



# Lincoln Avenue School Newsletter

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## Big Blue

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Greetings Lincoln Families!

As we start the final month of this school year, I want to thank each of you for all your dedication and support to ensuring your child's success this year. Our students and staff have really overcome so much adversity during these challenging times. We all appreciate your patience, flexibility and positive energy. We look forward to continuing to serve you as well as our students for these last few weeks.

### Summer Learning Academy:

Student applications were due on April 11, 2022. Any application that was received after this deadline is not guaranteed a spot and may be waitlisted. Please check with the main offices for details.

### Track Season:

Although some track meets were cancelled, the team has worked hard this season to improve times and techniques. This year we even had Ms. Krystal White, former track athlete show students shot put and disc technique. Thank you Coach Giggleman and Coach Lampkin for your hard work.

### End of the Year:

Our last day of school is Friday, May 27th. Teachers will share information regarding packing up student belongings, things student can do to stay sharp over the summer, etc. Please continue to communicate via ClassDojo with your child's teachers.

### 2022-2023 School Year:

Please check the district website and social media platforms for information to be released in the next several weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [stingilyb@district148.net](mailto:stingilyb@district148.net) or call the office at 708-201-2075.

*Principal Stingily*

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## MTSS Coaches—Mrs. Haas and Ms. Giggelman



Parents, as the school year winds down, we are taking the End of the Year (MOY) District tests.

We can't believe how fast this school year has gone. Our goal is 1 year growth from the Beginning of the Year (BOY) testing. Please talk with your children about the importance of the tests.

## The Support Programs Department

### An End of a School Year-Time for Summer

The 2021-2022 school year was an interesting school year because we returned back to school after being on remote learning for an entire school year. This was new, and I think that everyone did well (parents, teachers, and students). Change is never easy, but it is important to adapt to it so that we can move on to the next round of life changes. Psychologists argue that adapting to change is essential because it helps us to adopt new behaviors that will help us to cope with change. We entered into a new territory, and now, we know that we can adapt to new changes that might come through the pipeline again in the school setting and beyond. Now that we have completed and adapted to this new school year, after returning from remote learning, it is time now to exhale, regroup, and get ready for the Summer. The Summer provides us with plenty of sun that revives and rejuvenates us. Everyone, please take advantage of it, i.e., ride your bike, take a walk on the beach, enjoy the backyard and patio, work in your garden, plan a barbecue and invite friends over. You can choose to do whatever you like. But please just enjoy the Summer because being happy on the inside can impact your happiness on the outside. Be Safe! Be Happy! Enjoy your Summer!

**-Social Workers-**

“Today, do what others won’t so tomorrow you can accomplish what others can’t.”

— Simone Biles

April was yet another wonderful month for our therapy students! We enjoyed our Spring Break and came back refreshed and ready to finish off the school year strong!

As always, a huge shout out to all the wonderful grown-ups for their continued support during therapy sessions and with carrying over newly learned skills at home!

The therapists have compiled a list of fun things to do outside while enjoying the beautiful weather:

Go on a scavenger hunt looking for and describing:  
· Bugs, Plants, Trees, Flowers, Different types of cars

Set up a sensory bin outside and fill it with:  
· shaving cream, dirt, sand, leaves, branches/twigs

Create a hop-scotch grid with chalk & teach your kiddos how to hop scotch!

· For students working on speech sounds - replace the numbers with your sound and practice your words!

Collect rocks and categorize them by:  
· color, shape, size, texture

Act out verbs:  
· jumping, skipping, hopping, throwing, pushing

Go to the playground:  
Incorporate direction words:  
up, on, push, more swing, more slide, all done.

Have a wonderful month of May!  
We are so proud of each & every one of you!

**-Speech Pathologists-**



## The Support Programs Department Continued.....

Hi families, can you believe that we are in the last month of the regular school year? Time flies by when engaging learning is taking place. We will be wrapping up our last set of district benchmark assessments this month. Have a rejuvenating summer break! Please make sure you are checking ClassDojo, and always feel free to message us there until the end of the school year. We can also be contacted at: Ms. Taylor K-4 Resource - taylorb@district148.net or Mrs. Baldauf 5/6 Resource – baldaufd@district148.net.

