



# Lincoln School Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember!

1/4: Students return from break (Remotely)

1/18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)

1/19: Students Return to Hybrid Learning

## Principal's Message



Happy New Year to all our Lincoln families! I hope everyone had a rested and relaxing holiday break. Just a reminder to our families that the first few weeks back to school, students will be participating with remote instruction. They will return to their regular in-person cohorts starting 1/19/21.

I am always amazed with the learning that continues to take place while remote. Students are learning how to navigate the world of technology and acquiring new tools and skills that will benefit them as they progress through their academic years.

When students do return to in person learning, we will be taking the necessary time to review our core values of being kind, responsible and ready. Classroom teachers and Mrs. Clark, our Dean of Students will be providing opportunities to review our expectations for students in all areas of the building ensuring a successful transition back.

Educationally Yours,

*Mrs. Gauthier*

## Physical Education News

**K-6:** Students will be starting their yoga unit this month. They will be participating in various yoga videos. Along with this, they will be learning what yoga is, why it is important, and how it is beneficial for the mind and body.



## Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 6th Grade!

It's a 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE Thing

Just like that, it's January! The sixth graders are almost half way through their final year at Lincoln. Hybrid and remote learning have been challenging for everyone, but we are very proud of how well our students have adapted to the change. As the school years progresses, there is a noticeable positive energy in the both the physical and remote classrooms. We are learning more about each other and ourselves. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are also doing an amazing job of being good role models for the younger grades. They are maintaining their distance, keeping masks on, and demonstrating appropriate behavior. It has been so incredible to watch and listen to them transform into mature free thinking pre-teens that are almost ready to take the next step: middle school. We will cherish the next few months we have with them before we send them off on their new adventure.



## Message from Mrs. Clark, Dean of Students

**Attendance:** Good school attendance sets the stage for students to fully benefit from the many learning resources our schools



offer. Children and families may face challenges that impact regular attendance, we ask that you contact the main office if there is a challenge that is preventing your child from attending school or completing work. Recognizing and responding to those challenges can help keep students on track academically. If your child continues to have difficulties

**Behaviors:** Students at Lincoln have been doing great following the rules and new guidelines that have been put in place. Lincoln Elementary School has adopted the core values of Being Kind, Responsible and Ready. We have reviewed what it means to be kind, responsible and ready here at school as well as what is looks like in different areas of the school such as the lunch room, classroom, playground and school bus. To further this conversation, talk to your child about what being kind, responsible and ready at home might include and what example they can come up with.

## Nurse Notes



**COVID-19-** Notify the school nurse *immediately* if your student has tested positive for COVID, is quarantining as a close contact, or has traveled out of state during break as they will need to be cleared by the school nurse prior to returning. Please feel free to call or email with any questions/concerns you may have. We are working closely with the Maine CDC and DOE to keep our students healthy at school!

**Masks-** Be sure to send in extra cloth/disposable masks for your student as they need to be able to change them during the school day when they become wet or soiled. If you're having a hard time supplying your student with cloth masks we do have a small supply of donated ones available, please let me know.

**Winter Wardrobes-** As winter weather is now upon us, please send your child with a jacket, hat, mittens, boots and, ski pants. The office does not give out winter clothing for students to borrow for recess. If ski-pants are not worn, students may not play in the snow. \*If your child does not have a winter gear, please call and let me know.

~Nurse Jessie



## Fun things happening in the Library in January 2021

Library is still being held in the classroom at this time for social distancing purposes. Library activities and stories will be done weeks 1-3 each month. You can access our Library site thru the Specialist page on your Google Classroom or SeeSaw classroom page. <https://sites.google.com/augustaschools.org/lincoln-library/home>.

There are lots of links to many great pages for your child. The top of the page will have grade levels listed. New Links are added weekly to the Library site for the students to explore and that follow along with what we are doing in the classroom.

**The MSBA Challenge with Mrs. Gauthier is on again with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.** The students who participate and read at least 5 books will also win a prize. **Start Reading!** You may see the books at the MSBA website. The Maine Student Book Award website can be accessed at <https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home> to preview the new exciting list for 2020-2021. These books can also be accessed through Lithgow Library or on Cloud Library through Lithgow. There are several tutorials on the

Library Google Site to help you navigate these tools. If your library card does not work, just give Lithgow a call @ 207.626.2415 and talk with them to reactivate it.

We spent the month of December looking at celebrations around the world. In January we will be learning about internet safety and safety in our surroundings.

**K-3** grades have been reading the 2020-2021 **Chickadee Nominee books**, and a complementary book on the subject of the chickadee we are reading. You can find them linked on the Library site for your reading pleasure. We have also been reading seasonal books and will continue with those. If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we read have please go to your classroom site and then ask your child to share about the books we are reading. <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeward/>.

Another fabulous site Augusta Schools sponsor for your child's reading enjoyment is our Capstone Interactive site. We have 169 titles, at many different reading levels. Many of the students have already been accessing it in their library site and in the classroom. This is free to our Augusta School students and families.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham