



Lincoln Middle School

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Be Respectful, Responsible, & Ready to Learn

Principal - James Williamson – Assistant Principal - John McNeil
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Dear Lincoln Middle School Families,

First and most importantly, I hope you all are healthy and staying safe! I sincerely already miss having our students and faculty in the building. Thank you parents and LMS faculty for your overwhelming support over this past week. Your support defines “exceptional community” and I am extremely proud to be a part of it.

Access to Devices & Wifi:

At this time, I am sure many of you may be wondering what virtual learning will look like for your middle school child. Let me start with an essential first step, which is ensuring your child has a device and internet access. Dr. Filippelli’s district message provided directions for families to follow to fulfill this necessity for virtual learning. Students will need to use their school issued email for distance learning. For all grades, the student username is usually (first name, period, last name) first.last@lincolnps.org. Sharing this may be especially helpful for our 6th graders whose emails have been turned on at this time. Mr. Kelley kelleya@lincolnps.org can assist with resetting google passwords if needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Mr. McNeil mcneilj@lincolnps.org if you need further assistance with technology access.

Curriculum & Educational Tools:

Lincoln Middle School faculty have been coordinating and planning a virtual educational approach that is standards based, practical and easily accessible (we understand this may still come with a learning curve, so we do ask for your patience and support as we navigate this). Our teachers’ primary means of communication with students during this time will be through Google Classroom. Using Google Classroom enables your child’s teachers to share assignments, answer questions and provide feedback as needed. Teachers will be available starting March 23rd from 8:30-2:30pm, Monday-Friday. The set-up of support may look different depending on your child’s class and depending on the instructional task assigned. Please know that we understand that this is a major

adjustment for all of you as well and we will be flexible and supportive. We currently have several great resources across all content areas to access during distance learning. We are also in the process of setting up an access point on our middle school website to provide information and resources for parents and students. The tab will be at the top of the LMS website homepage and labeled "Distance Learning." I am proud of our Lincoln Middle School faculty for their efforts and I am confident that we will adjust and improve as we move forward. I believe through hard work, compassion and understanding, we will overcome this challenging time together.

Social Emotional Support:

We understand that middle school students may need additional support during this time. We will have our guidance counselors and social service professionals available for support. Please email them as needed.

- Guidance Counselor (A-K), Mrs. London londonj@lincolnps.org
- Guidance Counselor (L-Z), Mrs. LaCascio lacasciom@lincolnps.org
- Social Worker, Mrs. Jones ljones@lincolnps.org
- School Psychologist, Mrs. Dyer dyerd@lincolnps.org
- Dean of Students, Mrs. Denham denhaml@lincolnps.org
- Nurse, Mrs. Gaughan gaughanj@lincolnps.org

Additional information will be posted on the Lincoln Middle School website (Distance Learning Tab).

Access to Lincoln Middle School:

Although there is no access to Lincoln Middle School at this time, we understand given the timing of the announcement on March 13th, that students may have left behind something that is needed over the next couple of weeks. If this is the case, please email me directly williamsonj@lincolnps.org and I will coordinate with our custodial staff a time for you to pick up what is needed between March 23-27th from 7am-1pm. For band students who need to pick up an instrument, please contact Mr. Casale casalet@lincolnps.org and we will coordinate a time for pickup. This process will enable us to maintain a clean and safe environment. Please only ask to access the building for essential items.

School Lunch Information:

The Lincoln Public Schools in collaboration with Chartwells Food Service will be providing a box lunch (as well as breakfast for the next day) for all students in Lincoln during the duration of the school closure, beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Students will need to provide their NutriKids/Student ID number in order to get a meal. There will be two designated food distribution sites for Lincoln Public Schools.

The two sites are Northern Elementary School and Lincoln High School. The distribution times will be between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. Chartwells will be distributing school lunches in the back of Lincoln High School and at the external cafeteria doors at Northern Elementary. These lunches will be provided for the entire duration of school closure from Monday through Friday. The procedure will be much like a drive up window. Parents/guardians will drive/walk up to the schools and staff members will hand parents/guardians the boxed lunches.

Supporting Special Populations:

Students identified with disabilities will be provided with instruction through the virtual platform. Service providers and teachers will ensure that individual supports, services and accommodations for students with an individual education plan (IEP), and individual learning plan (ILP) or a Section 504 Plan are available. Special educators will make necessary accommodations and modifications for students with IEPs. If a child is unable to receive services during the closure, a child's IEP team "or appropriate personnel under Section 504" will make an individualized determination as to whether, and to what extent, compensatory services may be needed. Case managers will be communicating directly with the families of the students they work with. You are also welcome to contact your child's case managers directly with any questions you may have. Virtual Clinical support can be made available with The Center for Psychology and Learning for any student or family in Lincoln needing support for symptoms related to anxiety, depression and/or behavioral challenges at home. Please call 401-421-4461 to receive any support. Virtual Behavioral Support (BCBA) for students with Autism can be made available with Evergrow Behavior Solutions (Kayla, Melissa, Amanda) 401-222-0227 or Ford Behavior (Colleen) 401-829-8679 . Please call or text should you need any assistance.

I can assure you all that your Lincoln Middle School administration and faculty are here to support you. We will do our best to keep you informed and work with you, as we navigate providing the best educational experience given the current situation.

Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

James Williamson
Principal
Lincoln Middle School