PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Happy October to your family as we move into autumn in northeast Ohio! Things are in full swing here at school and we have many programs and activities underway.

Intervention Block instruction has begun at all grade levels. This “all hands on deck” approach gives each student at Lincoln 40 minutes of daily reading instruction targeted to their required skill level. Students are grouped in order to target those specific skills that result in needed intervention or enrichment opportunities. This Intervention Block is in addition to the core curriculum that students receive daily in language arts and depending on the grouping needs of each grade level, this instruction may be delivered by a teacher other than your child’s homeroom teacher. Please contact me if I can provide further information to your family about this important part of our school day.

Our entire student body has been working to earn “Caught Being a Leader” tickets in all areas of our school for following the rules and exhibiting leadership qualities of cooperation and respect. Each Friday, 2 tickets for each classroom are chosen at random and those students earn a turn to dive into my treasure box. Please see more information about “The Leader in Me” in this publication.

Finally, I am getting a long-awaited knee replacement at the end of the month. Mrs. Sandy Powers (retired principal from Hayes) will be my substitute while I am recovering. I look forward to being back at school as we return from winter break.

Sincerely,
Sandy Kozelka
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SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

School has only been in session less than two months but so much has been accomplished already! I want to congratulate the 76 Lakewood High students and 2019 graduates who were recently recognized as AP Scholars. I would also like to congratulate our two National Merit Semifinalists: seniors Evan Bell and Aidan Bohac, along with our Commended Students, Emma Carson, Emma Hirsch and Alexander Weber. Our Semifinalists were among the top 1% of PSAT scorers their junior year and our Commended Students the top 5%. Congratulations to all!

While we announced our new Vision of a Lakewood Graduate initiative in August, we are now ready to share the foundational focus areas that will help us accomplish our Vision of graduating young men and women who possess six critical competencies: critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, growth mindset, global awareness, and empathy. The focus areas were determined through the many channels of community conversation we conducted last school year. Stay tuned for more information on this coming your way very soon.

Go Rangers!

#OneHeartbeatOneLkwd

Dr. Michael J. Barnes
Superintendent

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Listen & Learn returns on Sept. 25
Superintendent Barnes will once again hold a series of Listen & Learn sessions for the community this year. The first one is set for Wednesday, September 25 at 6 pm in the Ranger Cafe. Staff are welcome to attend as Dr. Barnes is always open to your input! The other dates will be:

- November 20, 9 am at Play Grounds Cafe
- January 22, Noon at Taco Tonto’s
- March 18, 6 pm at Taft
Picture Day

Get ready to smile! Lincoln’s picture day is Wednesday, October 9. Brush your hair and teeth and pick out a great outfit to wear to school! Flyers to order were sent home in backpacks.

Download another flyer [HERE](#) OR order online [HERE](#)

No School

Friday, October 11 is NEOEA Day and students are not in school for the day. This is a day for teachers across Ohio to have the opportunity to participate in professional development activities for the benefit of students in their classrooms.

P.T.A. News

Lincoln enjoys a very active PTA, which provides additional resources for our students and social events for our families. All Lincoln families are encouraged to become members of PTA and support the good work that enriches the school experience for our children. Please see the PTA link on our website or the form at the end of this newsletter. We appreciate your support and membership!

PTA meetings for the remainder of the year are: October 22, January 29, March 18, May 12

Meetings are held at 6:30 in room 104 and pizza/childcare is available.

We have hit the next incentive level and FRIDAY, October 18 will be PJ DAY! Students can wear PJ’s to school and put a ticket in the spirit wear can for a possible prize!
FRIDAY is Spirit Day in Lakewood!
Show your spirit by wearing Lincoln, Lakewood or purple/gold clothing or accessories every Friday of the school year. Drop a SPIRIT ticket in the can in the office and have a chance to win a special prize! We lead the way in SPIRIT at Lincoln!