### Nurse Gray

It is hard to believe May is here already. Springtime is another time of year when pollen counts rise and Asthmatic children can be affected. Make sure your child avoids their asthma triggers as much as possible. Do they have an inhaler at school? Make sure your child drinks plenty of water. With Chicago weather, we don't know if it's going to be warm and sunny or cool and rainy. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for our Chicago weather. Here are tips for protecting against spreading of illness. **Wash your hands frequently** Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

#### Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 6ft. distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain viruses. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

#### Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

#### Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately. Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early. Stay home if you feel unwell.

#### If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately.

Follow the directions of your local health authority. Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent the spread of viruses and other infections. Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and a slight runny nose, until you recover. Why? Avoiding contact with others and visits to medical facilities will allow these facilities to operate more effectively and help protect you and others from possible COVID-19 and other viruses. If you develop a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical advice promptly as this may be due to a respiratory infection or other serious condition. Call in advance and tell your provider of any recent travel or contact with travelers. Why? Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also help to prevent possible spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

If you received a vision or dental referral for your child, please return proof of examination reports to the health office. All Kindergarten, and 6th graders for the 2022-2023 school year are required by the state to have a current physical and up to date immunizations. All kindergarten, second and 6th grade students also need a dental exam. Kindergarten students also need an eye exam. It is not too early to set up these appointments.

Beat the August rush and take them now. If you take your child, you can take a clear picture and email to me as an attachment to grayl@district148.net. You may also send the physicals and proof of dental exams with your child to school and I will copy it and send your copy home. This makes for less paperwork needed at registration in August. Have a Happy and Healthy Month.

#### Reminder:

**Please ensure your child's medical records are up to date as required by Illinois State Law. Any child not in compliance with the immunizations law will be excluded from school. Check your child's book bag and/or any mail coming from the school. Also make sure the sports section on the physical is clearly checked that your child can participate in PE and sports.**

## Kindergarten Team— Mrs. Reczkowicz and Ms. Moore

As the school year ends, we want to take a moment to say thanks!  
Thank you for sharing your pride and joy with us. We enjoyed all the smiles and kind words your child shared with us. Thank you for supporting all our efforts and reading with your child and helping them learn!



Dear Student,  
I have a little message for you:  
I like the way you wait your turn,  
I like the way you have grown to care,  
I like the way you say, 'I CAN!'  
And know you are special every day!  
Have fun in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!



**Mrs. Reczkowicz** [reczkowiczj@district148.net](mailto:reczkowiczj@district148.net)  
**Ms. Moore** [mooreo@district148.net](mailto:mooreo@district148.net)

## 1st Grade Team— Mrs. Lindholm and Ms. Michalczyk

Happy May! First grade has worked hard this year learning to read along with learning many new math and writing skills. We will finish the year strong with nonfiction text and text features. In math, we will work on teen numbers and addition/subtraction up to 20. Please continue to read over the summer and work on math facts, so you do not lose valuable skills we have learned this year. Let's continue to work hard both academically and on our behavior, as we complete first grade. Have a great summer!

**Ms. Michalczyk** ([michalczyka@district148.net](mailto:michalczyka@district148.net))

**Mrs. Lindholm** ([lindholms@district148.net](mailto:lindholms@district148.net))



## 2nd Grade Team— Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Cade, and Mr. Kealey

We have worked hard on learning our phonics with the new curriculum 95%. What started as a bit of a challenge, establishing the routine, has proven to help the students with their reading and writing. In reading, we are working on Change Makers, a wonderful book about people that have decided to make a change in the world and actively worked to do so. iReady math is going strong. If your student is off, or has some free time, have them go onto their I Ready My Path to get some quality math practice completed. Multiple digit addition and subtraction, time and money will keep us busy in class. Animal adaptions and weather will be the topic of science. We will continue learning about important people from different cultures and events.

