Lincoln Middle School - Notes from the Office Week of September 1st, 2023

What is Lincoln Notes from the Office?

If you're new to Lincoln Middle School, know that you will receive an email from us on the last day of each school week to help you and your family be prepared for the upcoming week.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, Sept. 4th - Labour Day - School is closed
Tuesday, Sept. 5th - PD Day - Staff will be in the building. No school for students.
Wednesday, Sept. 6th - Triad Conferences for families from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 7th - Triad Conferences for families from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday, Sept. 8th - First day of school for all students.
Monday, Sept. 11th - Picture Day for all Lincoln Students
Tuesday, Sept. 19th - Early dismissal. All students are dismissed at 2:50 pm.
Tuesday, Sept. 19th - Grade 6 First Lesson Night 6:30-8:00 pm & Parent Council AGM
Tuesday, Sept. 20th - Terry Fox Run (Donations Link): https://schools.terryfox.ca/LincolnMiddle

Student, Parent, Teacher Triad Conferences - What You Need to Know:

- Upon arriving, you will be greeted by a staff member to help you locate your child's homeroom. Once your 10-minute appointment has been completed, you will be provided with several forms that are to be completed in the library before you leave.
- Please have your child bring their school supplies with them. They will receive their locker and lock during their conference time and can pack everything in then.
- If you are feeling sick or displaying symptoms of illness please consider staying home or wearing a medical mask during your time at Lincoln.

Picture Day:

Lifetouch Photography will be here on Monday, September 11th for our annual fall picture day. All students will have their school photos taken on this day.

School Fees:

As of September 1st, all families can go online and pay for their child's student fees. Please follow the link below to make your payment. <u>Student fees</u> describes the school fees for the 2023-24 school year.

School Cash Online

Lunch Supervisors Needed:

Looking for a way to be a part of Lincoln Middle School? We are looking for additional paid lunch supervisors to join our dedicated team. Full and part time positions are available. For more information about hourly rates and terms of employment, please contact our Vice Principal, Ms. Connie Lowe by email at connie.lowe@sjasd.ca or by calling the school at 204-837-8397.

Lincoln Parent Council AGM - Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:30 PM:

We have had a strong tradition of maintaining an active and supportive parent council for over 20 years. We are always looking for new members and need your support for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

Our parent council AGM happens on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:30 pm. This meeting can be attended in person in our school library or online using Teams through the comfort of your own home. We require a minimum of 17 parents to attend this meeting to reach 5% quorum and ensure the tradition of our parent council continues.

Those in attendance are welcome to put their name forward to be a member of our executive or can simply listen and join in on the conversation with no further commitment.

Please support our Lincoln Parent Council by following the link below to help us prepare for the event.

RSVP Link for the Lincoln Parent Council AGM: https://forms.gle/3ea3VqC83h8jAhqS9

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off Locations:

Just a friendly reminder that the school bus loop and staff parking lot are not suitable locations for student drop off and pick up. If a ride is being provided, please ensure that the following locations are used:

Grade 6: Community Streets located West of the School (Kirkfield, Shelley and the Westwood Church parking lot). Please avoid using the Voyage Funeral Home parking lot.

Grade 7: Community Streets located North of the School (Kirkfield, Banting and Daer streets)

Grade 8: Community Streets located East of the School (Golf, Greenacre, and Country Club Blvd)

Our bike cage is located on the south side of the school near the KWCC baseball field and hockey rinks. Students are encouraged to use active transportation and walk, bike, or wheel their way to school as much as possible. Though the bike cage is locked throughout the day, bike locks are still encouraged.

Lincoln Middle School Indigenous Planning Team

To increase community connections and partnerships, we are offering all the opportunity to be a member of our Lincoln Indigenous Planning Team at Lincoln Middle School. The goal of this planning team is to strengthen our ability to provide meaningful and authentic Indigenous perspectives, teachings, stories, and practices to ensure our school is increasingly inclusive for all.

Who is invited and how do I join? Parents, community members, students, staff, and/or anyone who is passionate about this topic are welcome to join. There is strength in diversity. If interested, please send an email to lincoln@sjasd.ca and request to receive future messages from the planning team.

When and where do we meet? We will be meeting frequently throughout the school year. Generally, these meetings will happen at the school, and during the school day. There will also be opportunities to join us outside of regular school hours, virtually or contribute via email, surveys or whatever your schedule allows. No commitment is too small! We value whatever contribution you can make.

Indigenous Planning Team Goals:

- 1. Richer Learning: We'll blend Indigenous ideas, teachings, and perspectives into our learning spaces and lessons, for richer learning experiences.
- 2. Special Events: We will plan ways to honour Truth and Reconciliation Week, Orange Shirt Day, Red Dress Day, seasonal changes and more.
- 3. Community Connections: Linking our school with families, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members to learn from each other.
- 4. Useful Resources: Sourcing relevant and appropriate tools for teachers and students to explore, learn about, and celebrate Indigenous cultures.
- 5. Culturally Aware: sharing wisdom to help everyone respect and understand a variety of cultures within our school community and beyond.