

Dear Lonsdale Community,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I want to welcome our incoming kindergarten students, new students, and all returning students and their families to Lonsdale Elementary School. I trust that you have had a wonderful summer break with your children. Many of you are just as excited as your children are to begin the new school year. Everyone at Lonsdale eagerly looks forward to returning to the routine of the school day, and more importantly, we have all missed our Lonsdale Lions and cannot wait to see grades 1-5 on Wednesday, August 30th.

We are anticipating another incredible and productive school year. Students and staff will return to find a remodeled state-of-the-art library media center, new LED lighting throughout the building, and all homerooms will have new student furniture! Lonsdale also received a \$30k RIDE grant to create an outdoor learning space in our courtyard. We also anticipate the upcoming November special election when Lincoln voters will see a school bond referendum on the ballot. If the referendum is approved, Lonsdale and all of our elementary schools will be remodeled to include a new gymnasium, science learning classrooms, and a remodeled cafeteria and restrooms.

Our skilled and devoted staff is planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic and highly organized school secretary, Mrs. Ryan, has been busy registering new families, ordering needed materials, and updating student files. The tireless custodians have diligently worked over the summer break to clean and prepare the building for the upcoming school year. Everything looks bright, shiny, and ready to go. When you see Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Jeremy or Mr. Scott, please thank them for their efforts.

This year, we will continue fostering collaboration, inclusivity, and respect within our Lonsdale community. We believe in the power of teamwork and the significance of a strong partnership between home and school. I encourage you to actively engage in your child's education, maintain open lines of communication, and participate in school activities and events whenever possible. Together, we can provide the support and guidance our students need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We will also continue a strong focus on academics and student engagement with our School Improvement Plans and staff development. We continue to focus on having high expectations for all students, including presenting all students with challenging concepts at their grade level in reading and math. We will also continue to intentionally use higher-level thinking questions and inquiry-based activities to help our students develop a deeper understanding of content.

Stay connected with our school through the phenomenal Lonsdale Parents & Teachers (LPT) Organization, the Skyward Parent Portal, the district www.lincolnpd.org, and the school website www.lincolnpd.org/lonsdale, social media channels, and regular communication updates. These platforms will provide important announcements, academic resources, and information about upcoming events. Also, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated staff members with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We value your feedback and are committed to continuous improvement.

Finally, I believe in a collaborative school environment that draws on all stakeholders' strengths in striving to improve student outcomes. Working together makes a difference in the lives of our students. I look forward to working with all the outstanding students, families, staff, and community members to make this year a success. Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring Lonsdale Elementary School remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families on August 28th. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Please take a moment to review all of the vital information in this newsletter. You will find pertinent information for a successful first week of school. In addition, I have attached the OPEN HOUSE presentation for you to review as well.

- Please click [HERE](#) to view our 2023/2024 OPEN-HOUSE Presentation.

Positively Looking Ahead,
Mrs. Goho