Need some new Spirit Wear? This year’s Spirit Wear sale sponsored by PTA begins in October-watch for flyers to come home in backpacks.
Special Kalahari Deal

School is closed for conferences Nov. 7-8 so why not plan a fun getaway to America's largest indoor water park. Enjoy a special friends and family rate - rooms are $134 and feature two (2) queen beds and include water park passes. A portion from each room booked benefits the Lincoln PTA. Learn more here. Rooms are limited so book early HERE. The flyer is at the end of the NEWS.

Mark your calendars for October 25th for Lincoln’s 2nd annual Trunk or Treat! This is a fun, family-friendly event allowing students to trick or treat to decorated cars in our parking lot. Details are still being planned. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping with the event-planning. Watch school backpack mail for more details!

We will be celebrating Halloween with our annual costume parade. We will parade around the outside of the school, stepping off at 2:00 pm from the Clifton Ave. front door. Parents are also invited to watch the parade, then the children will return to classrooms for a short party.

You are welcome to use the tables on the playground to wait for your child if you don’t want to go home and back again. Unfortunately, we cannot host everyone in all the classrooms, but welcome you to cheer on the parade.

Children who are participating will bring school-appropriate costumes to school in a bag clearly labeled with his/her name. Students also need to leave masks and weapon-like accessories at home as well as anything that is so integral to the costume that they would be heartbroken if it gets lost at school.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Fun Run is our biggest school fundraiser and this year we topped $11,000 to complete some projects as well as further support the arts and sciences at our school.

We would like to thank:
- Participating students with their pledges
- Corporate sponsors
- Those who bought raffle basket tickets
- Those who bought at the concession stand
- Students and family members who came to the park on Saturday to enjoy a great time with our school family

Third Grade Fall Reading Test

DATES: October 22 (part 1)  
October 23 (part 2)

3rd graders are required by law to pass the Reading Test to be promoted to 4th grade (Third Grade Reading Guarantee). The fall administration of the test is an opportunity to either (a) pass the reading portion of the English Language Arts test OR (b) give information to the team that will assist in developing an intervention plan.

Please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Kozelka with further questions.

Help Wanted

The Lakewood City School District is looking to hire Substitute Cleaners for the 2019-2020 school year. The work is on an as needed basis with flexibility days/hours. Interested candidates should apply through the Lakewood City Schools website where additional details of the posting can be found HERE.
Lincoln Parent Drop-In

Would you be willing to help our Lincoln teachers, other staff, and PTA with tasks like copying, sorting, cutting, planning, and organizing? Do you have either occasional or regular free time on Tuesday mornings to assist? Come connect with other Lincoln parents while helping our Lincoln staff.

**Tuesday Mornings**  8:45-10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Jablonowski at jablonowskidk@aol.com or 216.227.0041.

**Author Visits**

Thanks to the Lakewood Teacher Association, two authors will be visiting Lincoln and discussing their books and writing craft with students.

- **Dustin Brady**  grades 3-5  October 7
- **Monica Fedak**  grades PK-2  October 24

**Calling all dads and father-figures!**

Join other dads/special adults and kids for Dad’s Breakfast. This is a monthly breakfast meeting beginning at 8:15 in the morning with activities and information to support you in loving and leading your family. Then, plan to join us every month for this event.

October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21

Fire Prevention Week kicks off on Monday, October 7th. The Lakewood Fire Department will be at our school on that day to share ways to prevent fires and keep us safe from fire hazards in our homes.

Make a home safety plan with your family!
Stuff the Dresser!

Help us “Stuff the Dresser” as we begin our new community service project for the month of October! This “Socktober,” we will collect and donate new socks of all sizes to give to The Community West Foundation of Cuyahoga County.

The mission of The Community West Foundation is to advance the health & well being of our community. They are a local philanthropic organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and medical care to the most needy in and around Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

For thousands of Cleveland’s homeless, socks are a gift that’s never taken for granted. In fact, they are the item that’s most requested by anyone living outside.

How can you help? Stuff the dresser found in our school hallway with a new pair of socks for all ages, baby through adult sizes. Remember to have fun & show support of this community service project by wearing your “crazy socks” on each Friday throughout this month!

