

The PTA Opening Day Welcome “Cheat Sheet”

The Lincoln PTA is looking forward to another great year! We are happy to be able to offer so many activities at Lincoln, but we absolutely can't do it without you!! We know Opening Day can feel crowded and a little overwhelming – we get it! We hope this list along with our Opening Day Welcome Map (available at the entrance Wednesday morning) makes the morning a little easier to plan for and navigate.

Many of our committees need a lot of helpers to be successful! Please browse the list below and earmark the ones that interest you. You will be able to sign up right at the Welcome (or, if you can't make it, contact the committee chairs directly) to sign up!

Please remember that the ONLY entrance to the Opening Day Welcome will be through the gym doors that back to the baseball diamond (Hillside side.) There will be no access through the Hillside or Fairfield school doors.

Conveniences

Homework Folders – These are the “communicators” that kids bring to and from school. **If you ordered a school supply kit and your child is in grades k-4, then you already have this folder. Fifth graders do NOT need a homework folder. Cost is \$2. If you can't make it to the Welcome, you can purchase these from the school office.

Membership – If you haven't already, please join the PTA! Our membership chair can answer questions and help you complete the form. Your membership not only supports the school and National PTA, but you will get access to our online student directory and receive one paper directory. Plus, you will continue to get emails reminding you of events at the school – very helpful especially as the calendar starts to get busy!

Spiritwear – Stop by the Spiritwear table and get your Lincoln spirit on!! Items can be ordered at the table and/or you can get instructions for ordering directly from our web store. Buy your cool Lincoln Spiritwear to show your Lincoln Lion pride!

District 205 Foundation - Lincoln Elementary School Ornaments Lincoln Elementary School ornaments will be available for sale at the Opening Day Welcome for \$15. The pewter ornaments are sculpted in a raised relief pattern and are hand-cast and leadfree. A very small supply will be on hand. All others purchased and paid for at the Welcome will be delivered to your child's classroom. It's cash or check only. Checks should be made out to the District 205 Foundation.

Clubs for Kids

Girl Scouts— This is not a PTA lead committee, but the group forms packs by school. Make life-long friendships, get involved in team building activities, and earn badges by acquiring practical skills. Girls tend to gain confidence, courage, and leadership when becoming involved in girl scouts.

Scouts - Scouting that is fun for the whole family. Boys and girls start with their best selves and grow into their very best future selves. This fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today-and for life. We camp, hike, serve the community, and learn lots of valuable life skills.

Leo's Obstacle Course (grades 1-5) – Kids meet during recess once a week to participate in a variety of fun filled obstacles. They also have the option to run around the school if they choose.

Clubs for Dads

Dad's Club – Calling all Lincoln dad's!! This is a great opportunity for all Lincoln dad's to come together and get to know one another by helping out with various volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. Dad's Club has fun by raising money through poker nights, pub crawls, and "general meetings", and provides "fun" stuff for the Lincoln students.

Volunteer Opportunities

Book Fair – Takes place November 13th and 14th this year. Students, teachers, staff and families can browse a carefully curated selection of books. Volunteers are needed with setup as well as ongoing maintenance of the "store" while the Book Fair is in progress.

Carnival – Takes place October 25th this year. The school is decorated and kids play games around the school in different classrooms. Carnival is also our biggest fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to help before and during the event with games, decorations, donations, setup and cleanup, raffle ticket and wristband sales, raffle baskets and more! Volunteer opportunities abound with the Carnival!!

Explore More – Takes place March 6th this year. Guest speakers are invited to the school to share information about a hobby, an interest or a career. Students rotate through several speakers. Volunteers are needed to help during the day, including to assist presenters.

Junior Great Books (grades 1-5) - This is a book club for students that meets once every month and is led by trained parent volunteers.

Leo's Obstacle Course – While the kids run during recess, volunteers are needed to supervise them and assist with any teaching the committee chair wants to offer during the session. (Reminder: grades 1-5 may participate.)

Parent Patrol – These parents support Safety Patrol (5th grade students) at the corners around the school during drop off and pick up. Parents hold up a stop sign when kids are crossing the street. Volunteers are needed at all corners, mornings or afternoons, weekly or monthly for 12 minute shifts.

Pep Rally – The kick-off party to the new school year! Happens on the first Friday of the first week of school (August 16th this year). Volunteers are needed to help in various ways, including handing out Popsicles, supervising kids on the playground, selling water bottles, donating supplies and assisting with setup and cleanup.

Room Representatives – Each classroom has a room representative that serves as their classroom coordinator for all events, including parties and field trips as well as teacher gifts and carnival baskets. If more than one name is entered for a classroom, the representative will be selected by a random drawing.

Safe Routes – Each Wednesday is a “Walk to School” day (except for on Late Start days). Volunteers are needed at all four corners to hand out charms to kids that are walking to school on these special days.

Staff Appreciation - This committee organizes “thank you” activities throughout the year including meals to the teachers’ lounge, with a concentration of events during Staff Appreciation Week in May. Volunteers are needed to work on events throughout the year.

STEMFest – This science focused, parent delivered event takes place on February 13th and February 20th this year (one night will be for K-2 nd grades while the other is for 3rd-5 th). Each year has a different theme and the experiments relate to the theme. Volunteers are needed to supervise groups as well as to run the experiments.

Talent Show – This event takes place on March 13th and showcases all the amazing talents of Lincoln students! Volunteers are needed before the event date to help with rehearsals and decorations and on the night of the event with programs and overseeing performers to ensure the show runs smoothly.

Yearbook – This committee produces the yearbook. Volunteers are needed throughout the year and in many different ways, including club photo day coordinators, photographers, teacher liaisons, book designers, cover contest leaders and more.