

The Lincoln Ledger

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2017-2018 Lincoln Newsletter. As the new principal of Lincoln School, it is an honor to work with such a hard working and caring staff. The students of Lincoln have amazing energy and are a joy to be around. I look forward to an exciting year of great events, learning, and fun. My door is always open, so if you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to thank the faculty, staff, parents and students for their continued support and let's continue to have an awesome year!

Nick Sacco, Principal



Meet our new Vice Principal, Joseph Bartulovich



We are honored to introduce our new Vice-Principal Joseph Bartulovich. We are pleased that he is here to join us at Lincoln School and have already felt his positive impact throughout our time so far this school year. Mr. Bartulovich is a graduate of NJCU (Bachelor's Degree in History and Elementary and Secondary Education) and St. Peter's University (Master's Degree in Educational Administration). He may be new to Lincoln School, but he has been with the North Bergen School District for 24 years. He taught at McKinley School and North Bergen High School. He has been an administrator for several years, starting as Supervisor of Social Studies. For the past two years, he has been the Vice-Principal at Kennedy School. He is also a former football coach with twenty years of experience. Mr. Bartulovich is excited about his new endeavors here at Lincoln School and has already become a part of our family.

Diana Englese

Superintendent's Breakfast



On October 11, 2017 Lincoln School and Lincoln Annex held a morning Title I breakfast and an evening meeting for parents with our Superintendent, Dr. Solter to discuss goals for the year, Title I services, and the new standard based report

cards for kindergarten and grades one and two.

Dr. Solter talked about student success and his three goals for the 2017-2018 school year:

Goal #1: Increased Family Engagement

- Studies show that increased family engagement is a strong indicator of student success. Not only will the district hold meetings for parents, but also involvement in participating in Saturday and evening parent workshops offered through Title I, as well as library activities.
- Our district website is another great way for parents to stay connected.

Goal #2: Increase rigor and relevance in curriculum and instruction

- We want students to think at a higher level, not just answering basic knowledge questions.
- The kinds of questioning will require evidence-based answers.
- Relevance is something that we need to do as educators so that children can connect to what they are learning.

Goal #3: Increase technology use and devices

- Within the next 2 years, we plan to increase the number of devices for all students
- We want students to not just use technology to find answers but to use it as a tool
- Devices should also be used to communicate more

Ms. Eugenia Ramos discussed Title I services that are available to students and various programs offered to Title I students:

- Saturday Morning Program
- iPad After School Program
- Reading Club
- Parent Workshops
- IXL online practice program

In the evening, parents of kindergarten and grades one and two students packed the Lincoln Annex auditorium. Dr. Solter presented a PowerPoint on the new standards based report cards for grades kindergarten, 1 and 2. The new report card is meant to target specific standards that a child should meet each marking period. It will help to better identify student strengths and areas of improvement.


Inaya Jaafar

Events & Activities Around Town

Lincoln Parent's Night

Tuesday November 28th
7-9pm

Winterfest

 Thursday November 30, 6-9pm
Bergenline Avenue between 76th and 82nd
Streets.

Lincoln School Chorus performs as well as tons of food and fun.

Pep Rally for Girls' and Boys' Basketball

Monday December 4th
Students will be permitted to wear White, Blue, or Yellow shirt.

Winter Concert (Lincoln Gym)

Wednesday December 6th 9:30am & 1:15pm.



Thursday December 7th 9:30, 1:15pm 6:30pm

Free Movie Night



Despicable Me 3 with Free Popcorn
NB Recreation Center. Tuesday December 19
at 6:30pm

Star Wars School Spirit Day

Friday December 15
Students and staff will be permitted to wear a Star Wars shirt, or red, blue, purple, green colored shirt. No weapons allowed.



Pictures with Santa
Lincoln School
Tuesday December 19 at 6:30pm

Spelling Bee (Lincoln Annex)

Friday January 5th at 9:30- Grades 3-8
Friday February 9th at 9:30- Grades 1 and 2

Talent Show

Tuesday March 27 9:30 and 1:15
Wednesday March 28 9:30, 1:15, and 6:30.

Spring Concert

Wednesday May 23, 9:30, 1:15, 6:30
Thursday May 24, 9:30, 1:15



Field Day at Recreation Field

Kindergarten-May 21st, May 22nd
Kindergarten Rain Dates- May 23, 24, 25
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4- Monday June 4th
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8- Tuesday June 5th
Rain Dates for 1-8- Wednesday June 6, 7, 8.