**Ms. Gutierrez** ([gutierrezm@district148.net](mailto:gutierrezm@district148.net))

**Mrs. Cade** ([cadec@district148.net](mailto:cadec@district148.net))

**Mr. Kealey** ([kealeyr@district148.net](mailto:kealeyr@district148.net))

## 3rd Grade Team– Mrs. Gallagher, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Dominski

The end of the school year is upon us once again! As we close this school year, please keep in mind that we still have a full month of learning. Our final concepts in core subjects will culminate a year of rigorous learning!

**ReadyGEN:** Students will continue to practice their comprehension and fluency skills while completing our final unit. We will also wrap up our writing lessons and assess readiness skills for next year.

**Language Arts:** Students will review parts of speech and continue to practice sentence structure.

**Math:** Our lessons will cover shapes and their attributes. We will continue to reinforce multiplication and division facts.

**Social Studies:** Our lessons will expand on communities and the world.

**Science:** Our lessons will continue to cover Earth science this month, specifically, meteorology. Students will read about Earth's atmosphere and how changes in temperature, air pressure and winds, affect the weather.

Thanks for your support this year. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer! Thank you!

Mrs. Pryor-Gallagher—[pryorg@district148.net](mailto:pryorg@district148.net), Miss Kelly—[kellyb@district148.net](mailto:kellyb@district148.net) and Ms. Dominski—[dominskil@district148.net](mailto:dominskil@district148.net)



## 4th Grade Team– Ms. Angel, Ms. Corsiattto and Mrs. Dawson

Hello Lincoln Families, we hope you are doing well during this time! We are starting off the 4th quarter with our new novel, *Lunch Money*. The 4th graders are learning about what an entrepreneur is with this fictional story. Students will write summaries for each chapter and will have a test at the end. Students should also continue to practice reading at home and focusing on chapter books! For math, we are reviewing each standard in order to get them prepared for 5th grade! Please ask them to show you their scores of their recent comprehension checks on i-Ready!

Let's finish this year out strong!

Ms. Angel—[angela@district148.net](mailto:angela@district148.net) Mrs. Dawson—[dawsonf@district148.net](mailto:dawsonf@district148.net)  
Ms. Corsiattto—[corsiattom@district148.net](mailto:corsiattom@district148.net)



## 5th Grade Team– Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Waller

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we are currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2021-2022 school year? We have readjusted to a full year of in person learning during Covid-19. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be ready for 6<sup>th</sup> grade because of the partnership between the teachers and our parents. We want to thank each and every one of you for your steadfast support in our commitment to educate Our children. Please continue to make sure that your child is on time and prepared for a vigorous education. Our last day of school will be May 27, 2022.

Ms. Gallagher- [gallaghera@district148.net](mailto:gallaghera@district148.net)      Ms. Waller- [wallerc@district148.net](mailto:wallerc@district148.net)

## **6th Grade Team— Ms. Blasingame and Mr. Neequaye**

Greetings Parents, Students, and Family Members,

We have made it to the end of the school year! We want to thank you all for your assistance with our scholars but we also wanted to make sure we are consistent with expectations. Please make sure your child comes to school in their uniform. We will continue to educate students with a readiness of the world around them and how they can help to contribute to a better society. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us @ the school. Enjoy your summer!

**Mr. Neequaye—neequayee@district148.net and Ms. Blasingame—blasingsamec@district148.net**

## **7th Grade Team— Mrs. Rahmah, Mrs. Chatman, Ms. Travis & Mr. Hilal**

**Science**—Hello students and parents, I hope that everyone enjoyed their Spring Break! We will continue learning about factors that interact and influence weather and climate, how natural hazards can be predicted, and how human activities affect Earth systems. Please monitor your children to make sure that they are completing and turning in their weekly assignments. Thank you for your ongoing support. **Mrs. Rahmah—rahmahk@district148.net**

**ELA**—This month in ELA, students will study the documentary entitled “A Plastic Ocean” noting the transcript’s portrayal of a subject as compared to the film’s portrayal. Students will also analyze the film’s main ideas and supporting details, as well as how the ideas in the video introduce the issue of plastic pollution. Students will have the opportunity to identify and analyze the speakers’ arguments by evaluating their claims as well as the soundness of their reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of their evidence. In the second half of the unit, students will analyze the anchor text Trash Vortex to determine the author’s purpose and central ideas. Students will then determine how the author distinguishes her position from that of others. Students’ documentary scripts will focus on descriptions, facts, details, and examples. Let’s finish up strong!