- The Lincoln Leaders of Community Service Club

Many thanks to the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation for sponsoring our Leaders of Community Service Club this year!

Lincoln Elementary School Testing Schedules

To assist your families in planning for ‘testing season’, the following dates are scheduled for 3rd-5th graders:

**Grade 3: State of Ohio AIR Assessments**
FALL Language Arts- October 22, 23
Language Arts- April 15, 16
Math- April 28, 29

**Grade 4: State of Ohio AIR Assessments**
Language Arts- April 8, 9
Math- April 23, 24

**Grade 5: State of Ohio AIR Assessments**
Language Arts- April 6, 7
Math- April 30, May 1
Science- April 21, 22

Today students had an assembly that reinforced the importance of being a “Lincoln Leader”. Throughout the year, we will have monthly assemblies and continue to learn and use these 7 important habits to succeed - at school and beyond!

The overviews below provide information about the first habit, Be Proactive, with ways to apply the habit at home, and it encourages the use of the language in your daily life. By applying these habits at school and at home, our students will be developing leadership skills that will allow them to make good choices, get along with others, and manage their time wisely.

**Being Proactive is the key to all of the other habits; that’s why it comes first.**

To Be Proactive means to take responsibility for your choices and behaviors. Be Proactive says, “I am the leader of my own life. I am the leader of whether I am happy or sad. I am the leader of how I react to other people or situations.” Talk to your child about being a leader and taking care of himself/herself, taking care of his/her things, reacting or not reacting to other people’s comments, and planning ahead.


Expect your child to use words and phrases like choices, responsibility, Be Proactive, and stop and think in his/her conversations. You can encourage your child by using some of this language at home.

This Habit is the key to moving from dependence to personal responsibility. This means that children are in charge of their choices, the consequences of those choices, how they respond in every situation, and their personal belongings.

Lincoln Kindergarteners are Proactive!

Just like the Little Engine That Could, we remember to believe in ourselves, work hard, and not give up!

The kindergarteners drew pictures of something that they want to get better at. We know they will try their best to reach their goals!
Ways to apply Habit 1 at home:

**Allow choices:** Would they like to go to bed now or in 10 minutes; would they like to read or do a puzzle? It doesn’t matter how large or small the choice, because it is the practice that matters. They can begin to take charge of what is going on in their own life.

**Set clear expectations,** and then let them succeed. Have you ever been frustrated by an assignment you were expected to complete without clear instructions? It can feel the same to your kids. Even if you have done this before, review and clarify. Where does their backpack go when they get home? How about their shoes or their coat? When you talk about a clean room, what does that look like? Is the bed made? Laundry put away? (Make sure your expectations are appropriate for your child’s skill level.) When does the task have to be completed? This should always be discussed in a calm tone and in a cooperative manner. If the child forgets the first few times, resist the urge to remind them, wait until the agreed upon completion time, then ask if they forgot the agreement. Remind them right then that they are in charge of their item/space, and you are counting on them to take responsibility for that. Let them be Center Stage of their own life. Each of us is writing the script of our life.

**Role-play with your kids:** Put them in a situation where they don’t get to do something they wanted to do, or someone calls them a name or teases them, or they forget their homework. What words or actions can the child choose to use? Explore both positive and negative situations and talk about likely outcomes of both choices. Words to use: “Would you like _____ or _____? That’s a really good choice!” “Thank you for being proactive and putting your coat away.” “Did you remember to ‘stop and think’ before you responded that way? What might have been a better way to respond?” “It sounds like you have a problem. What do you think you could do about it?”