More events to be added soon. Stay tuned.
Nick Sacco

Lincoln Lions



Girls' Basketball Team

Kayla Dupoux, Miranda Olivo,
Genesis Montero, Jaymmie
Escobar, Geraldine Pena, Alyssa Ballesteros, Ashley
Solis, Gabriela Mulet, Aayushi Patel, Aaliyah Garcia,
and Alexa Arroya

Boys' Basketball Team

Nazir Nwadike, Elijah Camacho, Elijah Dupoux, Chris
Ash, Gonzalo Rios, Aaron B, Nicky Banchon, Joseph
Ephrem, Andy Rodriguez, Daniel E, Evan Cabrera, Isiah
Evertz, Deven Arthu.

Check the school website for game schedule and support your Lincoln teams! **GO LIONS!**

Natalie Nazar

Meet the New Members of Our Lincoln School Family!

Jaclyn Noriega

Jaclyn Noriega is a first year teacher here at Lincoln School. She graduated from NJCU and is currently teaching one of our ACES classes. Even though this is her first year as a classroom teacher, she has plenty of experience as she has worked as an ACES aide in the pre-k for 9 years. Jaclyn is most excited about getting to know and teach her students and becoming a part of the Lincoln School Staff!

David Diaz

David Diaz is Lincoln School's new 5th and 6th Grade Title 1 teacher. This is David's fifth year in the North Bergen School district. Before coming to Lincoln School, he taught Title 1 in both Fulton and Horace Mann schools. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University for undergraduate and graduate studies and is a part of Lincoln School's Climate Committee.

Kerriane Schillari

Kerriane Schillari is one of our new kindergarten resource teachers in the Lincoln Annex. This is her 15th year of teaching. Before coming to Lincoln School, Kerriane taught 6 years at the Elementary Level and 8 years at the High School Level. She has experience working with students with disabilities in both resource and self-contained settings. In addition, Kerriane was a writer of the CCT Program and a CCT Teacher. She received her BA from Seton Hall University in 2001 and her MA from New Jersey City University in 2005. Her certifications include: Teacher of Handicapped PK-12, General Education Certification K-6, and Highly Qualified Teacher in English, Social Studies and Mathematics.

We'd also like to welcome Jenny Aquije, Johanna Mejia to the Lincoln School staff!

Jaclyn Roos

Lincoln School Scoop

Open House

On Tuesday September 19, 2017, Lincoln School held their Open House. Once again, Lincoln School Faculty and Administration were thrilled to see such a great turnout for this event. The objective of this evening was 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 their teachers.

Student Council Elections

7th and 8th grade students chose their Student Council representatives after a week of campaigning around the 3rd floor. As a result, we have the following students as part of the Council: Ashlee Gonzalez, President; Jose Matos, Vice-president; Samara Lee, Secretary and Tiffany Castro, Treasurer.

Pumpkin Picking Field Trip



First and Second grade students had a great time and enjoyed a beautiful day attending their annual pumpkin picking activity on October 25, 2017. Parents and teachers traveled to Wightman Farms to enjoy one of Lincoln School's fun

annual traditions.

Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade took place during school on October 31, 2017. For the first time, and after a few years of the parade being held inside the school, our students had the opportunity to parade outside and around the school. The parade was enjoyed not only by our students, but also by the parents who attended and cheered them on. They were so happy to see their kids and take pictures as they paraded around the school.

Project Pride

Once again Lincoln School participated in Project PRIDE, a program through the New Jersey Department of Corrections, where local inmates talk to our students about the consequences of making bad decisions. Project PRIDE's main purpose is to bring awareness to our students, based on their personal experiences dealing with drugs and alcohol, the devastating consequences of establishing a criminal record.

Eugenia Perez

1st Annual Lincoln School Art Show

This year, Lincoln School will be hosting its first Art Show! On November 28th, during Parents Night, please feel free to walk around the Lincoln School gym and check out our students' artwork, curated by Ms. Culotta and Mrs. Haon.

Jamie Culotta

Health News

PARENT INFORMATION



The goal of our Health Services is to promote optimal health of students, provide a safe environment, maintain positive attitudes and teach safe health practices. As always, all medical

information is kept confidential. We want our students to be happy and healthy to learn in school. Medical Office tel# 201-295-2848

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL INFORMATION MAY ASSIST YOU AS PARENTS:

- **ABSENCES:** When your child is sick and needs to stay home call the Attendance Office.
- **TARDINESS/LATE:** Bring your child to the main office for a late pass.
- **MEDICAL TIPS:** Keep a sick child home for fever over 100.0, diarrhea, vomiting, flu, pinkeye (conjunctivitis), rashes of unknown origin, or if your child's doctor instructs you to. If your child has a cast, crutches or will need the elevator please see the nurse before he/she comes to school. A note from the doctor will be required.
- **HOME INSTRUCTION:** Any student who will be absent for longer than 2 weeks may require a home tutor. This will require a doctor's note requesting tutor. Please see the nurse as soon as possible if tutor needed.
- **CLASS PARTIES:** Some students in your child's class may have food allergies. Please do not send food for parties into school as per Board of Education policy.
- **PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) SCREENINGS:** Screening is conducted randomly and when needed by the nurse throughout the school year. As per the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics: Students will be sent home for treatment and can return to school following. The nurse will check the rest of the class. The nurse will recheck your child for a few weeks to check the progress. Your doctor can help if needed.

ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS (state of NJ):

1. Height/Weight all students
2. Vision Screening grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
3. Audiological (Hearing) grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, 11
4. Scoliosis (Back or spine) grades 5, 7, 11

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL: If your child will need medication during the school day/year please see the nurse. Written permission from the doctor and parent should be returned to the nurse and all medication must be in the pharmacy container properly labeled. No

morning or late day medications will be given unless there is an emergency need. Only medications required for life threatening emergencies will be given on a field trip. Your doctor may suggest that asthma inhalers and Epipens be carried by students in their backpacks for immediate use when needed, please speak with your nurse if that is the case.

SPORTS PHYSICALS: Any student playing a school sport in grades 6-12 must have a sports physical exam done by their doctor prior to the sport starting. The physical forms can be found on the North Bergen home page under athletics and Bruin forms. Return completed physicals to the nurse. www.northbergen.k12.nj.us

ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMS: Physicals are recommended yearly. Your nurse will send home a form at the end of each school year. If your doctor completes a physical form, please return it to your nurse. **VACCINES:** All students who are entering grade 6 or are 11 years old are required by the State of NJ to have a Tdap and Meningococcal vaccine. Please provide proof to your nurse.

FLU VACCINE: All students in PreK are required by the State of NJ to have a flu vaccine before December 31. Please provide proof.

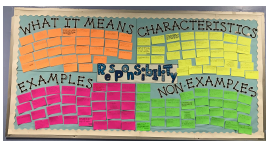
WHEN WILL THE SCHOOL NURSE CALL/OR WRITE ME A NOTE IF MY CHILD VISITS HER OFFICE:

1. Illness with fever, active repeat vomiting, diarrhea.
2. Head wounds or severe hit to head.
3. Severe wounds especially when may require sutures.
4. Suspected broken bones/fractures "student states they can't walk".
5. Fainting, disorientation.
6. Suspected contagious illness.
7. Anything other student complaint or issue that the nurse feels she needs to report to you as needed.

We look forward to a healthy school year!

Nurse Nancy Higgins, R.N.
201.295.2848

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. Teachers taught one lesson per day on different topics, such as, empathy, responsibility, 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.

Diana Englese

Fun Facts About Thanksgiving



- The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620.
- The Thanksgiving Feast that the Pilgrims had with the Natives in 1621 lasted three days.
- It is not a sure thing that turkey was part of the Thanksgiving Feast, but venison was definitely part of the meal.
- All 13 colonies celebrated Thanksgiving together for the first time in 1777.
- In 1941, Thanksgiving was declared by Congress to be a legal holiday, held on the fourth Thursday in November.
- The popular Christmas song "Jingle Bells" was actually written for Thanksgiving. The song was composed in 1857 by James Pierpont, and was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh".

Students Speak Out

As many adults know, students are the future of our society. With the knowledge they gain in the classroom, they become more educated on the world around them and how they would like to change it for the better. Being a student is already difficult as it is, but you have to remember students aren't just students, they have to do chores and manage other activities while getting an education. We at Lincoln school are fortunate enough to have excellent role models of students who contribute to the community greatly while still achieving to get excellent grades. These role models give younger students the inspiration they need to always make sure they stay on track.

Eighth grader Samara Lee, is involved in intensive musical theatre classes, hip-hop classes, and she is also a student teacher who teaches four musical theatre classes, two acro classes, and two ballet classes. With the assistance of her extracurricular activities, she gains more confidence and knowledge of what the world in the career she wants to pursue is like. Samara believes that every student should be involved in out of school activities since it expands one's interests. Not to mention it also provides an excellent foundation for one's future career. It's astonishing to anyone that she manages to get straight A's every marking period, takes a high school mathematics course, and is still able to do what she loves passionately.

Just like Samara, Samiksha Thakur is also an involved student who puts in a great amount of effort to balance her school and out of school life. Samiksha is involved in multiple clubs and programs such as advanced band, the gifted and talented program, yearbook committee, and the newsletter committee. However, Samiksha does not plan to stop there she also plans on joining more extracurricular activities that grab her attention as the year goes on, in order to give back to community in any way she can. In the words of Samiksha, "Extracurricular have always been very crucial, as well as a very enjoyable aspect of my life. I wouldn't take part in something I have no interest in. Without all the extracurricular activities I've participated in, I wouldn't have experienced everything I have over the years, which helped me be the person I am today." She encourages people of all ages to try as many activities as they can handle to experience new beautiful moments. Samiksha admits that it might be hard balancing school work with extracurricular activities, however if you make sure to stay focused and remain calm, you'll learn new things, and most importantly, have fun learning them. Time management is a very important part when participating in extracurricular activities. I myself am involved in many extracurricular activities and recommend creating a table or chart to balance your schedule.

