Hello Lincoln K-8 Families,

With this letter we are pleased to launch the 2020-21 school year. I am looking forward to my sixth year as the principal of Lincoln K-8. I am especially looking forward to working closely with you so we can bring to your child the best possible educational experience. As you know, Lincoln K-8 is a kindergarten through 8th grade school, and we want to continue to grow our role as a community center for you and your family. Reaching out to you was a focus of our summer. In partnership with Elite, we were able to meet with many of you over our summer break. We appreciate your willingness to open your doors and welcome us. Our collaboration with Elite has been groundbreaking, and their dedication to Lincoln has made a huge difference in turning Lincoln into the school we all want. Your administrative staff has worked hard over the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. We want to welcome two new assistant principals to Lincoln K8, Darrel Jackson and Mike McGovern. Mr. Jackson returns to Peoria after spending the last few years as an educator in Idaho. Mr. McGovern was an assistant principal at Glen Oak last year. Please welcome them to our community. It is very heartening to have most of our staff back next year. After many years of losing teachers to other schools and districts, we are fortunate to have most of our teachers returning to us. This will help us build a consistent program with experienced teachers who want to be part of our mission of bringing your child the best possible experience.

The entire staff is bubbling with excitement about the new school year with our number one goal being student achievement! We are committed to providing each student with a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment. Like you, we have high expectations for your child. We know that education can change lives. There will be many events throughout the year to involve yourself with Lincoln. Please plan to take time to get to know your child’s teachers and be involved in school activities. These relationships provide great support for your child and reinforce the importance of school.

**Due to COVID-19, most students will be on a Blended Virtual A/B Learning Schedule. Students’ temperatures will be checked each day when they arrive at school. Students must bring hand sanitizer to school and must wear a face mask while in school and on the school bus.**

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 19, 2020. School hours will be 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Other aspects of the 2020-2021 school year may be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Student Registration:**
August 8th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is a Saturday (Peoria High School and Manual High School)
August 11th, 9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. (Peoria High School and Manual High School).
August 13th, 9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. (Peoria High School and Manual High School).
If your child is new to Lincoln K-8 you will need to visit one of the registration hubs. The hubs will be Glen Oak, Peoria High, Kellar, and Manual. You must provide a water bill or Ameren bill as proof of address.

**Returning Student Registration**: Students returning to Lincoln who have not had a change of address may complete the registration process online through Family Access. Between July 8th and August 18th, log into Family Access and click on the Start Enrollment Verification for the 2020-2021 School Year. Here you will be able to access and complete the student enrollment form, emergency contact information, photo release, school network agreement, free/reduced lunch form, textbook application and more!

**New Student Orientation and Unpack your Backpack** - This will be held Tuesday, **August 18th from 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Families are invited to meet the teachers, tour the building, get your lock and drop off supplies in the classroom.

**School Hours**: The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020. School hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a full day of school. Students may enter the building at 9:15. At that time they will come in and gather in the gym. We ask that students do not arrive before 9:15 a.m. as there is no supervision, and students will remain outside. Students should be in class by 9:30 to avoid being marked tardy.

**Attendance**: Regular and timely attendance is important to ensure students have the best learning opportunity possible. Please have your child at school on time and avoid scheduling appointments during school hours whenever possible. If your child is ill, please call the school or send a note within 48 hours to avoid having them marked as unexcused. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain correct records and minimize students being away from school for unexcused absences as outlined in compulsory attendance laws for the State of Illinois.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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- Online Registration: July 8th – August 18th for returning students who have not changed their address
- New Student Registration: Saturday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday, August 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m;
- New Student Orientation/ Unpack your Backpack – Tuesday, August 18th, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- First Day of School – Wednesday, August 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
I’ve enclosed the Lincoln K-8 uniform policy for the coming school year. Please note that each grade level will have a different color for their uniform shirt.

Please continue to read over the summer, and visit our website for updated information. Enjoy these last days of summer break, and we’ll see you all soon.

Sincerely,

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**SCHOOL ATTIRE AND UNIFORMS**

**DRESS CODE & UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

On school days, students must remain in uniform at all times on school grounds and while on the bus. This includes after-school events, unless performance/sports attire is required. Use the guidelines below to ensure proper adherence to the uniform policy at Lincoln. Administration reserves the right to make additional requests in order to maintain a positive and productive educational environment.

**Tops:**
- Must fit appropriately.
- Must have a collar.
- Each grade is assigned a specified, solid colored polo shirt.
- Brand logos may be no larger than 1 square inch.
- Undershirts (short or long-sleeve) must be solid uniform color and should not show at the waist.

**Bottoms:**
- Must fit appropriately and sit at the waist.
- Must be dress, uniform, pants, shorts, or skirts.
- Must be solid color - navy blue, black, or khaki.
- Shorts/skirts/jumpers must extend below the fingertips of the student's extended arm.
- Tights/leggings worn under skirts/jumpers must be solid uniform color.

<p>| Kindergarten – red | 1st grade – royal blue | 2nd grade – hunter green |</p>
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