

Lincoln Loop April 18, 2025

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Upcoming Events



Click here for more 2024-2025 calendar details

Mark Your Calendars!

April Events

- 22 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm, Library
- 23 1st Grade Concert, 6:00 pm, Gym
- 24 PreK-4th Assessment Day (by appointment only for PreK-4th)
 - Regular school day for 5th-8th

PreK Family BBQ 5:00-6:45 pm, Little Leopards playground

25 No School

May Events

- 1-2 New Kindergartener Screening Days
- 2 Spirit Day
 - LA Art Show 6:00-8:00 pm, Gym
- 5-9 Staff Appreciation Week
- 6 SAC Meeting 6:30 pm, Library
- **8** 5/6 Theater Performance 4:00 pm, Gym 5th-8th Music Performance 6:00 pm, Gym
- 9 PTO Movie Night, Doors 6:00 pm, Movie at 6:30 pm, Gym
- 13 7/8 Musical Theater Performance: Into the Woods, 6:00 pm Gym
- 14 3/4 Leopard Choir Concert 6:00 pm, Gym
- 16 PreK Graduation
 - 8th Grade Awards 11:30 am, Gym
 - 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm, Storyline Church
- 19 K-5 Field Day
 - PTO Community Night: Bliss FroYo
- **20** 6/7 Field Day
 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Conference Room
- 21 1st-4th Grade Awards
- 22 K & 5th-7th Grade Awards
 - Last Day K-7, Noon Dismissal

Board Information



Board of Directors Elections

We invite you to take part in the **2025–2026 Board of Directors Election**, taking place from **April 16th through April 21st**. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated!

You can access the ballot at the following link: Board of Directors Ballot

Please note: Only responses submitted before April 21st at 11:59 pm will be counted.

With two board terms ending and one existing vacancy, there will be three openings on the Board of Directors for the 2025–2026 school year. The candidates who have submitted completed applications and met the eligibility requirements are listed on the ballot.

Eligible voters shall include each parent or legal guardian of every child currently enrolled in the school, teachers currently employed by the school, and all other paid employees of the school (per Lincoln Academy Board Bylaws Article V, Section 5.4)

The ballot format is similar to those used in county, state, or national elections. You will be asked to select from among the listed candidates, with the number of choices reflecting the number of individuals running.

Election results will be verified by a non-board member (Katie Neely) and one outgoing board member (Micah Gilbreath). Results will be officially announced at the Regular Board of Directors Meeting on May 20th.

For information regarding the Lincoln Academy Board of Directors, please visit <u>here</u>.

School Information



Enrollment for 2025/2026 School Year

If you know that your student will **not** be returning to Lincoln Academy next year, please let Maren Nadvornik know (<u>maren.nadvornik@jeffco.k12.co.us</u>). This information helps us plan our class sizes and enrollment for next year.

We currently have a few spaces open in our **PM PreK class** for next year. If you have or know of a student who will be 4 by October 1, 2025, you can apply on Enroll Jeffco. Students who are 4 are also eligible for tuition assistance through Universal Preschool Colorado. We have more information about our PreK program and enrollment here or reach out to Barbara Robinson at barbara.robinson@jeffco.k12.co.us. Please help us spread the word about our wonderful PreK program to any families you know!



Take Your Child to Work Day

This year, Take Your Child to Work Day is on Thursday, April 24th. This is also our Assessment Day for grades PreK-4. PreK-4 students will not have class this day but will come by appointment only. Grades 5-8 will have a regular school day on the 24th.

If you plan to take your 5th-8th grade student out of school for this day to attend work with you, please either call the attendance line to excuse their absence or enter the request on your Campus account under "More" and then "Absence Requests."



8th Grade Baby/Toddler Pictures Needed

Attention, 8th grade families! We need one baby/toddler picture of your child for the 8th grade graduation video (no newborn pictures, please!). It is much better if the photo of your child **does not** include other family members. Digital photos are preferred and can be emailed to Mr. Nishida at martin.nishida@ieffco.k12.co.us.

- All digital photos must be in a standard image format jpg, png, bmp, etc. (no PDFs)
- If a digital photo is not available, please have your child bring in a regular picture to Mr. Nishida to be scanned.
- To ensure the correct resolution and image format, please **do not scan the picture yourself.** All pictures will be scanned and returned to the students to take back home.

All pictures are **due to Mr. Nishida by Friday, April 25th** so that he can begin creating the video. Please email Mr. Nishida if you have any questions.



Field Day Lunches

Field Day for Kindergarten-5th grade will be on Monday, May 19th. Field Day for 6th and 7th grade will be on Tuesday, May 20th. If your child would like a sack lunch from our kitchen on their Field Day, please click here to order from our kitchen by **Thursday, May 1**.

Sack lunches include a turkey sandwich, craisins, carrots, and white milk. Please fill out one form per student. Anyone who does not submit a lunch request will need to bring their own lunch from home on their Field Day.



Limited Yearbook Copies Left

There are only 15 copies left for our Lincoln Academy 2024/2025 Yearbook. Click here to purchase. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to save this year's memories! We will not have any extras this year, so order your copy now! Josten's has multiple payment options. They've made purchasing your yearbook easy and convenient. Just choose which payment option works best for you: Venmo, PayPal, Trustly or credit card!

