

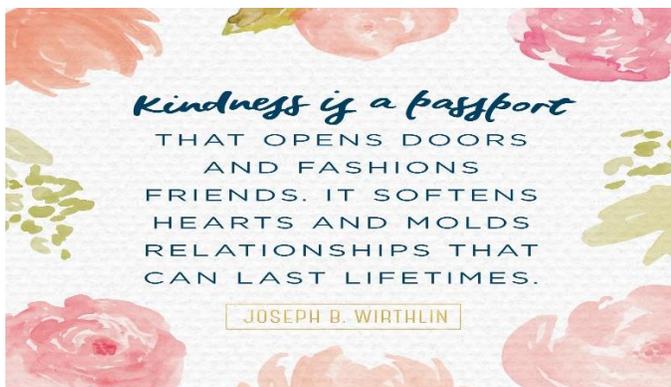


Hello Lincoln Leopard Parents!

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! It is my pleasure to serve as your elementary school principal. Our outstanding teaching staff and I look forward to working as a team to support your child's educational quest! Our theme for the year is "CHOOSE KIND". All kids need love, hope, kindness, and somebody who believes in them. At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. It is our goal to team with **you** in our quest to live and breathe kindness this school year.

Here is our Top Ten Kindness list...

1. Kind people are healthier and live longer
2. Kindness is contagious
3. Kindness doesn't cost a cent
4. Kindness, although typically considered by some to be a weakness, is actually a strength
5. Kindness is never wrong
6. Kind people find more happiness in the long run
7. Kind people develop resilience
8. Kindness broadens your perspective
9. Kindness softens your heart
10. You don't need a reason to be kind



PBIS (PAWS)



Lincoln is a PBIS school. **Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)** is a process for creating school environments that are more predictable and effective for achieving academic and social goals. PBIS enhances our current systems and practices. All common areas have clear expectations and are carefully taught to all children. Our building expectations are thematically built around the foot of our mascot; PAWS (see above). A positive and preventive approach is a key trait of this system. Students can earn PAWS bucks for successfully demonstrating expectations. Here is a link to the school-wide expectations matrix.

http://lincoln.ksd.org/apps/school9_documents/record/f4b656c57108ef60ec7365cd3d998b6a/lincolnelementaryexpectationsmatrix.pdf

<http://www.pbis.org/>



How to Stay Connected with Lincoln:

1. Our **KSD main webpage** www.ksd.org Our Lincoln Elementary Web page is <http://lincoln.ksd.org>
2. **E-mail** us! All staff emails are linkable from the school webpage.
E-mail addresses are [teacher-first-name.last name]@ksd.org.
3. School **monthly newsletters**. You can get them as hard copies OR by an electronic group mail message. Be sure to supply your e-mail to the office secretaries and they can input it into "Power School", our school information system.
4. Attend **Open House** and fall/spring **Parent/Teacher Conferences**.
5. Watch for school wide information **reminder notices** that are sent home with your child.
6. Notice our big **electronic reader board**, located at the northwest corner of the building, for events, news, and reminders.
7. **Parent/Student Handbook** viewable from school webpage.
8. Visit our PTO (LEAP) **Facebook page** – "Lincoln Elementary-LEAP"
https://www.facebook.com/LincolnLEAP/about/?entry_point=page_nav_about_item&tab=overview
9. Contact the school by **phone** at 222-5700.

How to Get Involved at Lincoln:

1. Join the PTO “**LEAP**” (Lincoln Educators And Parents) team!
Contact our president, Jessica Jackman. jjackman610@gmail.com
Our monthly LEAP meetings are every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lincoln library. This is a parent/teacher group that supports children and teachers’ effort for awesome activities at school. This includes special events, funding support, and volunteer time efforts.
2. Get involved on our **ATP** (Action Team for Partnership) team. This is a teacher and parent committee that sets goals for the academic, behavioral and emotional benefit of Lincoln children. Contact one of our **ATP** co-chairpersons, Andria.Palomarez@ksd.org
3. **Volunteer** in your child’s classroom. Contact your child’s teacher to schedule a time to help. Volunteer applications are available in the office or a link is provided to download the application on both our website and the KSD website. Bring your completed application to the office and our staff will assist you in processing. Contributing at any level is a tremendous help for our kids depending on your availability.
4. **Attend events** at Lincoln; movie nights, musical concerts, and special student/parent activities throughout the school year.

Early Year Assessments

DIBELS assessment, District assessment, and MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) testing will be in motion in the first few weeks of school. The results from these assessment tools are important to inform us about your child’s academic progress to this point. They are standardized and research-based measurements. We will use this information to help guide instruction in both large group and as a determinate to setup interventions for support. It is important that attendance be as consistent as possible during these screeners and assessments. Helpful web links which share validity, research, and purpose of the MAP and DIBELS assessments are listed below:

DIBELS: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

MAP: <http://www.nwea.org/products-services/computer-based-adaptive-assessments/map>

Attendance

Regular and prompt attendance is a **key factor to success** at school. Whenever your child is absent a written note or phone call is required to be excused. You can call the school at 222-5735 to notify us.

One to five absences for sickness is understandable each school year, but when absences become excessive, it can affect the academic progress of your child. If there are special circumstances be sure to share this with your child's teacher, office staff or Principal. Attendance letters will sent after 8 absences in a school year. If the problem continues, then an attendance plan is developed. Please do your best to ensure children are in attendance to school to maximize their educational experience.

Lincoln Vision Statement

*At Lincoln Elementary, we are committed to fostering a **safe** and **positive** environment. **All** individuals are **valued** and **empowered** to achieve their **social, emotional, and academic potential**.*

The Lincoln staff and I are looking forward to an awesome school year with your children!

Warm regards,

*Tony Langdon, Principal
Lincoln Elementary School*