**Community Leadership Project for September:**
Thanks to everyone who sent in personal care items to help those in need through the Trials for Hope project

**Up Next for October:**
*Stuff the Dresser with socks for “Socktober” (for the Community West Foundation, to help the homeless in our community keep warm during the cold months)*

*Wear Crazy Socks every Friday in October*

**October – Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind** This means to think about how you would like something to turn out before getting started. Reading a recipe before cooking, or looking at a map before leaving on a trip, is beginning with the end in mind. It reinforces these ideas: I can make a plan. I can make good choices to reach my goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.
Lost and Found

Lincoln’s lost and found is located in the cafeteria where students are encouraged to look for their belongings. Eyeglasses, wallets, jewelry and other items of value are kept in the office.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

**Arrival**
- Walkers-enter through front door on Clifton
- Drivers through parking lot-enter through cafeteria door
  - Remember that you can only travel NORTH on Lakeland during school hours

**Dismissal**
- Walkers will exit through front door on Clifton
  - Students being picked up in a car which DOES NOT go through the parking lot will also be dismissed through the front doors on Clifton
- Drivers will exit through cafeteria doors and will follow the procedure for entering cars that has been established
  - Remember that you can only travel NORTH on Lakeland during school hours

Thanks for helping us provide a safe driver line drop-off and pick-up area! *Please pull all the way up to the stop sign near playground when dropping off or picking up your child.* Stopping right by the doors or before you reach the stop sign causes other cars to try to go around you, potentially causing an unsafe situation for our students….your children.
Picking your child up early from school?

Please send a note to your child’s teacher in the morning so that your child can be ready and waiting for you in the office when you arrive.

Lincoln Elementary PTA - JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Membership is just $5
Join online or fill out the form below
The Lincoln PTA is 100% volunteer-driven so we need everyone’s help!

The cost to join is just $5 (if you join online, there is a $.50 fee for PayPal). When you join Lincoln PTA, you’re also joining the National PTA. Very little of the $5 fee makes its way to Lincoln, so please also consider a donation of any amount when signing up. All donations are 100% for Lincoln.

QUESTIONS? Contact Beth McCalvey, Membership Chair at mbmcalvey@gmail.com
Join online here: www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w - enter the join code: lincolnfamily

*Once you’ve joined and are accepted into the system by the administrator, you can download and start using the app on your iOS or Android device - search MySchoolAnywhere on your mobile device.

Or…complete the form below and return with your cash or check to your child’s teacher or the school office.

Make checks payable to: Lincoln PTA - $5 per member

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I would like to make a donation to the general PTA fund $5  $10  $20  other $______ (thank you in advance!)
TOTAL: __________________
OCTOBER

7- Author visit [3-5], Dustin Brady
7- Fire Prevention Assembly
9- Picture Day
9- District Parent Report Card Info, Grant 9:15
9- District Parent Report Card Info, LHS 6:00
11- NEOEA Day - no school
17- Dads’ Breakfast, 8:15 a.m.
17- Marco’s Pizza Night
17- End of 1st Quarter
18- PJ Day
22- PTA meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
22-23 Grade 3 ELA Test
24- Author visit [PK-2], Monica Fedak
25- Trunk or Treat, evening time, 6 p.m.
31- Halloween Parade, 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5- Professional Day - no school
6- Student Book Fair, PM Conferences/Book Fair
7- Conferences and Book Fair, no school
  - Family Kalahari Night
8- Conferences and Book Fair - no school
11- Veteran’s Day assembly, 2:10 pm
21- PTA Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
21- Dads’ Breakfast, 8:15 a.m.
21- Marco’s Pizza Night
27-29- Thanksgiving Break
Lincoln Elementary PTA Fundraiser Night!!

Thursday, November 7, 2019: Only $134!!

Mark your calendar to take a break!! Support your school while having fun! Get away without going too far from home to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark and enjoy a special rate for families and friends! Rooms are ONLY $134 and feature 2 Queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit Lincoln Elementary PTA. BOOK EARLY to avoid being shut out.
Book online today! https://book.passkey.com/e/49842650

Limited & available. For call-in reservations 1-877-525-2477 ask for the Lincoln Elementary Group Rate. Standard Rooms sleep...
YOU'RE INVITED!

LAKEWOOD HIGH SHOWCASE NIGHT

Come explore the many rich opportunities our school offers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8  6-8 PM
LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
14100 FRANKLIN BLVD.

Find out about our academic departments, extracurriculars, demonstrations, West Shore Career-Tech, and more!