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A Look into the Future, Staying Connected with SD74

Dear Lincolnwood School District 74 Community,

We hope this edition of *The Jaguar* finds you well and enjoying summer festivities. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your consistent support of the children in Lincolnwood. The staff in District 74 takes the responsibility of educating children, being fiscally sound, and working towards consistent academic improvement as a serious endeavor. We appreciate your trust and partnership as we continue to guide students to be the best possible version of themselves beginning with a sense of pride to be from Lincolnwood.

The District has recently redefined the strategic plan which will officially kick off this school year. The main target areas will include; student achievement, community outreach, and safety preparedness. These goal areas are most certainly topics that the District will continue to focus on, implementing purposeful objectives and activities. The 2019-20 school year officially opens for students on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. We look forward to another fantastic school year. Please pay attention to events on campus, we would love to see you throughout the year! Enjoy reading *The Jaguar* for more detailed information around the District 74 campus. Also, please choose one of the many ways to stay connected with us (ie; community email group, Twitter feed, or www.sd74.org).

Together as one learning community,
Dr. Kimberly A. Nasshan
Superintendent of Schools



Mystery Science Coming to Elementary Science Classrooms

News from the Curriculum and Instruction Department

This past year brought numerous achievements in the classroom, on the stage, and on the field for Lincolnwood School District 74 students. The support of our community as our students undertake these academic and extracurricular endeavors is tremendous.

This school year will build upon the implementation of a new core instructional program in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade called MyMath. In addition to the program's resources, teachers learned about integrating the Standards for Mathematical Practice into instructional strategies. Examples of these skills include: making sense of problems and perseverance to solve them, abstractly and quantitatively reasoning, and attending to precision. Embedding these concepts into the regular course of math instruction is meant to deepen students' understanding of fundamental concepts and serve as tools that can be applied to academic tasks in other subject matter. Following a multi-year review, a committee of teachers recommended the Mystery Science program, which the Board of Education approved for the 2019-20 school year. Mystery Science is a complement to the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Launch STEM program offering students a comprehensive science experience aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Each grade level is divided into units of study with several "Mysteries." The core experience of the mystery is centered on a scientific question that students explore in hands-on; inquiry based lessons. This means students do a great deal of the discovery of knowledge through experiences and discussion. Through the use of multimedia presentations, experiments, activities, and reading materials, students uncover the "scientific mystery" behind the phenomenon. To find out more about Mystery Science continue through this edition of *The Jaguar* for an article highlighting this exciting new program.

I hope that everyone in our community continues to have a wonderful summer and has the opportunity to enjoy pursuits allowed by our longer days, warmer temperatures, and sunnier skies!

Sincerely,
Dr. David L. Russo
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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New Mystery Science Curriculum Adoption for Kindergarten-5th Grade in 2019-20 School Year

A new core science program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall will be implemented at the start of the 2019-20 school year. Mystery Science was recommended by the Science Curriculum Committee and approved by the Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education. The program was previewed during the 2018-19 school year in each science class and will serve as a classroom complement to the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Launch STEM curriculum.

Committee members including teachers, instructional technology coaches, and administrators met throughout the course of the last two school years to research various science programs before selecting Mystery Science as the top recommendation. This program will introduce new topics in every grade level, as it is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The web-based program always begins with a question and students utilize interactive, inquiry-based, trial and error learning to deliver results and find scientific outcomes."Mystery Science is a hands-on, standards aligned science curriculum for K-5 students. It features both an hour-long, engaging lesson called a "Mystery" that is centered around a central question and lessons that are based on questions submitted by students," said Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall Instructional Technology Coaches Lindsay Kopinski and Audrey Evans.

Tests assigned in the Mystery Science program require more application of students' acquired skill sets. Additionally, nearly every lesson includes a hands-on lab component. Labs will provide interactive learning opportunities for students and enhanced team-building skills. Each science lesson begins with a two-minute video clip that presents the mystery to the class. Students then proceed to read questions presented by the teacher and advance to hands-on activities to begin solving the mystery. "Each student is required to be an active participant in the learning process through hypothesizing, analyzing, and discussing, concluding in a scientific explanation for each given "Mystery," said Evans.



4th grade students engage in a Science lab

Mystery Science provides additional classroom activities that allow students and families to continue the exploration and learning of science and inquiry at home.

The motto of the science program is "stay curious." Students and teachers will embark on opportunities of new inquisitive thinking to produce scientific research and findings.