Ashley Gonzalez and Jose Matos

Do extracurricular activities negatively affect your academic scores?

Written by: Samiksha Thakur, Samara Lee, Jose Matos, and Ashley Gonzalez.

It's Lincoln School's 8th Grade Newsletter Committee (NC)! As we know, 8th grade is the busiest time of our lives so far. Balancing grades and extracurricular activities, applying to high schools, preparing for graduation, and so much more!! It's very stressful for us students (it's hard keeping up with all of it!). So, we interviewed two 8th graders who have good grades and are in multiple extracurriculars on how they manage it *all*. We recorded their most honest answers on the topic. (Not all questions and answers are word for word.)

Nazir Nwadike

NC: If you don't mind us asking, what are your grades throughout 6th, 7th, and (if you have access to them through parent portal) 8th grade?

Nazir: I'm a student who gets mostly A's and B's.

NC: Have you received any academic awards throughout those grades?

Nazir: Yeah, I've gotten 1st honors, principal's honors in 6th grade, and I've also received 2nd honors.

NC: Who are you to the people at Lincoln School?

Nazir: I'm a role model to younger kids who want to be student-athletes.

NC: What extracurriculars do you take part in? When and how long do you participate in them every week?

Nazir: Almost every day, I play basketball and football. These sports take up about 3 hours each day.

NC: You're a well-known individual in our school. Do you ever feel pressured by your peers or supporters to get better at what you do?

Nazir: I guess, but it's all so that I improve. The pressure makes me want to become the greatest at everything I do.

NC: Are there any people *you* look up to?

Nazir: My father. He always makes me want to get better. He didn't have the proper chance to get to play basketball because he stopped playing it and so he wants me to complete what he didn't.

NC: That's great you want to do that for him. Managing basketball and football somewhat affects when you do your homework. So when do you do it? And does it affect your grades?

Nazir: If there isn't a lot of homework, I usually do it right after school. But, if there is, I do it at night. I wouldn't say it affects my grades. I've got pretty good grades.

NC: What advice do you have for people who are having trouble managing their grades and extracurriculars and want to have grades like you?

Nazir: School is my main priority. Sports aren't everything, do what works for you and your schedule. Try taking time off of extracurriculars if it gets too stressful. And when you do, be the greatest at what you have set aside for yourself. Sports and extracurriculars will only take you so far. Without an education, you can't make it anywhere in life.

NC: Thank you so much for letting us interview you!

Jeffrey Marquez

NC: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Jeffrey: I'm an honors student (1st honors) and play soccer.

(We asked Ashley Prieto about her opinions on Jeffrey as they are close friends and her reply was "He's caring and a very helpful person".)

NC: Tell us about your soccer team and how much time it consumes each week.

Jeffrey: I'm on a traveling team and we are going to North Carolina soon. Soccer practice is 4 times a week and about 2 hours each day. I play defense.

NC: Besides sports, do you take part in anything else?

Jeffrey: Not really. But, I do do fundraisers to raise money for my soccer team.

NC: When do you find time to do your homework with all the sports and fundraisers?

Jeffrey: I usually do it right after school or get up early in the morning if I don't have the chance to do it before. When I'm doing homework, that's all I'm focusing on. No electronics. This really helps me take in what I learned from the homework and use the knowledge on a test. I usually pass the test even if I hadn't studied before because of this.

NC: What is your main priority and who is your inspiration?

Jeffrey: I'd say soccer is my main priority. It runs in my family and I started getting serious about it when I was 8. When I'm older, I want to be a soccer player just like Lionel Messi who is my inspiration. He is a really good soccer player and you can learn from a lot of his techniques on how to get better at it.

NC: What other sport would you play if soccer wasn't a major part of your life?

Jeffrey: This is a hard one. I don't really know, maybe basketball..?

NC: Great! Thanks for letting us interview you.

During the interview, we learned a lot about time management, how to get good test scores, and got to know Nazir and Jeffrey a little more as we took a peek into their lives. Extracurriculars *may* affect some people's grades, but with the advice given above, you should be able to get better grades AND take part in your activities. The secret is out on how *you* can be one of the best!

Patriot's Pen

The 6th-8th graders were given an assignment to write about "America's Gift to my Generation". This VFW-sponsored youth essay contest runs throughout the country. Students are hyped to win. The Grand Prize is \$5,000 and a trip to Washington D.C.. I'm excited to participate in this contest! Imagine a 6th grader winning \$5,000!! Overall, this contest is really challenging and very competitive, but is very fun! Good luck to all that entered!!

Santino Perez



