Hello Lincoln K-8 Families,

With this letter we are pleased to launch the 2021-22 school year. After a year and a half of virtual and distance learning, we are looking to start the year with vigor and in person! I am excited to start my seventh 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. Your administrative staff has worked hard over the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. 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. It is very heartening to have most of our staff back next year. 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 percolating 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 K8. 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. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 18, 2021. School hours for students will be 8:20 am to 2:50 pm.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**New Student Registration and Families with an Address Change** New students, transfer students, and families that changed addresses will need to register in person at Lincoln K8. In person registration will begin on Tuesday, August 3rd.

**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 12th and August 17th, log into Family Access and click on the Start Enrollment Verification for the 2021-2022 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! If you do not have access to a computer, you may come to Lincoln K8, Monday through Friday during normal business hours, starting on August 3rd to register using a computer at the school.

**New Student Orientation and Unpack your Backpack** - This will be held Tuesday, August 17th 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 18, 2021. This will be a full day of school. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:15. At that time they will come in and gather in the gym. We ask that students do not arrive before 8:15 a.m. as there is no supervision, and students will remain outside. Students should be in class by 8:30 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**

Please note the following important dates:

- Backpack Peoria: Saturday, July 31st at DreamCenter
- Online Registration: July 12th—August 17th for returning students who have not changed their address
- New Student Registration: At Lincoln K8 Starting on Tuesday, August 3rd
- New Student Orientation/ Unpack your Backpack – **August 17th from 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
- First Day of School – Wednesday, August 18th – **No Heat Schedule-School Hours will be 8:30 am-2:50 pm**

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 (30 minutes a day), and visit our website for updated information. Enjoy these last days of summer break, and we’ll see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Blumer  
Principal, Lincoln K-8

Michael McGovern  
Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

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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.

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