“Mystery Science brings a modern, innovative approach into the classroom using inquiry, discussion and hands-on activities. It meshes perfectly with SD74’s dedication to Project Lead The Way," said Todd Hall Kindergarten Teacher Kevin Conley.

Mystery Science Statement

"We started Mystery.org to create better explanations for every question children have about the world. We began with the 150 most common science questions that children ask teachers. We call this collection Mystery Science. This year, 1 out of every 5 children in the U.S. has used Mystery Science, spread across 50% of elementary schools. In the last 18 months we received over 500,000 questions from children eager for better explanations of the world. Now we’re creating video explanations for every question. You can think of this like a visual Wikipedia for kids. Our goal is to create a generation of better thinkers." -www.about.mystery.org

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75th Anniversary Brings Back Several Accomplished SD74 Alumni

The History: Lincolnwood School District 74 Construction of the first school (Lincoln Hall) began on President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1943. The school was completed in time for students to enroll in the 1943-44 school year. Todd Hall was built in 1956 and Rutledge Hall in 1957. The 2018-19 school year marked the District's 75th anniversary. *The Story of Lincolnwood School,* a publication highlighting the District's history, states: "It was only natural that a community providing all these advantages, so favorably located with its nearness to Chicago, with churches of all denominations in close proximity, and with principal highways radiating from it in all directions, should attract so many families seeking sites for next homes."



Judge Merrick Garland (LH '66) accompanied by Lincoln Hall friends on August 31, 2018

The 75th anniversary year began by welcoming distinguished alumnus, Judge Merrick Garland, on August 31, 2018 with nearly 700 community members in attendance. Judge Garland graduated from Lincoln Hall in 1966 and continued his education at Niles West and Harvard University, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1977. Judge Garland serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and was a Supreme Court nominee in 2016. While reflecting on his years at Lincolnwood School District 74, Judge Garland stated: "It is nice to be home... and there's no doubt that Lincolnwood is home. We had all the latest technology in the schools. We had the greatest teachers. We had great activities. The Lincolnwood schools gave me the preparation I needed to succeed in high school at Niles West, and together Lincolnwood and West gave me the academic grounding I needed for everything I have done since. At the same time, my classmates, my teachers, and the Lincolnwood community instilled in me the values that have underlined everything I have done. I am proud of the education we received and I am proud of the community that made it possible."



Todd Sucherman (LH '83) accompanied by Lincoln Hall friends on April 24, 2019

Styx Drummer Todd Sucherman (Lincoln Hall Class of 1983) was the special guest of the second 75th anniversary special event on April 24, 2019. Todd joined the middle school band while in the first grade and continued in the District's band program until his eighth grade year. Todd spoke to the audience about his years in Lincolnwood and said: "She [Nancy Golden, former Lincoln Hall Band Director] encouraged and challenged me musically, especially with the snare drum. I'm eternally grateful for her guidance on that path that served me well everyday of my life since. I'm so grateful that there were so many teachers who made a difference and had an impact on me. Every student in Lincolnwood was given a head start. It's still home, it will always be home."

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To continue the 75th anniversary celebrations, the District invited WNBA Star Jewell Loyd (Lincoln Hall Class of 2008) to return back to the District for a special guest appearance. Jewell joined students in a Lincoln Hall pep assembly held on May 15, 2019. Later that evening, Jewell also had the Proesel Park basketball courts renamed after her as the "Jewell Loyd Basketball Courts." Jewell, accompanied by her parents and brother, Jaryd, brought several items, or "giveaways," for the students. She was also joined by David Shwartz (Lincoln Hall Class of 2006), founder of the organization We Are Lions, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering disabled artists to create art. David presented Jewell with several pairs of basketball shoes created by the artists, including one inspired by the Lincoln Hall Jaguars that she plans to wear on the WNBA court.

"It's pretty awesome to come back where it started. This is the gym where I stayed late after practice and really felt the love *of* basketball and *for* basketball. I take a lot of pride in saying I'm from Lincolnwood and I went to Lincoln Hall. This community means a lot to me, everyone in this community helped raise me. I was definitely inspired coming here," said Loyd to the Lincoln Hall audience.

The 75th anniversary concluded with an end-of-summer picnic open to families, former students, teachers, and residents on May 30, 2019. Soft Rain Airplane, a band managed by Jason Gassel (Lincoln Hall Class of 2015), entertained the hundreds of individuals in attendance. Thank you to all for a wonderful 75th anniversary year.



