



# Lincoln School Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember!

- 9/2: Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 9/16: Early Release, Dismissal at 11:45am
- 9/24: PTC Meeting at 6:00pm
- 9/27: Picture Day

## Picture Day

Picture Day will be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Picture forms will be sent home soon. Students should bring in their money the day of pictures. There will be a retake day selected in October in the chance that students are absent or parents would like a different picture, date to be determined.



## Principal's Message

It was a busy start to the school year, but staff got students quickly settled into our daily routines and expectations. Students were being kind and respectful to their peers, helping new students navigate the building, and being good role models for our new Kindergarten friends!



Back To School

Attending school regularly is important to the academic success of our students. At Lincoln, attendance is always a goal of ours. Each month, we strive for 94% school wide. Our students get recognized on a monthly basis for their efforts. When students are sick, we certainly want them to stay home, but we appreciate our parents' efforts with their attention to this. Establishing consistent routines at home, such as checking student planners, a place to do homework, and going to bed at a good time will contribute to student success.

Educationally Yours,

*Mrs. Gauthier*

## School Visitors



We ask that all school visitors sign in at the main office and take a visitor's pass when heading down to their child's class during school hours. Our staff will provide friendly reminders for those who forget. This procedure is to maintain the safety of students during school hours.

## Paperwork

On the first few days, lots of important paperwork will be sent home that needs to get filled out and returned to school. To help process things quickly, we ask that these get returned back to school as soon as possible. We appreciate families' attention to this!



## PTC

The PTC typically meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6- 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria and are always looking for parents, grandparents or caregivers who are interested in making Lincoln School even better for staff, students and families. They work together to offer the Pumpkin Palooza, Lincoln Eagle Cards, Yearbook, Ice Cream Social, Sixth Grade Celebration, Teacher Appreciation Week and various fundraiser events. Please contact Staci Fortunato, PTC President, at [stacifortunato@gmail.com](mailto:stacifortunato@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending a meeting or volunteering at an event. Our first meeting of the year will be 9/24/19. Hope to see you there!

## Communication

There are several ways that parents can receive information about upcoming events going on at Lincoln School. Each month, a newsletter will be sent home to families keeping them informed of what is going on. We also keep our school website, [www.augustaschools.org](http://www.augustaschools.org), up to date with current dates and information. We also have a school Facebook page as yet another way to get information out to our Lincoln Families. Interested parents can 'Like' our page at **Lincoln Elementary School- Augusta, ME**. If parents do not wish for their children's photos to be used on our website, please make sure to sign the Media Release form stating so.

## Morning Drop Off & End of Day Dismissal

Due to coverage, students should not be dropped before 8:00a.m. When dropping off children, parents should not utilize the bus loop due to the buses coming and going. Students can either go into the cafeteria for breakfast, join our Homework Club in the library, or head to the playground (gym on rainy days).

In the afternoon, our early buses (54, 59, 56) are dismissed at 2:40 p.m. All other students are dismissed at the end of the day beginning at 2:45 p.m. First our walkers are called followed by parent pick ups and the remaining buses as they arrive (57, 50, 97, 42). For parents picking up their child, we ask that students get signed out in the main office, unless they are walkers. Parents can wait for their child in the cafeteria. If there are any changes to your child's end of day, please contact the main office before 2:00 p.m. The end of day can get pretty busy and we want to ensure a safe ride home for your child. Please do not use the bus loop when picking your child up at dismissal time.

## Nurse Notes



1. All medications (Over the Counter and Prescription) should be dropped off by a parent as meds of any kind are not allowed to be carried by students. (Unless authorized by a doctor to carry an Inhaler).
2. Medications (Over the Counter and Prescription) should be dropped off with the nurse only. Medications cannot be left unattended and signatures need to be acquired by parents.
3. If your child has Asthma, Allergies (Epi-Pen), Seizures, or Diabetes, a new Action Plan from your provider is required every year.
4. If cough drops are sent in, please send a note with permission for your child to take them at school. All cough drops will be kept in the nurse's office for our students' safety.
5. Please be sure that prescription medications have not expired, are in their original container, and have a pharmacy label on them.
6. Flu Season is coming. There will be a Flu shot clinic here at Lincoln. Be on the lookout for more information to come home with your students in the next month.
7. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call and ask! Looking forward to a healthy and successful new year!

~Nurse Jessie



## Fun Things Happening in the Library

*Welcome to a new and exciting year with lots of things happening in our Lincoln Library. Many new items and books are being unpacked and processed to become shelf ready. We are adding new patrons and making updates to all our records. As this takes a tremendous amount of time. Our Library classes will begin on the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

We will begin our classes with orientation to the library and review our borrowing policies. A reminder letter to any student still owing books from the previous year has been sent home. Please help you child locate and return those item(s)

Once again, Maine Student Book Award Challenge will be introduced to grades 5 & 6 to join in and try to read more books than Mrs. Gauthier.

The challenge will end April 30th with a Pizza Party for the students and staff members with more books read than Mrs. Gauthier. The students who participate and read at least 5 books will also win a prize. A new list of books is waiting for your child to get started. **The books are available at the Lincoln Library, Lithgow Public Library as well as the Maine State Library.** The MSBA website can be accessed at <https://>

[msba.umeedu.maine.edu/](https://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/) to preview the new exciting 2019-20 list. We will be reading from the 4-6 list, however if your child reads any from the 6-8 list it will also count in the challenge.

**K-3** grades will begin reading the 2019-20 **Chickadee Nominee books**. If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we read have please go to this site and then ask your child about the books. <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeward/home>

Another fabulous site Augusta Schools sponsor for your child's reading enjoyment is our **Capstone Interactive site**. We have 152 titles! Many of the students access it in the library and in the classroom. This is free to our students and families. You can directly access it at: [www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/?sqs=bedbad9b06c734c76a7c14c62eb070f2f13e2a1e960ea8e5bb717b0c43611206](http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/?sqs=bedbad9b06c734c76a7c14c62eb070f2f13e2a1e960ea8e5bb717b0c43611206)

Pick Capstone interactive link. If a login/password is requested it is [augustaps/school](http://augustaps/school).

*Please help your child by placing their books to be returned in their backpack on or before their Library day.*

*Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Pridham*