



# Lincoln School Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember!

- 4/1: School Spring Picture Day
- 4/15: Lincoln T-Shirt Order Forms Due (Shop Your Gear Drive)
- 4/15: Yearbook Orders Due
- 4/16: Workshop Day— No School
- 4/19-4/23: School Vacation
- 4/21: PTC Virtual Paint Night
- 4/26: Return to School from Vacation
- 4/27: PTC Meeting: 6pm (Zoom)



## Principal's Message



Students at Lincoln are eager for the start of spring and warmer weather. Although spring has officially arrived, Mother Nature is not always willing to cooperate. We ask that families monitor the spring weather pattern to make for a more enjoyable outdoor recess time for students. On rainy days, students will spend the time in their classrooms doing activities. At this time, masks are still required for recess time.



## Physical Education News

**K-6:** For the month of April, students in grades K-6 will be re-visiting manipulative skills. They will be building off of previously taught instruction and implementing new skills in a variety of activities. We are also hoping to have guest speakers join us remotely this month for some fun and exciting lessons!

## Yearbook Orders

The PTC will be collecting Yearbook orders through April 15th, 2021. The yearbook is a collection of memories from events throughout the school year. Base cost of the yearbook this year is \$10.00. Extra features will have additional costs. Interested students should turn in their forms and money to the office.

At Lincoln, we are very fortunate to have an active PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) that helps to plan and organize fundraisers and special family events. The fundraising that takes place in our school gives back to our students, staff and the school itself. Our PTC also tries to create family events to bring our community together. This year due to the pandemic, we have had to get creative in how this has been done. We held our first ever virtual BINGO and we will also be sponsoring a virtual Paint Night for students. In addition, our PTC oversees the creation of our school yearbook. We will be taking yearbook orders through April 15<sup>th</sup> for families that are interested in purchasing one for 20/21.

Educationally Yours,

*Mrs. Gauthier*

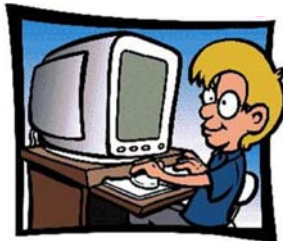
## Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 2nd Grade!



In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we have been working hard learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers using a variety of strategies. We are also starting to learn how to tell time! We have also been working on looking at and using nonfiction text-features in our books. We are now applying that knowledge as we make our own nonfiction books! As we look to spring we will start looking at plant life cycles, and how they grow, adapt and change. – Ms. Courtemanche & Ms. Hope



## Message from Mrs. Clark, Dean of Students



**Online Safety:** Technology has helped make school possible for our students this year. As students become more comfortable learning, creating and sharing content online, they can start to lose sight on the need and importance of doing it safely. Whether students are accessing the internet at home or at school it is important to have frequent talks

about online safety and check what your child is doing online.

### Online Safety Tips

- Review rules and expectations. Your child should communicate online only with people they both know.
- Know and learn about the websites that your child is using.
- Learn how to read the computer screen and notice minimized programs
- Encourage your child to tell you if anything is odd or if anything inappropriate occurs while they are online.
- Limit computer usage to public areas of the home; limit computer usage in the child's bedroom or private area.
- Restrict or limit the use of social media.
- It is alright to look around your child's computer to see what they are doing.

## Nurse Notes



Allergy season is upon us. If your student suffers from allergy symptoms that overlap with COVID symptoms please consult with their doctor prior to sending them to school. Refer to the ASD COVID-19 guidelines. They may need either a doctor's note or a negative COVID test to return.

**Vacation** – School follows the current Maine CDC guidelines as far as travel out of state goes. Please notify the school if your student is taking a vacation and to what state they are traveling to. They may need to test or quarantine upon return.

Please call if you have any questions,

~Nurse Jessie



## Fun things happening in the Library in April

Library is being held in the classroom at this time for social distancing purposes. Library activities and stories are 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 still going with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.** The students who are participating are already collecting rewards as they achieve each goal. **Please look at the flyer on our Library page to see the challenges and prizes given at each step of completion.** 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.

**K-3** grades have been finishing reading the 2020-2021 **Chickadee Nominee books** and will be voting on the book that they liked the best. Our Library google site has these 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/thechickadeeaward/>

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham

# ASD COVID-19 Guidelines\*

YOU NEED TO STAY HOME OR WILL BE SENT HOME IF YOU HAVE:

**ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SYMPTOMS:

- FEVER OF 100.4\* OR HIGHER
- NEW UNCONTROLLED COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH DIFFICULTY
- BREATHING LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- SORE THROAT
- CHILLS

OR

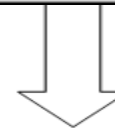
**TWO** OF THE FOLLOWING MINOR SYMPTOMS:

- HEADACHE
- BODY ACHES
- RUNNY NOSE/ CONGESTION
- NAUSEA
- VOMITING
- DIARRHEA

OR

(CLOSE CONTACT)

BEEN WITHIN 6 FEET OF SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 FOR 15 MINUTES OR MORE



## WHEN CAN I RETURN TO SCHOOL?

### ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS

AT LEAST 24 HOURS WITH NO FEVER WITHOUT TAKING MEDICINE **AND** SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED **AND** DOCTOR'S NOTE\* INDICATING AN ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS

### POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST

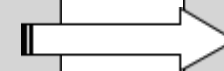
MAY RETURN AFTER 10 DAYS **AND** AT LEAST 24 HOURS WITH NO FEVER WITHOUT TAKING MEDICINE **AND** SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED **AND** CDC APPROVAL

### NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST

AT LEAST 24 HOURS WITH NO FEVER WITHOUT TAKING MEDICINE **AND** SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED **(UNLESS CLOSE CONTACT)**

### EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 (CLOSE CONTACT)

MAY RETURN AFTER 10 DAYS WITH NO SYMPTOMS



\*School nurse may call PCP office for clarification/guidance

In addition, School nurses will use guidelines outlined in School Handbooks.

Guidelines are based in Maine AAP, MASN and CDC criteria. Updated 1/5/2021