**Lincoln Middle School - Notes from the Office**

**Week of March 5th, 2021**

**Lincoln Scholastic Book Fair**

This year’s Scholastic Book Fair at Lincoln will be held online from the comfort of your own home. Simply click on the link below to access the fair <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5156537>

The fair will be accessible from Monday, March 15th to Friday, March 26th. For full details, check out our website [here](https://www.sjasd.ca/school/lincoln/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=206&ListID=cd51d5bc-fa5e-48a8-b0d8-b33d089be1e3&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=).

Money raised from this book fair will be used to purchase new books for the Lincoln library. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brisebois @204-837-8397 or leonard.brisebois@sjasd.ca.

Thanks for your support!

**LMS Virtual Triad Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

Due to COVID-19, our Triad (parent, teacher, student) Conferences will be done virtually from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm using Microsoft TEAMS on Thursday, March 11th. A [Parent Conference Letter](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cida.gigliotti%5CDesktop%5CLMS%20Virtual%20Conference%20Letter%202020-21%20Term%202.docx) was sent out this week with all information. Conference Manager is now open for parents/guardians to book a virtual appointment with your child’s teacher.

**Grade 6 Virtual Open House (meant for current grade 5 students) - March 10th:**

Given the current public health restrictions, we will be unable to hold our annual open house and building visit in person. We will be holding a short virtual open house presentation using Microsoft Teams on the evening of Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm.  During this live presentation, Mr. Kyle Lizotte (Principal) and Ms. Samantha Amaral (Vice Principal) will be walking through the information slideshow found on our website [Lincoln Middle School Presentation (sjasd.ca)](https://www.sjasd.ca/school/lincoln/Documents/Lincoln%20Registration%20Information%20Revised.pdf) and answering questions as requested to help ease your child’s transition to middle school.

\*This virtual presentation is meant for families currently residing in our catchment area with students who are beginning at Lincoln Middle School in September, 2021.   To receive your invitation link to this presentation, please fill out the following online form on or before Monday, March 8th at 3:00 pm at the following link: [Lincoln Virtual House RSVP](https://forms.gle/r7nQWxDkVXJwZ5VLA)

**Student Drop-off and Pick-up:**

Please remember to not use the Voyage Funeral Home parking as a location for student drop off and pick-up.

When dropping off and picking up your children please be cognisant of our neighbours on the residential streets near Lincoln.  Please do not block driveways or back lanes and ensure that you are the required 9m or more from a stop sign if parking your vehicle.

**Parent Council Fundraiser and Next Meeting Date:**

Our next Lincoln Parent Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16th at 6:00 pm**.  Due to the current health restrictions in place, this meeting will take place online through Microsoft Teams.  All are welcome to attend and join the discussion.  If you would like a link to the meeting please email Mr. Lizotte at kyle.lizotte@sjasd.ca anytime before the meeting date.

**LMS Parent Council presents the fundraiser: *FlipGive***

***What is it?*** FlipGive is a team funding app.

***How does it earn the school money?*** Each time YOU shop something online (accessing stores through the FlipGive site), you earn a percentage of that purchase for the school.

***What store brands are supported?*** So many! Tim Hortons, Lowes, well.ca, Roots, Cabelas…. To view a full list of supported brands: <https://www.flipgive.com/brands>

***How do I join?*** Create a personal account [www.flipgive.com/join](http://www.flipgive.com/join) or download the app. When prompted, enter the LMS Team Code: **RHL7HP**

***How do I shop?*** Head to [www.flipgive.com](http://www.flipgive.com) to login, then choose the store you’d like to shop at. You will be directed to the store, where you shop as usual. OR you can access the stores through the FlipGive app.

***Questions?*** Ask us! lincolnmiddlepac@gmail.com

**Kids Help Phone – Counsellor in the Classroom**

All Grade 6 students will be participating in a program called Counsellor in the Classroom this month. Classes that participate will gain a better understanding of mental health and learn more about the supports offered by Kids Help Phone services. The program has two sections - teacher led classroom activities in health class, followed by a 45 minute phone conversation between each class and a Kids Help Phone counsellor.  This mental health program will support our Grade 6 students during the pandemic and beyond, successfully increasing their awareness in mental health, well-being, and help-seeking behaviours through the use of Kids Help Phone services.

**Commit to Kids: Resources for Families:**

**CANADIAN CENTRE for CHILD PROTECTION INC** would like to encourage families to talk to their children at home about Cyber Safety. Below are a list of resources to support this conversation;

[**Free High School Lessons and Video Discussions:**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotectchildren.ca%2Fen%2Forder%2Fproduct%2F326%3Aen%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csharon.porty%40wcdsb.ca%7C1093a757c4934af6f08608d88ca76b1e%7C723db89317ed44ec8613011938c37276%7C0%7C0%7C637413997981226143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DD0pnn%2BvKIcoMkZVq9ksSwxf%2FhALqOwy87zP4at8gVM%3D&reserved=0) available electronically, these lessons include videos for teens and families on topics such as body, sexual boundaries, sexual consent, healthy and unhealthy relationships, what constitutes sexual abuse, as well as where to go for help.

* [**Videos for families with children ages 15-17**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kidsintheknow.ca%2Fapp%2Fen%2Fhealthy_relationships_high_school&data=04%7C01%7Csharon.porty%40wcdsb.ca%7C1093a757c4934af6f08608d88ca76b1e%7C723db89317ed44ec8613011938c37276%7C0%7C0%7C637413997981226143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ulpbCuxbxuViMFvMS3nYIMLKnWk96Zz3T23pXMfXPS8%3D&reserved=0).
* [**Videos for families with children ages 12-14**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kidsintheknow.ca%2Fapp%2Fen%2Fhealthy_relationships_grades7_8&data=04%7C01%7Csharon.porty%40wcdsb.ca%7C1093a757c4934af6f08608d88ca76b1e%7C723db89317ed44ec8613011938c37276%7C0%7C0%7C637413997981236137%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tYXE2iTdKtK52xzAaxWGiHd3W1VdAEtKOY4RLFAH8QI%3D&reserved=0)
* [**Kindergarten to Grade 4 Read-along Storybooks and Comics:**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotectchildren.ca%2Fen%2Forder%2Fproducts%2Fvideo-storybooks%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csharon.porty%40wcdsb.ca%7C1093a757c4934af6f08608d88ca76b1e%7C723db89317ed44ec8613011938c37276%7C0%7C0%7C637413997981236137%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=89NOF0cKgbovC6%2BVBhOVnQDiIJb5i%2B2ZSZdlX1oAx2M%3D&reserved=0) designed for use with children in kindergarten to grade 4, these videos address safe vs unsafe secrets, instincts - identifying and responding to unsafe situations, and online safety.
* [**Trending Resources, Timely Support**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotectchildren.ca%2Fen%2Fresources-research%2Fsupporting-you-through-covid-19%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csharon.porty%40wcdsb.ca%7C1093a757c4934af6f08608d88ca76b1e%7C723db89317ed44ec8613011938c37276%7C0%7C0%7C637413997981246129%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5i5g0xIKKh8%2FlwpQJN425LHb3PsfTVv01hz0bKWFzfA%3D&reserved=0): a section of the Commit to Kids website with resources and information to help families and schools keep kids safe.