

The Lincoln Ledger

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! Our staff hopes that you had a great summer and that your children are excited about their return to school. We are looking forward to a new year of academic excellence at our school. Since our last newsletter in June, our teachers have been preparing to provide our students with exciting learning opportunities. Innovations for this school year have included all teachers training in Google Classroom. Google Classroom is "A blended learning platform for schools that aims to simplify creating, distributing, and grading assignments in a paperless way." Students now have the capability of sharing and working collaboratively online with students across the hallway as well as across the district. It is a free service provided by Google. It is also ad free. Observations of classes have shown that our students are enjoying working with this format. Let's all have a great year!

Fran Pastore

Sports Talk



Hello! And welcome back for another wonderful year at Lincoln School! I'm sure it will be a successful one.

Athletics have always been a great source of pride at Lincoln School. After a very, very, (ok, one more), VERY successful year of elementary school sports, we here at Lincoln couldn't be more excited to defend our THREE titles- Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Track.

The sports here at Lincoln School are: Boys & Girls Basketball and Cheerleading. Students in grades 6, 7, 8 may participate and try-out for the teams.

However, before you can join or tryout for an athletic team, **YOU MUST HAVE a complete athletic physical examination done by a medical doctor.**

- The form for the physical examination can be downloaded at: <http://www.northbergen.k12.nj.us>
- The form is located on the right hand side of the Home Page under the Announcement Section.
- Click on the "read more..." link under the Athletic Physical Examination Packet announcement to download the required forms.

- Return ALL completed forms to Ms. Higgins, the school nurse, by 11/16/16.

ALSO Remember: that in order to try-out and remain on our school teams your grades and behavior need to be as good, if not better, than your jump shots!

SEASON OPENERS:

BOYS: Saturday December 3, 2017 1:15 PM vs. Mckinley at NBHS

GIRLS: Monday December 5, 2017 4:00 PM vs. Fulton at Rec Ctr

Let's all show our school spirit, our Lincoln Pride and cheer on our LIONS!

Frank Bafumi

Events & Activities Around Town

Hudson County Fair

Friday October 7 through Monday October 10, 2016
Rides, food, and more highlighted this annual event.

Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Patch

Saturday October 29, 2016

People from the community decorated their Trunks, Picked out Pumpkins, and came out to Trick or Treat to a Live DJ in the Recreation Center Parking lot.



Recreation Center Halloween Event

Monday October 31, 2016

Free treats, parade, and more highlighted this event.

Thanksgiving Turkey Give A Way

Recreation Center, Monday November 21, 10-4pm

Free Movie Night at the Recreation Center

Tuesday November 22nd. 7pm

Free showing of "Finding Dory" with free popcorn.

All ages welcome.



Winterfest

Thursday December 1st, 6-9pm

Food, music, and Holiday fun highlight this annual event.

Bergenline Avenue between 76th and 83rd st. Free Admission

Acoustic Concert Starring Marie Miller

Friday December 2nd, 7pm

mariemillermusic.com

Nutrition Center: 1441 45th St

Holiday songs, popular cover songs, and her hit music highlight this one-hour show.

Recreation Center Holiday Event

Saturday December 3, 10am

North Bergen Library

Free Movie of the Month

"Pete's Dragon"

Saturday December 17, 12:30pm

Free Admission and Popcorn



Nick Sacco

Lincoln School Scoop

Open House

On Tuesday September 20, 2016, Lincoln School held their second Open House. Once again, Lincoln School Faculty and Administration were thrilled to see such a great turnout for this event from the parents. Our school opened the doors on a regular school night to inform the parents of the school's programs and activities available in our school on a daily basis. Parents had the opportunity to follow their kids' school day routine and talk to the teachers.

Fire Safety Presentation

The Fire Department visited our school on Tuesday, September 21, 2016 to demonstrate to our 4th graders how to prevent a fire at home and discuss general fire safety. Our students participated with the firefighters in an activity utilizing a trailer simulating a house.

Student Council Elections

7th and 8th grade students chose their Student Council representatives on September 23, 2016, after a whole week of campaigning around the 3rd floor. As a result, we have the following students as part of the Council: Juan Rivera, President. Nicole Paula, Vice-president. Dallal Almassri, Secretary and Donnie Rego, Treasurer.

