

Lincoln Academy

Principal's Report to the Board

January 2021



The mission of Lincoln Academy is to help all students attain their highest social and academic potential through an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program in a safe, orderly, and caring environment.

COVID Response Update

- The current plan remains to have all in-person learners K-8 back in the building on January 19th.
- Vaccination - emails are being sent to specific employee groups from the district in regard to receiving the COVID vaccination. Below is information outlining how this is currently rolling out:
 1. In partnership with St. Anthony's Centura, Jeffco employees will soon begin receiving offers for vaccination opportunities.
 2. Per state guidelines, as part of the 1B "above the dotted line" group currently being offered the vaccination, the following JPS employee groups will receive an email (**not to be forwarded**):
 1. Nurses
 2. Health-aides
 3. Speech-Language Pathologists & Aides
 4. Occupational Therapists & Physical Therapists & Aides
 5. Audiologists
 6. Mental Health Employees (SELS, Social Workers & School Psychs)
 7. Food & Nutrition Staff
 8. Custodial Staff
 9. Paraeducators (center-based & ISPs)
 10. Security Dispatch & Patrol Officers
 3. Employees in this group who wish to receive the vaccine must fill out a form by the deadline indicated (linked in the email) which will be shared with St. Anthony's Centura.
 4. They will then be contacted at random by Centura Health once a vaccine is available to them.
 5. Employees in the 1B rollout phase "below the dotted line" will receive information about receiving the vaccine after those "above the dotted line" have been completed. JPS employee groups include:
 1. Teachers
 2. Transportation Staff
 3. All other frontline essential workers

References: [Guidance for Phase 1A & 1B Occupations](#); [CO State Visual - Tiers](#)

Employees are **not required** to receive the vaccine.

- We are asking families to fill out a [google form](#) to keep us informed if a student or someone in their household is being tested for COVID because of symptoms. This form is an internal form and the information is only shared with relevant school personnel.

Opportunities to Serve Others

- Before the Christmas break, a fifth grade student, Keegan Meindl, created an opportunity for families to donate fun socks for kids. Our community came together and collected **467** pairs of socks which will be split between Children's Hospital, Serving Kids Jeffco, and A precious Child. His goal was 100 pairs of socks, so he was overwhelmed with our school's generosity.

- In conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day: A Day of Service, Lincoln is collecting new winter gloves, hats, men's hygiene products, and blankets to be donated to those in need through The Rising in Arvada and the Denver Rescue Mission. Items will be collected in a box on our porch and can be dropped off between January 11- January 22.
- Through the coordination of our social worker, Megan Denis, our community and staff came together and helped our Lincoln families in need. Gift cards to Kings Soopers were given to five families for Thanksgiving and five families received Target gift cards for Christmas. Eleven kids received Christmas gifts and three families received baskets of food. We are grateful for the generosity of our staff and community, so we can help those in need at Lincoln.
- This year with students going remote, a financial need arose for families for Leopard Care. A thoughtful and anonymous Lincoln family provided for this need. Additionally, due to COVID-19, financial needs have risen for PreK families who are struggling to pay monthly tuition. PTO gave this program a donation to help fill the financial gap. If families are interested in contributing to either of these programs in the future, donations can be made to the PTO. PTOleopards@gmail.com

Open Enrollment

The Jefferson County School District open enrollment process began on December 8, 2020, and continues until January 15, 2021. The process is completed online through the EnrollJeffco digital platform. Again this year our PreK is also using the EnrollJeffco process. [EnrollJeffco Website](#)

During this time, at Lincoln Academy PreK-8 grade applications are given priority based on staff, sibling, in-district, and out-of-district. In each category, a lottery number is assigned to each applicant at the end of the open enrollment period. All of this will be automated via the Jeffco enrollment system.

Emails will be auto-generated and sent to the first open positions in our kindergarten classes. All other grade level applicants as well as the remaining kindergarten families will be notified by email as space becomes available.

We hosted an informational night on Thursday, November 19th for prospective parents.

Projected Student Enrollment for 2021-2022

Grade	Number Currently Enrolled 2020-21	Projected Class Size for 2021-22	Number of Potential Openings for 2021-22	Total Number of Open Enrollment Applications Received by 1-7-2021
K	78	88	87 - 1 Retention	126
1	84	88	11	17
2	80	84	0	11
3	80	84	4	11
4	83	84	4	6
5	81	84	1	6
6	84	84	3	21

7	79	84	0	10
8	77	75	0	5
Totals	726	755	23 (not including Kinder)	213

1st Round Enrollment Application Data

Grade	2021*	2020*	2019 Total	2018 Total
K	126	Half Day=40 Full Day=147 Total=187	214	149
1	17	27	28	17
2	11	14	19	12
3	11	15	16	20
4	6	14	23	11
5	6	12	15	9
6	21	37	41	18
7	10	7	10	16
8	5	2	7	1
Totals	213	315	373	253

- We will only be offering 4 full day kindergarten classes for the 2021-22 school year, based on the lack of demand for ½ day kindergarten the last 2 years.
- * numbers included are only until January board meeting

School Choice Week - January 24- January 30

We will be participating in the 10th annual National School Choice Week. National School Choice Week is America's largest annual celebration of educational reform that provides an array of educational options and gives parents the power to choose the educational environments that are best for their children. National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for children.

Even though we can't gather in groups, Lincoln will still participate. On Thursday, January 29th we will celebrate School Choice Week by encouraging staff and students to wear yellow. Additionally, during the week students and families are encouraged to share why they love Lincoln and school choice. These notes will be shared on social media, our website, and through emails.

To learn more visit the [School Choice Website](#)



Proposed 2021-2022 Calendar Notes

The proposed 2021-2022 calendar is posted on the Lincoln Academy website. Click [here](#) to review.

Some items to note about this proposed calendar:

- Lincoln students will begin school Thursday, August 19th - the district's first day is Tuesday, August 17th
- 1/2 day on Grandparents' Day on September 24th - the district does not have a 1/2 day in September
- October Conferences and fall break - October 21st-25th - the district fall break is October 7th-8th
- Thanksgiving break - November 22nd-26th - same as district
- December break - 1/2 day December 17-January 5 - district break is December 22nd-January 5th
- February 17th - 1/2 day for students and then parent/teacher conferences
- February 18th - no school
- March 21st-March 25th - Spring break - same as district
- April 15th - day off - same as district
- May 26th - last day - same as district
- Includes 3 snow days
- Total Instructional Hours = 1249.33
- Required hours for 8th grade = 1056

MAP Winter Data

The window for Winter MAP is December 7 - January 22. Due to all students being remote, we will omit the mid-year testing session as most teachers believe that the data gathered during this time would not represent students' true academic ability. The district did not change the testing window as there has to be sufficient elapsed time between the different administration of the test.