

Lincoln-McKinley Primary School

October 2024 Newsletter

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School starts at 8:00 am.
School ends at 3:00 pm Mon. - Thurs.
and at 12:00 pm on Support Fridays..

Mission Statement: Lincoln-McKinley will respectfully prepare every student academically, socially, and emotionally to be the citizens of tomorrow.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled Monday, October 14th, and Tuesday, October 15th. Notes from the teacher with individual conference times will be sent home with students. This is an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. Your attendance at conferences is greatly appreciated. You can prepare for conferences by doing the following things:

- Talk with your child: Find out his or her favorite subjects and activities. Ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- Be on time: The conference schedule is tight. Teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it is a telephone conference.
- Remember that conferences are brief: A typical parent-teacher conference lasts about 15 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- Keep an open mind: Some parents get upset when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.
- Make plans: Find out what you can do to follow through at home. Decide together what you, your child, and the teacher need to do to help your child succeed.

We look forward to seeing you at the fall Parent-Teacher conferences!

Attendance Matters!

We love having your kids at school with us each day. When your child is gone, even for a day, they are missing more than just a day of school. They are missing valuable instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, history, science, music, physical education, counseling, and library, not to mention the time with their peers at recess and in the cafeteria to learn and apply social skills and emotional regulation!

Missing instruction in school leads to gaps of missing information in your child's knowledge base that makes applying new information difficult. The more school your child misses, the larger those gaps become. This leads to students feeling frustrated and anxious about school because they do not always know what is being taught, or how to apply the new knowledge.

Please help your child be successful by having them to school on time. School starts at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. We are excited to continue having a successful school year with your child!

PONY POST

All families can access monthly updates regarding Havre Public Schools by going to the Pony Post link on our website: [Pony Post](#)

The purpose of the Pony Post is to keep our community informed about events occurring within our district. We are excited for everyone to have this opportunity as there are so many great things happening at Havre Public Schools.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The fall session of Community Education classes will be starting in October. To view the classes offered and to register, please visit the Community Education tab on the Havre Public Schools website: [HPS Community Education](#)

Registration for the Fall Session begins Monday, October 14, 2024.

Classes begin October 21st so be sure to register and learn something new!

Please contact Tiffany Olsen at 406-395-8550 with any questions regarding Community Education.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY OCTOBER 14, 2024

Wear your Ribbon Skirts or Ribbon Shirts



HPS Indian Education for All



**School pictures are scheduled for
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.**

**Holly Pattison will be taking our photos this year.
Each parent will receive a link through the
email address we have on file
to preview and order pictures.**

**If you do not have an updated email account
with us, please contact our office
at (406) 395-8554.**



**Picture retakes and class photos are scheduled
to be taken on
Wednesday, October 23 in the morning.**



**It's almost Scholastic Book Fair time!
Come experience the limitless possibilities with your kids
during Parent-Teacher conferences.**

Every purchase benefits our school library.

**Check out the Book Fair Homepage:
Lincoln-McKinley Scholastic Book Fair**

Location: Lincoln-McKinley Library

Dates: Thursday, October 10th: after school from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Support Friday, October 11th: 9:15-10:15 and 11:30-12:30

Monday and Tuesday, October 14th and 15th: During the school day
from 8 am to 3 pm and during parent conferences from 3 pm – 7 pm

Wednesday, October 16th: During the school day from 8 am to 3 pm and
after school from 3 pm to 4 pm

HEPTO

HEPTO is continuing to raise money to support our schools with projects that enhance student learning and the love of school. These fundraisers support classroom materials, student snacks, reading program incentives, field trips, classroom equipment and many other expenses that are not supported by the school's operating budget.

From now until October 14th, we would appreciate your support with the Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser. Packets with information about the fundraiser will be coming home with your child. Please call CHRISTINA MARSH at 406-845-2749 with any questions. HEPTO meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM at Sunnyside. We welcome you to join this very beneficial group!



Custodial and Maintenance Staff Appreciation

While we appreciate Ryan and CJ Sorenson every day, they also deserve a day of recognition in their honor. October 2nd is National Custodial and Maintenance Staff Appreciation Day. They keep Lincoln-McKinley clean and running smoothly. They are often working behind the scenes, but that doesn't mean all of their hard-work and effort goes unnoticed. We're fortunate to have them at Lincoln-McKinley and want to recognize them for all they do! If you see them, please take a moment to tell them how much they are appreciated.

SET SAIL FOR A
WEEK OF DELICIOUS
ADVENTURES!



