

## Lincoln Middle School - Notes from the Office

Week of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Remote Learning Wind-Down:

From June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>, a remote learning wind-down will take place. All students will have scheduled Teams meetings from 9:00 - 10:30 am daily. During these times teachers will focus on maintaining connections, covering relevant content about current issues and the upcoming year. We recognize that the collection of borrowed technology to some of our students may limit these interactions. The amount of independent work and study time required outside of this meeting time will be reduced and you can expect little to no new assignments outside of these meeting times as teachers will be spending the remainder of their days meeting with students in person based on their scheduled appointment times.

### In-Person Visits to Lincoln from June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup>

Using the Conference Manager, all students are invited to come in for a 1-hour appointment for the following reasons:

- To connect with friends, staff, and to bring both closure and celebration to the end of the year.
- To return materials such as band instruments, iPads, library books, and textbooks.
- To pick-up any of their own materials and supplies.

An appointment must be made as group sizes are limited to 6 students at a time with social distancing maintained. When arriving, please use your assigned cohort doors to enter the building. Unfortunately, only students can enter the building at this time.

Link to Conference Manager: [Lincoln Middle School Conference Manager \(schoolsoft.com\)](https://lincolnmiddleschool.schoolsoft.com)

### **Virtual Awards Ceremony - Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am:**

Though we are unable to provide our school community with a year-end awards ceremony, we will be acknowledging the exemplary accomplishments of our students online. Students and families can watch this event during their regularly scheduled Teams at 9:00 am. Links to the awards presentation will also be provided on our school website later that afternoon. These links will remain live through the summer for those that wish to access the presentations at an alternate time.

### **Report Cards:**

Report cards will be e-mailed out to all families on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> after 3 p.m. The final sentence of the last comment box for Gr. 6 students will state your child's homeroom for the 2021-2022 school year. Gr. 7 students will receive an email stating their homeroom information for the upcoming school year.

### **Speak-Up Program for Grade 7 Students:**

On June 21 and 22 from 9:00-10:30, your child will be participating in a unique mental health awareness program called "Speak Up". The program will be delivered through Microsoft Teams. This program has been delivered in Winnipeg schools to middle and high school students for the past 4 years. The goals of the program are to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, to increase student's knowledge of mental health issues, and to increase awareness of community resources.

This program will be facilitated by the school counselor Mrs. Mercier and the school social worker, Mr. Matthew Janzen. The students will be given an opportunity to listen to guest speakers who are living with mental illness. These presentations are personal stories that will move students, challenge their thinking, and hopefully foster a willingness to change attitudes about mental illness. Students will leave the program with valuable information on community resources for children, youth, and their families and a new awareness of stigma in our society. You can find out more about this program at <https://mbwpg.cmha.ca/programs-services/school-based-youth-mental-health-promotion/>

