



Lincoln Elementary School

Gettysburg Area School District

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Principal

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Dear Lincoln Parents & Guardians,

We Care What You Think

At Lincoln Elementary School we care what you think. Please visit the link below as many times as you would like and answer any question(s) that apply. Tell us your thoughts or anything that you think is important for us to know.

[We Care What You Think](#)

Important Dates

October:

- ✓ 2nd – Fall Picture Day
-PTO Meeting; 5:15 PM, Lincoln Cafe
- ✓ 10th – Title I Family Literacy Night; 6:00-7:30pm, Lincoln
- ✓ 11th – Early Dismissal; 12:00PM
- ✓ 14th - No School for Students
- ✓ 18th - PTO Pizza outside Lincoln before the football game; 6pm
- ✓ 21st - Fire Prevention Day
- ✓ 22nd & 24th - MBF Presentations
- ✓ 25th – Lincoln Shirt Day

Important Announcements/Reminders

- ✓ **Ruth's Harvest:**
 - If you are interested in participating in our Ruth's Harvest Program please complete this [Survey](#)
- ✓ **Safety and Security**
 - With the cooperation of the Gettysburg Area School District's Police Force and other local law enforcement officials, Lincoln Elementary School will participate in additional safety drills during the month of October. Our drills will include an inclement weather drill and an intruder/ALICE drill. These drills are mandated by state law and necessary in order to evaluate our current procedures and the effectiveness of our professional development in this area. We will continue to reflect upon, evaluate, and alter our actions and reactions in order to improve our emergency procedures and responses.
 - If you have any further questions regarding these drills, please contact me at your convenience.
 - ✓ If a student brings an electronic/communicable device to school, it needs to stay in their bookbag and powered down.
 - ✓ Students should never have any type of over the counter or prescription medicine in their possession on school property.
 - ✓ If your child is eating breakfast, please do your best to have them at school by 8:20am.
 - ✓ If your child will be going home from school a different way than normal, a note must be sent in with the student or a parent/guardian must call the school prior to 2:30pm.
- ✓ **Student Drop Off**



- Please be cautious as you are dropping off your students in the morning for school. Here are some helpful guidelines to ensure that all of our students and family are able to arrive at school safely.
- When dropping off your child/children stay in one lane using the curb closest to the school.
- Utilize the entire curb for drop off. If you are the first/only car pull the entire way up past the school to make room for others behind you.
- Do not pass other vehicles for any reason.
- Please be sure not to block the crosswalk with your vehicle.
- Look prior to moving your vehicle again after drop off.
- It is our goal to ensure that each student arrives safely to school.

✓ **Lincoln Elementary PTO**

- We want YOU to be a part of our Lincoln Elementary PTO. Our PTO is very important to our students, staff, and community as it supports and provides resources to enhance the experiences provided at Lincoln Elementary. If you are interested in serving as an officer or volunteer please contact Lincoln.PTO@outlook.com.

✓ **Attendance Procedures**

- If a student is absent from school for any reason, a written explanation signed by a parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence must be submitted to the office. The excuse must be received by the office within three (3) school days of the absence. If a physician treated the student, the excuse should be written by the physician. Four (4) or more consecutive absences can be excused only with a note from the physician. Any student with ten (10) accumulated absences will be placed on a physician's note.

✓ **Counselor Corner**

- Please visit the link below to access information from our school counselor
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A8Veaco6-wmAFGatBOT0grFT-VMta5IV2avRaEhcvTE/edit>

✓ **Nurse**

- Please visit the link below to access information from our school nurse
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zDLtVT-GtIvDssCV-VFwvNFheT7CaBJUc5pszdswV2E/edit>

✓ **Family Navigators**

- Please visit the link below to access information from our family navigators
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SxevA_ajtkoutBjsjBmI33wx8MI_QdZyNdONYHUCwE/edit

✓ **Box Tops for Education**

- Please use the link below to download the Box Tops for Education App. Using this app while purchasing your groceries can help donate money towards our school. This money helps provide funds for various types of fun events for our kids!

- <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

✓ **The Warrior Way**

- Be Here: Every Day, On-Time
- Be Involved: Participate, Engage, All In
- Be Committed: Responsible; Safe Choices; Ownership for Actions and Learning
- Be Kind: Show Respect and Include Others
- Students are earning more and more Warrior Way tickets each day! We are working towards earning a camping day once we reach 1,000 tickets!
- LET'S GO WARRIORS!!!!



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Yours in education,

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