Violence Awareness Presentation

On October 18, 2016 officers from the North Bergen Police Department came to Lincoln School to inform our students on the danger of mis-used Social Media. Cyber bullying and violence in schools were key topics of this presentation. Students were urged to come forward and trust their parents and teachers whenever these types of situations arise.

Pumpkin Picking Field Trip

First and Second grade students had a great time and a beautiful day attending their annual pumpkin picking

activity on October 26, 2016. Parents and teachers travelled to Wightman Farms to enjoy one of Lincoln School's fun traditions.

Halloween Parade



Our Halloween Parade took place during school hours on October 31, 2016. All our students participated enthusiastically and were part of this activity having fun and sharing their costumes with all of us in school. We had a total of 10 winners and each of them

won a \$10 prize.

Euginia Perez

Health News

North Bergen School District Guidelines for Sending Ill Students Home from School Information for Parents

"My mom told me to come to school and if I'm sick you can send me home." "I threw up last night or had a fever but my mom had to go to work." "I've missed too many days but if the nurse sends me home it will be excused." School nurses hear these things all the time. The school Nurse will assess what we see, hear, sometimes smell and measure. We will support your decision to send your child to school by sending students back to class unless they are too sick to stay in school or are contagious. The school Nurse office cannot be used to avoid an absence. If your child is ill please keep them at home.



A parent or guardian or designated contact on file at the school will be contacted to pick up a child within a reasonable time frame for the following conditions:

- Signs or symptoms of a communicable disease
- Oral temperature of 100 degrees or greater
- Signs or symptoms of acute disease or serious accident/injury
- Vomiting (not related to a single event such as gagging, positioning, mucous, running, eating or car/bus ride sickness)
- Diarrhea of 2 or more loose watery stools
- Asthma symptoms that do not respond to prescribed medications
- Diabetes blood sugar greater than 400, positive ketones, inadequate supplies to treat diabetes at school
- Uncontrolled coughing with illness

- Severe pink eye with purulent drainage
- Live head lice not under treatment. Student should return to school as soon as possible after first treatment



According to the assessment of the Nurse, if staying in the classroom is counterproductive to the student's education, or the safety and wellness of self and others, a decision may be made to send the student home. Please make sure the office has the correct telephone numbers at all times. This is very important for the safety of your child. In the event of a real emergency school personnel may call 911 and the student may be transported to a medical facility via ambulance.

There may sometimes be reasons to stay in school:

- A cold, especially in high school, is not a good reason to miss class. *
- Menstrual cramps may occur monthly so please plan for pain management and have your child come to school prepared with pads for the occurrence.
- Students are not sent home because they are tired.
- Sore throats that have no other symptoms (ex. Fever, vomiting, strep odor)
- Stomachaches without other symptoms (ex. Fever, vomiting, persistent diarrhea)
- Chapped lips should be taken care of at home. Parents are encouraged to give their children lip ointment as needed. Students are not to leave class for this unless there is severe bleeding
- Splinters will only be removed if they are received at school and are accessible and visible. Otherwise they will be covered and a note sent home
- Headaches without other symptoms
- Eye glass repairs should be done at the eye glass store
- Ear aches unless associated with other symptoms (ex. Drainage, fever)
- Nurses will not pull out baby teeth and you will not be called if the tooth comes out
- Nurses will not treat piercings

Physical Education Excuses:

Students requesting to be excused from gym class must bring a note from their doctor signed by their parent to the Nurse. The gym and classroom teacher will be made aware. A note will be required with notice when the student will resume gym.

Students Who Need The Elevator:

A doctor note will be required with a time frame to use the elevator. Students are not permitted to use the elevator without an adult present.

Any additional guidelines necessary for special needs students will be addressed in their IEP and their Health

Care Plans.

It is our goal to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your support.

Nurse Nancy Higgins, R.N.
201.295.2848

Did You Know?

It's that time of year!!!

September is here!!

Does your child have a lot of books?

Are you happy with the way that looks?

Try the Evernote App to get rid of the clutter.

Pupils can take notes and attach documents; you won't hear them mutter!

