available from School Coordinators:

CA: sdouglass@d64.org	EM: ebachmann@d64.org
FL: jknoblauch@d64.org	FR: spater@d64.org or kkaniecki@d64.org
LI: kmay@d64.org	RO: nazark@d64.org WA: bjoyce@d64.org or gjaffe@d64.org
- ✓ Additional Spelling Bee information is available on the school websites and by direct link <https://sites.google.com/a/d64.org/d64-spelling-bee/>
- ✓ All of the top-spelling students who participate will be recognized; the District 64 winner will move on to the regional competition!
- ✓ Questions? Ask Meghan Keefer, District 64 Spelling Bee Coordinator
847-318-8148, mkeefer@d64.org

Spelling Bee Permission Form



The student listed below has permission to participate in the **Lincoln School Spelling Bee on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.** We understand that the top 3 spellers from each school will continue on to the District 64 Spelling Bee on January 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Roosevelt School's Auditorium*.

Spelling Bee study lists are available by providing your email address below. Hard copies can also be requested. Please note that during a spelling bee at any level, additional words may be chosen from *Webster's Dictionary*, if needed. Also, this year the **School Spelling Bee will include vocabulary rounds** for the top 10 spellers. Additional information can be found at our school website:

<http://www.d64.org/lms/>.

If you have any questions regarding the Lincoln School Spelling Bee, please contact Ms. Katie May at kmay@d64.org.

If you have any questions regarding the District 64 Spelling Bee, please contact Meghan Keefer at mkeefe@d64.org or 847-318-8148.



Student Name _____

Grade Level _____ Teacher _____

I have read the Spelling Bee Permission Form. Please send the study lists to the following email address:



Parent email : _____

student signature

parent/guardian signature

* A separate District Spelling Bee permission slip will be sent to the top 3 spellers from each building.

Lincoln Sports



Girl's Volleyball Tryouts

Girl's volleyball team tryouts will be held right after we come back from our Christmas Break. All 7th & 8th grade girls interested in trying out need to have a Sports Physical turned in to the office before you can try out.

Dates for the tryouts will be posted after we return from Thanksgiving break.

Check with the school nurse to make sure you have a sports physical already on file. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Janicki and Mr. Tebo.

INTRAMURAL FACULTY/STUDENT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



There is plenty of high level excitement in the gym now that our tournament is underway. The top four winners from Pool 1 and Pool 2 are being determined to advance to the championship bracket. Students are doing their best to get their faculty member to last through the matches. The Golden Volleyball Trophy is waiting to be inscribed with the winner. Good Luck to everyone!



7th Grade Team

record. They too were regular season conference champs and Conference Tournament Champs for the 4th year in a row.

Coach Lindgren and I could not have been prouder of this classy group of young ladies. They are a hard-working group both on and off the court. They made us proud wherever we went and whoever we played.

Girls Basketball Season

Both of the girls teams had great success this year.

The 7th grade squad ended their season with a 20-2 record. They captured 3rd place at the Grove Tournament back in October and were regular season conference champs and Conference Tournament Champs for the 4th year in a row.

The 8th grade team finished their season with a 19-3



8th Grade Team

Lincoln Information



Lincoln Middle School

Abraham Lincoln Middle School
200 S. Lincoln Ave. • Park Ridge, IL 60068
Bike racks: South side of building adjacent
to the parking lot on Crescent Avenue

Main Office (report absences)

Office hours 7:30 a.m.–3:50 p.m.
Phone 847-318-4215
Fax 847-318-4210
Health Office 847-318-4219
Staff Voice mail 847-318-8100
Staff Email First initial of first name followed by
full last name @d64.org

Principal Dr. Anthony Murray 847-318-4217

amurray@d64.org

Assistant Principal Tim Gleason 847-318-4218

tgleason@d64.org

Secretaries Carol Rickert, Dawn Oda, Claire Greene

Health Assistant Terry Dieschbourg

Emergency Temporary Housing Sites:

Washington School (primary site)

Park Ridge Community Center (secondary site)

District 64 Mission

Inspire every child to discover, learn, achieve, and care.

School Report Card

www.d64.org

PTO

www.lincolnmiddleschoolpto.org

Co-Presidents: Stuart Eng & Jennifer Rabito

Co-Vice Presidents: Anne Dempsey & Bridget Basquin

Treasurer: Melanie Lee

Secretary: Wendy Locascio

Co-Communications Directors: Rita Knapp & Pam Olafsson

Calendar

Picture Day: August 19

Parents' Night: August 31 7-8:30 p.m.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 10, 25, 27 3:20–7:50 p.m.

Open House: January 19 7-8 p.m. (5th Grade Orientation 6:30 p.m.)

On-Site Board of Education Meeting: March 13 7 p.m.

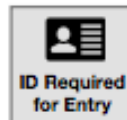
Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 14 3:30–7 p.m.

Parking /Driving

Drop off in the morning should be on the west side of Lincoln Avenue. Students should not cross in the middle of the block.

School Entrance

Students use doors assigned by teams. The main visitor entrance is on Lincoln Avenue; please ring bell for entry. All visitors must sign in at the office.



Homework When Sick

On the second day of absence, a request for assignments can be made through the school office before 8:00 a.m. Parents may pick up the assignments between 3:15–3:50 p.m. that afternoon in the office.



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.)