**Ms. Travis—travism@district148.net**

**Math**—Congratulations!!! You are official 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Have a GREAT summer. Please be safe.

**Mrs. Chatman—chatmanm@district148.net**

**Social Studies**—In May, the students will learn the foundation of Financial Literacy. It’s an important time to instill smart money management skills through understanding the foundations of financial literacy. The students will learn A personal budget is a financial plan that allocates future income toward expenses, savings, and debt repayment. “Where does the money go?” is a common dilemma faced by many individuals and households when it comes to budgeting and money management. These lessons will encourage students to take the time and effort to develop their own personal financial goals and budget.

**Mr. Hilal—abuhilalb@district148.net**

## **8th Grade Team— Mr. Luster, Mr. Smith, Ms. Lampkin and Mrs. Waters-Miller**

Thank you for your participation in the mandatory parent meeting on 4/28. A copy of the PowerPoint will go home. We will have practice for our Ribbon Pinning as well as the ceremony every day during the month of May. It’s imperative they are present every day so they do not miss practicing different aspects of the programs. All students eligible for the ceremony are mandated to attend the rehearsals at the church. Field trip slips went home on 4/25. They cannot participate without a signed field trip form. The following are the upcoming events taking place this month for our 8th grade graduates:

Monday, May 16th: Mandatory 8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal Field Trip

Tuesday, May 17th: 1:00pm Ribbon Pinning and Awards Ceremony in the gym (ticket only)

Wednesday, May 18th: 8th Grade Graduation Luncheon for Students

Thursday, May 19th: 8th Grade Class Trip

Tuesday, May 25th: Mandatory 8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal Field Trip

Wednesday, May 25th: 10:00am 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony (ticket only)

It has been our pleasure teaching your children this year.

**Mr. Luster —luster@district148.net**

**Ms. Lampkin lakinj@district148.net**

**Mrs. Waters-Miller waters-miller@district148.net**

**Mr. Smith smithj@district148.net**

## Physical Education— Mrs. Clemons, Mr. Zajcew and Mr. Watkins

We have some exciting activities in physical education this final month of the school year! We will spend a week learning the kicking and catching skills and rules for kickball. Students will also practice throwing, catching, and batting, while learning to play whiffle ball. Finally our last 2 weeks of school will be spent on reviewing different cardio games that the students learned throughout the school year.

As a reminder, please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes. Junior high students are required to wear the District 148 PE uniform worth 25% of their grade.

**Mrs. Clemons—[clemontsk@district148.net](mailto:clemontsk@district148.net), Mr. Watkins—[watkinso@district148.net](mailto:watkinso@district148.net), and Mr. Zajcew—[zajcewj@district148.net](mailto:zajcewj@district148.net)**

## Music —Mrs. Pursell-Jackson

**It is Time for Fine Arts!!!**

**The first week in May is when District 148 annually celebrates our artistic scholars!**

**The following is the schedule for the *Fine Arts Virtual Events*:**

**Monday, May 2nd: 7:00pm Artists' Showcase**

**Tuesday, May 3rd: TBA District 148 Vocal Ensembles & Bands**

**Thursday, May 5th: TBA Various performances from district schools**

## Art —Mr. Riddle

We are entering the home stretch of the school year and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. As we look to close out the year in art class, we are looking to finish just as strong. Our kindergarten students will close out their art journey by learning how to create art works consisting of various sized objects. First Grade students will learn how to create basic landscapes with front and backgrounds. Second grade students will learn to create works of art in both portrait and landscape picture orientations as well as the difference between the two. Third and Fourth grade students will learn about positive and negative space and how to use it properly in artworks. Fifth and Sixth grade students will learn about creating perspectives and points of view in art works. Seventh grade students will work with creating and incorporation of proportions in to various different art works. Eighth grade students will create different types of three dimensional art works. I look forward to seeing how strongly our young artists at Lincoln can finish out the school year and what they can create.