Make life breezy!

Use the app because it's easy!!!

Vanessa Conroy

Meet the Newest Members of our Lincoln School Family!



Ms. Bartulovich is a first year teacher at Lincoln School, however, she has spent much time in the classroom as an ABA Aide in an Autistic K-2 and 3-5 classroom for 3 years. She is now a resource teacher in the Kindergarten Annex and a member of the Crisis Management Team. Ms. Bartulovich received her Bachelor's degree from Pace University and her master's degree from New Jersey City University in Early Childhood and Special Education. She has really enjoyed getting to know her students and has stated that it's fun for her to discover their diverse learning styles and find different methods that spark their interest to learn!



Ms. Capp is one of our Speech Language Specialists and a member of the Crisis Management Team. She has worked as a Speech Language Specialist for the last three years. She completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies in Illinois. Ms. Capp moved to New Jersey a little over a year ago and is really enjoying the East Coast! She is also enjoying the community of students and faculty here at Lincoln School.



Ms. Culotta is our new art teacher. She graduated from New Jersey City University and this is her third year teaching. Before joining the Lincoln staff, Ms. Culotta was a Kindergarten teacher, and taught an Art class at an adult night school. Ms. Culotta will be teaching PEAK Art this year. She stated that it

has been an amazing year so far and feels Lincoln School has the best kids she's ever worked with!



Ms. Dominguez is an ACES Teacher in the Kindergarten Annex. She graduated from New Jersey City University. Ms. Dominguez stated that the most exciting part of being a teacher so far has been working with students with different abilities and skills. She added that it is amazing to see what the children come up with each day!



Ms. Fernandez has been teaching for fifteen years in the North Bergen School District. She was a classroom teacher for nine years before becoming an ELA Literacy Coach. She is currently the ELA Literacy Coach for the Kindergarten Annex.



Ms. Jeffery is a resource teacher in the 5th grade. Ms. Jeffery graduated from Stockton University and in her free time she loves to read and go for walks with her dogs. During the previous school year, Ms. Jeffery was a long-term substitute here at Lincoln. She quickly became acclimated to the students and staff and we are very excited to have her on board as a full-time teacher this year!



Ms. Manicone is Lincoln School's new Literacy Coach for grades 2-8. She previously taught 2nd grade teacher for almost 13 years. She graduated from Ramapo College of New Jersey majoring in psychology and is currently attending Saint Peter's University for her master's degree. Ms. Manicone is a member of the SCIP and Data committees. She is excited to be at Lincoln School this year and has enjoyed meeting and working with all the teachers and staff here.



Ms. Muslah is a resource teacher in the 3rd grade. Ms. Muslah is familiar with the North Bergen District because she spent the past two years as a substitute teacher before graduating from Kean University. Ms. Muslah says that the best part of her first year is getting to know her students!



Ms. Nazar has joined the Lincoln School staff as our 8th grade English Language Arts teacher. Before coming to Lincoln, she taught freshman and seniors in high school and college level English in Costa Rica over the past four years. She graduated from TCNJ and in her free time she loves to bake, read, and binge-watch Netflix!



Ms. Otero is a 2nd grade resource teacher and a member of the Crisis Management Team. Ms. Otero taught Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade over the past five years. She graduated from New Jersey City University and loves spending time with her family. Ms. Otero believes the most exciting part about teaching is when her students have that "Aha!" moment and experience success!



Ms. Padron is a second year ACES teacher in the North Bergen School District. She has been a substitute teacher and teacher's aide in North Bergen for 7 years. Ms. Padron is also a mother of two young men, ages 28 and 21. She is currently working on her master's degree in special education at New Jersey City University. Welcome, Ms. Padron, to the Lincoln School family!



Ms. Vazquez is a resource teacher in the Lincoln School Kindergarten Annex. She taught in a self-contained classroom at John F. Kennedy School for the past six years. Ms. Vazquez is a great asset to Lincoln school! She is certified as an Elementary Teacher in grades K-5, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, and Teacher of Spanish. She is also certified as a Dyslexia Therapist and an Orton-Gillingham Teacher. She completed her studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Her passion is to help students with severe reading difficulties.



