Lincoln Middle School - Notes from the Office Week of June 4^{th} , 2021

At-Home Remote Learning Extended:

As announced Thursday by the Government of Manitoba, schools will **remain in Critical (red) level remote learning until the end of the school year**. In the coming days, we will be communicating information about potential opportunities for students to attend on-site after June 14th, as per the public health guidelines. Your child's participation to return is optional and at the discretion of families and caregivers.

There are <u>no changes</u> to the remote learning or in-class attendance schedules for the upcoming week. Your child's schedules and weekly assignment information can all be found on Microsoft Teams.

*Attendance does count. If you know your child will be unable to attend online, please use the school messenger app to excuse them from their classes for illness, appointment or otherwise. Attendance will be consolidated at the end of each day and parents will receive notification of an absence on the following morning by a school staff member.

No School on Friday, June 11th

There is no school on Friday, June 11th as this is an Inservice day for all early years and middle years SJASD schools. Stay up to date with all upcoming early dismissal and inservice days with our divisional calendar found at the following link:

SchoolDayCalendar2020 21 REVISED 12 10 20 VERSION 4.pdf (sjasd.ca)

COVID-19 Vaccinations are now open to all children from ages 12-17:

Visit the following link for all the latest updates on vaccine eligibility criteria (first and second dose): Province of Manitoba | Eligibility Criteria (gov.mb.ca)

<u>Lincoln Lion Pride Wall Recognition/Assembly:</u>

We will be having our final Lion Pride Wall assembly virtually on the morning of Monday, June 7^{th} . This will occur during your child's first Teams meeting of the day. Though not in person, we hope all are tuned in to acknowledge and celebrate our latest round of student achievement in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, and citizenship.

Class Lists 2021-22:

On the morning of Tuesday, June 8th all current grade 6 and 7 students will have a chance to preview their homeroom class lists for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Class lists will be screenshared by their teachers and printouts will not be provided or emailed by staff. As communicated in April, class lists have been created with each child's academic and friendship needs in mind and balanced for teaching and learning needs. Homeroom teacher names and teacher assignments have not yet been finalized and will be communicated at a later date. Teacher assignments may fluctuate over the summer based on public health restrictions and required schedule adjustments.

SJASD Student Wheel Challenge Continues:

Since May 15th, all students and staff have been encouraged to participate in the SJASD Wheel Challenge. Participating students can enter themselves to win a new bike, long board, or scooter from White Pine Bicycle Co. located at 2059 Portage Avenue. See the attached letter for further details. <u>SJASD Wheel Challenge</u> Parent Letter.pdf

<u>Lincoln Arts and Athletics Scholarships:</u>

Participation and instruction in the areas of the arts and athletics has been a challenge throughout the covid-19 health pandemic. Recognizing these challenges, we are hoping to support some of our current Lincoln Lions with a contribution towards an upcoming summer camp that focuses on skill development for their

desired sport or artistic form of choice. A limited amount of funds is available, and priority will be given to grade 8 students given their lengthy disruption during their time at the school.

Once application forms are collected, the final scholarship selections will be completed by our Lincoln staff. The parents/guardians of the students selected to receive the athletic scholarships will be notified first and students will receive recognition of this scholarship at our year end awards ceremony.

All scholarship requests must be submitted no later then Wednesday, June 9th.

Link to Arts Scholarship Request Form: https://forms.gle/DamhabVP92PAtGnN7

Link to Athletics Scholarship Request Form: https://forms.gle/gx3wi7CSfkC465qm9

Lincoln Parent Council:

Our AGM for the upcoming 2021-22 school year has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm. We will be looking for more parents to join our active parent council group at that time. Questions of our LMS PAC? Ask them! <u>lincolnmiddlepac@gmail.com</u>

Covid-19 Developments and Communication:

Please see the attached information for updated COVID-19 as a reminder for all families. <u>COVID Safety Protocols to help keep our Schools Safe.pdf</u>

Public Health is reminding all school communities that communication of positive COVID -19 cases are forwarded to families when contact tracing is required at a school. Public Health will involve the school if the COVID-19 positive individual(s) attended school in their communicable period. Should the COVID-19 positive person(s) not attend school within 48 hours of onset of illness or an asymptomatic test date, schools are not included in public health's contact tracing and notification processes.

Lincoln Middle School requires all students and staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms every day prior to entering school. https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/

Should you have any questions about COVID-19 protocols, please check https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/test-index.html or call Health Links for clarification at 204-788-8200.

Covid-19 Variant Fundamentals:

https://gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/variants.html

For the most up-to-date information on the definition of "Close Contacts" and the "Requirements for Self-Isolation and Household Isolation":

 $\underline{\text{http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/monitoring/close-contacts.html} \# \text{what-to-do}}$

Lincoln Middle School values your diligence and support in adhering to these protocols.