Jewell Loyd (LH '08) surrounded by Lincoln Hall students & staff on May 15, 2019



Jewell holds the pair of Lincoln Hall Jaguars basketball shoes created by We Are Lions artist

75TH ANNIVERSARY

1943-2018

Jaguars Remain Champions throughout 2018-19 Athletic Seasons & Prioritize Academics

The 2018-19 school year marked outstanding athletic achievements for the Lincoln Hall Jaguars. During the fall, winter, and spring athletic seasons, at least two teams achieved first place standings in the township. At the end of the school year, over 75% of the Lincoln Hall Jaguars athletics teams achieved first or second place in their respective sport. Additionally, for the second consecutive year, the Jaguars placed first in all four levels of the 2019 Little 9 Township Track & Field meet held at Niles West High School. As noted in the last edition of *The Jaguar,* the 2018-19 school year also marked the first year of official competitive Track & Field and Cross Country teams at Lincoln Hall. Both Track & Field and Cross Country did not require students to try out in order to join the team, encouraging all students to get involved and foster relationships with teammates on the field. In addition to the soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams, the Lincoln Hall Cheer team achieved their highest finish to date placing third in the annual competition. The cheer team continues to refine the skills needed to grow as a team and participate competitively in the township.



Little 9 Township Track & Field Meet, Niles West High School


Lincoln Hall Jaguars Girls Varsity Basketball Team

2018-19 Lincoln Hall Jaguars Athletic Standings

Fall 2018 Season 1st & 2nd Place Finishes
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Volleyball
7th Grade Girls Volleyball
6th Grade Girls Volleyball

Winter 2018 Season 1st & 2nd Place Finishes
Varsity Girls Basketball
6th Grade Girls Basketball
Varsity Boys Basketball
7th Grade Boys Basketball
6th Grade Boys Basketball

Spring 2019 Season 1st & 2nd Place Finishes
Varsity Girls Soccer
7th Grade Boys Volleyball
6th Grade Boys Volleyball

All student athletes must meet the requirements listed on the Lincoln Hall Middle School Eligibility Policy. The policy includes both academic and behavior requirements with weekly eligibility checks. Furthermore, student behavior outside sports practices and games is monitored through weekly reports sent to coaches. Lincoln Hall coaches stress the importance of the school matrix, the Lincoln Hall P.A.T.H. (Positive Actions that Help), to each athlete. The matrix teaches students to engage in positive behavior in the classroom, community, and on the playing field.

Great job to the Lincoln Hall Jaguars and best of luck in the 2019-20 school year!

Extracurricular Activities Provide Balance & Opportunity

In an effort to promote actively engaged students in both the classroom and community, Lincoln Hall offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities available to all students. From athletics, to fine arts, to technology, students can browse through and select from an array of clubs, teams, and activities to participate in throughout each school year.

In Cooking Club, students explore the basic essentials of cooking and progress to learning the culinary art by reading recipes, making the food, and hosting taste tests for students and faculty.

Students Taking Active Responsibility (STAR), a student organization promoting community service and good work, hosts holiday clothing drives, canned food drives, adopted a portion of the Village's Union Pacific Path, and promotes kindness through artwork displayed across the school.



The Sound of Music
Lincoln Hall's 2019 Spring Musical

Lincoln Hall Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, & Teams

7th Grade Science Fair
8th Grade Science Fair
Anime Club
Art Club
Band
Battle of the Books
Chorale
Cooking Club
Culture Club
Future Cities Club
Geography Bee Competition
Lego Robotics Club
Musical (Theatre)
Orchestra
Spelling Bee Competition
STAR (Students Taking Active Responsibility)
Tech Club
Variety Show
Vex Robotics Club
WLH (Weekly Lincoln Hall) Broadcasting Club
Yearbook Club
Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Boys Volleyball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Girls Basketball
Girls Soccer
Girls Volleyball
Sport Intramurals
Track & Field

The Variety Show serves as an annual opportunity for students to share their talents with a larger audience of peers, friends, parents, teachers, and community members. Throughout the years, the Variety Show included musical performances, acting, comedy, and more. Weekly Lincoln Hall (WLH) produces videos for Lincoln Hall students and staff highlighting student achievements and upcoming events. The club members serve as anchors of the school news show and hold many interviews to gather information from across the school. Students participating in WLH are encouraged to participate in Niles West News at the high school level.

In the next strategic plan, the District is looking to expand extracurricular activities for students at Todd Hall and Rutledge Hall. Current elementary school students have clubs including Craft Club, Running Club, and Chess Wizards and more is expected to become available in the near future.

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