-- December 6	-- March 14
-- January 17	-- April 11
-- February 14	-- 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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District Information

Community Information / Events page:

<http://www.d64.org/communications/Community-Info-and-Events.cfm>

Click below for the latest happenings at Lincoln Middle School:

<http://www.d64.org/lms/news/16805>

Visit Dr. Murray's blog by clicking the link below:

<http://www.d64.org/lms/blog/16805>

Visit Lincoln's Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/ajmprincipal>

Visit Lincoln's LRC Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/D64LincolnLRC>

Visit Lincoln's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Middle-School-Park-Ridge-Niles-307626502702361>

District 64 is on Facebook, click below:

<https://www.facebook.com/d64parkridgeniles>

District 64 is on Twitter, click below:


<https://twitter.com/D64News>

5Essentials Survey

Illinois 5Essentials Survey

COMING AFTER THANKSGIVING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Parents, teachers and students across Illinois will soon have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. The survey was designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness.



Research shows that schools strong on the "5Essentials" are 10 times more likely to improve student learning.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education.

The survey identifies **five indicators** that can affect **school success**:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

After Thanksgiving recess, District 64 will email you an invitation to access the survey online.

5E survey reports will be included in the School Report Card released by ISBE next fall.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit:

<https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.

Parent University

Social Emotional Learning

DISTRICT 64
PARENT

Parent University Series 2016-2017

Take Care of You

Social-Emotional Learning and How it
Impacts Digital Citizenship

How do students protect themselves when they're interacting with others online? In this modern age, students may have many types of interactions while online... positive, negative, friendly, hostile. How can we teach our children to deal/cope with the actions of others, and their reactions to a digital world? Social worker Linda Mirza, Psychologist Jocelyn Ortiz, and



Instructional Technology Coach Beth Rihtar discuss online interactions, and respond to questions from students submitted anonymously. **You will be able to view the video discussion on your own time!** This is geared towards parents of students in grades 3-8 and is a great opportunity for a family viewing and discussion.



Podcast video produced by:

Linda Mirza

Roosevelt Social Worker

Jocelyn Ortiz

Field/Roosevelt School Psychologist

Elizabeth Rihtar

Field Instructional Coach

Save the Date!

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016

...this online podcast video will be made available on D64's website and the link will be sent out to parents by email.



School Closing Information

School Closing Guidelines Winter 2016-17

Wind-chill is a key factor in our closing guidelines.

District 64 coordinates guidelines with other elementary and high school districts in our community (62, 63, 79 and 207). The Superintendents work together on closing decisions for severe weather-related conditions or other emergency situations.

Safety is our priority

Our first priority is the safety of students and staff. At the same time, we know that closings create child care and work schedule problems for families. Districts understand that individual views of weather-related closings vary, and that not everyone will always agree with district decisions. For many reasons, we prefer to keep schools open. In deciding, Superintendents consult with local municipal departments and use National Weather Service data. Some factors we consider include:

- ✦ safety of students and staff
- ✦ severity of weather (extreme cold, flooding, etc.)
- ✦ timing of the weather
- ✦ ability of vehicles to travel safely and ability of students to walk to and from school safely
- ✦ operable condition of our buildings and ability to maintain safe conditions around the buildings, sidewalks and parking lots



Here's to a safe
winter ahead!

Wind-chill is a key factor

Wind-chill notices from the National Weather Service are the primary meteorological source to determine and declare weather conditions, such as snow forecasts, wind-chill advisory, or wind-chill warning.

- ✦ **Advisory** - Schools will be in session when a wind-chill advisory is issued. A wind-chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees F or colder. The weather during a wind-chill advisory is not life threatening, but presents conditions that may result in inconvenience or pose moderate risk to safety.
- ✦ **Warning** - In contrast, schools will be closed under the condition of a wind-chill warning, which indicates life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A wind-chill warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -30 degrees F or colder OR the actual temperature is -15 degrees F or colder.

How we inform parents and staff of closings

When a decision is made to cancel school, parents and staff can expect to receive an automated phone call and email. It is the parent's responsibility to provide up-to-date contact information and/or preferences to the school office. **School closing decisions will usually be made by 6:00 a.m. This allows Superintendents to monitor weather overnight and avoid unnecessary closures.** Weather closing information also is available through: District 64 and school websites; recorded on District and school phone messages; www.emergencyclosingcenter.com; and broadcast on TV and radio stations.

Your family situation. . .

Any decision to cancel school or alter the school day is based on general safety conditions for all students and staff. Districts know that conditions may vary for each student or family. If, in the event of severe weather when schools are open, you feel it is unsafe to send your student to school, please contact the school office.

ELF Information

10th Annual Casino Night!

“A NIGHT OF GOOD FORTUNE”

Don't miss THE District 64 event of the year, D64 ELF Casino Night at Café La Cave!

Saturday, January 28TH, 6:30 – 11:30 PM

Full Buffet, Open Bar, Casino-style Gambling, Fantastic Auctions, and more.

All proceeds benefit the District 64 ELF (Elementary Learning Foundation) and fund grants supporting innovative programming in D64 schools.

Tickets \$100 until January 16, \$125 thereafter.

Purchase online at www.district64elf.org.

Last year this great fundraiser event allowed us to award the following grants:

- Active Learning Environment Makeover, Lincoln School
- 2nd Grade 21st Century Learning Environment, Washington School
- Kindergarten Ready Set Work, All Elementary Schools
- Portable PA System, Emerson School

For details on each grant and Casino Night please visit the District 64 ELF website.

Casino Night

DISTRICT 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION'S

CASINO NIGHT

**A NIGHT
OF
GOOD
FORTUNE**



TICKETS:

\$100 each until

January 16th

\$125 thereafter

Buy online at

www.district64elf.org

CAFÉ LA CAVE

2777 S MANNHEIM RD

DES PLAINES, IL

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Proceeds support innovative & imaginative education programming for D64 schools

SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2017