Ms. Wilson is a returning teacher to Lincoln School. She has 11 years of teaching experience under her belt! She is currently a 2nd grade homeroom teacher and a member of the I&RS team. She earned her credentials from both NYFIT and NJCU. Some of Ms. Wilson's hobbies include traveling, photography, and scrapbooking. She describes her own former teachers as "fun" and "creative", which she aspires to reflect in her teaching!



Ms. Wilton has been a special education teacher for the past 12 years. This is her first year at Lincoln School teaching students with disabilities. Ms. Wilton graduated from NJCU and is currently a member of the school's Discipline Committee. We are very excited to have her on the Lincoln School staff!

Jaclyn Roos

Counselor's Corner



During the month of October, Lincoln School participated in the "Week of Respect" where students were taught about respect, being kind to others,

and understanding the power of words. The Kindergarten did a lot of work and was taught all about respect and caring for others. Teachers taught one lesson per day on different topics, such as, empathy, the power of being a bystander, feelings, and thoughtfulness. This week was important because it allows teachers to take time to promote empathy. Always, remind your child to be respectful and how to stand up and report a problem if they see one.

Some Reminders for Parents of 7th and 8th Grade Students:

- Seventh grade deadline for NJSEEDS application is December 9th (Early Decision) and February 10th (Regular Decision).
- Eighth Grade Applicants for Academies @ Englewood – the deadline for the application is November 23rd. The Entrance Exam will be held on November 19th or November 20th.
 - Deadline for High Tech and County Prep is December 4th.
 - Deadline for the Stem Academy is December 2nd (MHP/Peak only).
- If you are planning to apply to a parochial school the Co-Op exam is November 11th. Please apply online to take the exam at coopexam.org.
- Make sure your child sees me if they are planning to apply to any of these schools. Thank you!



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Diana Englese

Kindergarten News



On September 22, 2016, the Lincoln Annex Kindergarten held its Open House. Our Literacy Coach, Eileen Fernandez, gave a brief presentation to parents about our Literacy program. The parents then visited their children's classrooms, where each teacher gave an overview of classroom expectations, common core standards for kindergarten, assessments given throughout the year, and ways parents can provide reinforcement at home. The parents then had the opportunity to visit the school book fair. We had a great turn out that night, and the book fair was a success!



On Monday, October 31, the Lincoln Annex students and faculty had a great time celebrating Halloween! The students wore their costumes to school, and the teachers dressed up as M&Ms! The students watched the movie "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" in the auditorium.

The Lincoln Annex teachers would like to remind parents of our dismissal procedure. If your child is a "walker," please make sure that he/she is picked up at the correct exit. If another authorized person picks up your child, it is important that he/she knows the teacher's name and/or room number.

We would like to welcome the new additions to our faculty this school year. We welcome Patricia Bartulovich (Resource), Gladys Vazquez (Resource), Eileen Fernandez (Literacy Coach), and Barbara Dominguez (ACES teacher).

Diana Ferrer

Fun Facts from Mr. Pastore



- Tears caused by sadness, happiness and onions look different under the microscope.
- The expiration date on water bottles is for the bottle, not the water.
- If 33 million people held hands, they could make it all the way around the equator

Notes from the Co- editors

Superintendent's Breakfast

On October 13th, Lincoln School hosted a Title I breakfast for parents with our Superintendent, Dr. George Solter. Dr. Solter discussed existing programs available, assessments, and his goals in continuing to do everything possible for the North Bergen School District to prepare their students to be college and career ready.

Existing Programs/Assessments:

- Dibels Testing for letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and fluency in kindergarten, first and second grades.
- Wilson Foundations Program for kindergarten, first grade and now in the second grade as well.
- Scholastic Reading Records to level students' reading abilities for Grades K-6.
- Benchmark Testing.
- Title I morning program, book club, Saturday program, and iPad program.

Goals:

- One-on- one Chrome Books for every student.
- Each student has a Google account and the capability of using Google Applications like Docs, Slides, etc. The goal this year is to have Google Classroom used in every classroom.
- A new middle school for grades 7, 8 & 9

Inaya Jaafar & Stephanie Lubroth