**Mr. Riddle—[riddle@district148.net](mailto:riddle@district148.net)**

<b>May</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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We are entering the final month of school. The students have been busy learning about self-regulation and personal boundaries. It is important for students to learn ways to work through conflict and show positive behavior.

### **Words of the Month**

PBIS Character Word: CITIZENSHIP

Restorative Justice Word: PEACE

Capturing Kids' Hearts: EMPOWER- Keep the Social Contract Alive!

### **Suite360 Themes**

Week 1: Social Awareness- Expectations in the Community

Week 2: Relationship Skills- Relationships and Reputation

Week 3: Social Awareness- Concern for Others

Week 4: Post-Assessment

Mrs. Rucinski

CARE Facilitator

[rucinskia@district148.net](mailto:rucinskia@district148.net)

**PBIS —News You Can Use—**

**Mrs. Silas-Armour (K-5) Ms. Crayton (6-8)**

Mrs. Silas-Armour [silasarmourl@district148.net](mailto:silasarmourl@district148.net)

Ms. Crayton [craytonl@district148.net](mailto:craytonl@district148.net)

## PBIS

### How to Help your Child to Manage Difficult Feelings so They Can Manage Their Behavior

Children experiencing strong feelings are more likely to misbehave. When our stress response system kicks in, our thinking brain goes on standby and we react to situations rather than respond in a calm, problem solving manner. At Lincoln we are teaching students what to do when they experience strong feelings. Together, we can help them regulate their own behaviors and respond to frustrating or otherwise difficult situations more effectively.

**PBIS @ Home:** Help your child to recognize when they are having a strong feeling. You might encourage them to say “STOP” out loud or quietly to themselves. Help them to detect the physical sensations associated with their feelings. Is their face tight or hot? Are their hands clenched in fists? Encourage your child to name their feeling. **You have to name it to tame it!**

**Use a coping strategy.** Teach your child to take deep breaths, in through the nose like smelling a flower and out through pursed lips like they are blowing out a candle. Deep breathing will lower the stress in the brain and allow the thinking brain to start working again. In addition to deep breathing, a child can count to 10 and use self-talk to help with the calming process.

# Peace Keepers



The Peace  
Keepers read  
books to  
students.





# Community Corner

## ***FREE N95 MASKS! FREE N95 MASKS!***

Let's keep each other healthy while the matrix is trending downward for COVID cases. Free N95 masks can be picked up at local pharmacy stores such as Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Target, etc. If they are not given out at the front doors, simply ask for them at the pharmacy counter or service desks.

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Are you the parent of a Lincoln School student? Are you free for 2 hours during the daytime and fully vaccinated?? Would you love to work in the classroom, assisting the teacher in educating children?? If you answered yes, please consider being a parent mentor!! You will serve as a positive role model and be a part of helping children develop and grow!! Also, you can earn \$1,000!!!!

Please contact Mrs. Perteit at 773-209-3845 or Ms. Stamps at 708-715-0249 if you're interested!!

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The Dolton Library website address is: <https://doltonpubliclibrary.org>. The Dolton Library has available various scheduled activities open to the community throughout the week. You can find the various monthly scheduled activities on the library's webpage. Some of the scheduled activities are the following:

Senior Chair Yoga  
The Senior Network Technology  
Senior Bingo

Black Author Book Discussions-Scheduled on the last Thursday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.  
Homework Help-Scheduled on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

### Riverdale Public Library

COVID/Vaccination event scheduled for the second week in March-Further information will be posted on Facebook and on the library website.

Future events and activities can be found on the library webpage @ <https://rpld.org>.

Food Pantry: Free N Deed 142<sup>nd</sup> Chicago Rd. It is set up like a traditional grocery store and participants get to shop freely and choose what they want. Hours of operation are Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-1pm and Wednesdays 4pm-6pm.