2024 NATIONAL
SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

SCHOOL LUNCH PIRATES
FIND YOUR TREASURE!
OCTOBER 14-18, 2024

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated
October 28th-November 1st, 2024.

MONDAY: READY FOR A DRUG FREE LIFE: WEAR RED

TUESDAY: PEACE OUT TO DRUGS: WEAR TIE-DYE

WEDNESDAY: HATS OFF TO BEING DRUG FREE: HAT DAY

THURSDAY: I AM TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS: NEON COLORS

FRIDAY: TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS: BLUE PONY FRIDAY OR WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE JERSEY



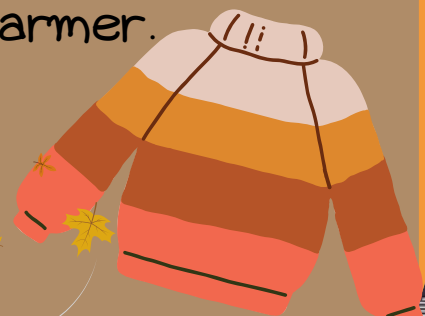
National School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2024



Sweater Weather

The weather is getting cooler.
Please remember to dress
warmer.





Dress-up Days Expectations

With Red Ribbon Week and Halloween approaching, we would like to revisit the dress code guidelines outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook: *Students and their parents have the right to determine the students' patterns of dress and grooming, provided that such dress and grooming do not interfere with the health and safety of themselves or others and does not detract from the educational process.*

For dress-up days and Halloween the following should be considered when choosing a costume:

- Full facial masks are not allowed
- Full facial painting is not allowed. Small ornamental face painting is allowed. If it becomes messy and interrupts the learning environment it will need to be removed.
- Health and PE classes proved rigorous learning. Costumes may not prohibit full movement and may need to be removed for Health and PE classes.
- Weapons and weapon-like items are not allowed at school. No toy guns, knives, etc.
- Proper footwear is required, no unsafe footwear, bare feet, wheelies, roller skates, etc.
- As with all dress code concerns, the building Principal has the authority to determine violations.

LINCOLN-MCKINLEY OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 HEPTO 4:30 PM at Sunnyside	2 Custodial and Maintenance Staff Appreciation Day	3	4 No School	5
6	7	8	9 LM School Picture Day!	10 Jen Murphy Author Book Reading 5:30 PM HP Gym Book Fair 3:00-4:15 PM	11 Support Friday 8 AM-12 PM Book Fair 9:15-10:15 & 11:30-12:30	12
13 School Lunch Week	14 Book Fair 8:00 AM-7:00PM Indigenous Peoples Day	15 Book Fair 8:00 AM-7:00PM	16 Book Fair 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	17 No School	18 No School	19
20	21 Parent-Teacher Conferences	22 Parent-Teacher Conferences	23 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CLOSED	24 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CLOSED	25 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CLOSED	26
27	28 Ready for a Drug Fee Life: Wear Red Red Ribbon Week	29 Peace out to Drugs: Wear Tie-Dye	30 Hats Off to Being Drug Free: Hat Day	31 I Am Too Bright for Drugs: Neon Colors	1 Team Up Against Drugs: Blue Pony Friday Support Friday 8 AM-12 PM	2 R.I.





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Good
Behavior
Game

PAX GBG Behavior Expectations

Lincoln-McKinley participates in PAX Good Behavior Game as a school-wide behavior expectation system. PAX GBG is a preventative intervention implemented by school staff to teach students self-regulation. This system is a set of strategies that staff use throughout the day to build students behavioral skills and stamina for focused attention and on-task behavior.

Learn more [here](#) and [here](#)!

Everyone Welcome to Book Reading.

with: Jen Murphy
Author of "More Like Her"
children's book

HIGHLAND PARK GYM

10/10/24

Reading at 5:30
questions for Jen to follow
Snacks provided

IPAC

Indian Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting to follow



HPS Indian Education for All
Please contact Mrs. Marcenko if you have any questions
Marcenkok@bluepony12.com 406-395-6432

Upcoming Events

- HEPTO Meeting: Oct. 1st 4:30PM at Sunnyside
- No School: Oct. 4th, 17th & 18th
- Lincoln-McKinley Picture Day: Oct. 9th
- Jen Murphy Book Author Reading: Thursday, Oct. 10th 5:30PM in the Highland Park Gym
- Lincoln-McKinley Book Fair: Thursday, Oct. 10th-Wednesday, Oct. 14th
- Support Fridays: Oct. 11th, 25th & Nov. 1
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Oct 14 & 15
- Class Pictures and Picture Retakes: Oct. 23rd
- Red Ribbon Week: Oct. 28-Nov.1