If you can't remember if you already purchased a yearbook, you can check your student fee payment history by going to Infinite Campus, clicking "More," and then "Jeffco Student Fee Payment." The fee statement (a paper icon) will show you your purchases this year.



Student Benefits Application Still Open

Although the school year is winding down, the <u>Student Benefits Application</u> through Jeffco is still open! This application, formerly known as 'free and reduced' or 'meal application' plays a critical role in determining many benefits for your student. **If approved, the Student Benefit Application may allow waived school-related fees and field trip costs.** By completing the application, you may also help Lincoln Academy secure additional state and federal funding, which can be used for supplemental literacy and math resources, hiring additional staff based on the school's needs, and professional development and training for staff.

Families must submit a new Student Benefits Application every year. Please go to SchoolCafe.com to sign in to your account or create a new account. Once logged in, select "Apply for Benefits" and it will take you from there! If you have any questions regarding the application process, please reach out to Food Services at 303-982-6916 or freeandreduced@jeffco.k12.co.us.



After-School Care Option for 2025/2026

For those families on Leopard Care's waitlist for next year or anyone looking for an after-school care option for next year, the Apex Center will now be offering an After School Care program. Transportation will be provided from Lincoln to the Apex Center. Students can enjoy snacks, homework help, crafts and activities. Registration opens May 1 at 8 am. Contact Melinda at MelindaR@ApexPRD.org for more information.



Staff Changes for 2025/2026 School Year

1st Grade Teacher

Open Positions for 25/26
7th Grade Science
In-House Sub
4th Grade Teacher
5th Grade Teacher
6th Grade Social Studies

Athletics



Upcoming Games/Meets

Girls Soccer	Boys Volleyball	Cross Country
All games at 4:15 pm	All games at 4:15 pm	All meets at 4:15 pm
4/22 vs Woodrow Wilson @ Long Lake Regional Park	4/24 @ Lincoln	4/23 @ Lincoln/Majestic View Park 4/30 @ Woodrow Wilson
	4/30 Playoffs @ Lincoln	
4/29 Semifinals @ Lincoln	5/1 Championship @ Woodrow Wilson	
4/30 Championship @ Lincoln		5/7 Final Meet @ Standley Lake

Girls Flag Football

Later this spring, there will be a brief introduction camp to the sport of girls flag football. This camp will be run by Lincoln alumni students who played for the A-West state championship flag football team. The camp will run May 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 after school on the Lincoln field. Any girls in grades 6-8 who are interested in attending this camp, please indicate your interest on this <u>Google form</u> (this is for interest only, not a commitment, and more information will follow).

Summer Information



Summer Band Camp

Mrs. Newsom will be running a Summer Band camp this July. The camp will run July 21-25 from 9 am until noon with a performance on the 25th from 12:45-1:15 pm. Any students who have played in Band this school year are encouraged to attend. Register by May 12th to claim your spot! See this flyer for more details and the link to sign up.

If your incoming 5th or 6th grade student is planning to participate in Beginning Band next year, Mrs. Newsom encourages them to come to Beginning Band Jump Start this summer! The Jump Start is a four day class where students learn the basics of their instrument, including instrument assembly, proper sound production and basic music theory, setting them up for success during Beginning Band. Students will partake in an hour of instruction each day. Jump Start will be July 21-24 from 1-2 pm for Woodwinds and 2:10-3:10 pm for Brass/Percussion. See this flyer for more information and the link to register.



Camp Invention

Camp Invention is back at Lincoln Academy! This camp is available for students going into grades K-6. Give your child a summer experience that builds confidence, imagination and STEM learning! See this flyer for more information.

Lincoln Academy is running one week of camp this year: June 2-6. Register here to secure your student's spot!



Summer Learning

Regis University, in partnership with the Institute of Reading Development, sponsors summer reading skills programs to help students with phonics, fluency, comprehension, study skills and reading speed. Programs are available for all grade levels; tuition varies by grade level. Be sure to ask about their family discount. For more information or to register, please call 1-800-903-0162. Flyers are also available at Lincoln's front office.

PTO News



Auction Recap

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the LA PTO Spring Silent Auction, especially the 194 registered bidders and all those who attended the Parent & Staff Event at Colorado Tap House on Friday evening. We had a great turnout (almost 100 people!) and enjoyed seeing everyone's costumes, especially the staff, and had a great time counting down the minutes until the auction closed. We raised more than \$18,000 for the renovation of the front entrance and lobby! We hope to be able to share plans for that space in the near future.

In addition to community business donations, our Lincoln staff really stepped up this auction. There were 35 experiences donated by teachers and staff. THANK YOU, STAFF, for coming up with such creative and fun experiences for our families to bid on.

We also wanted to say a special THANKS to the entire Auction Committee, including all PTO Board members, Jessica Alley, Eric and Keagan Frisk, Maren Nadvornik, Erin Brix, Valerie Limbert, Tricia King, Tiffany Parsons, Shaina Gallegos, Krista Schulte, Jen Bach, Milynda Poston, and Mia Sussman.

If you missed auction pickup today, please stop by the North Parent Parking Lot on Monday between 3-4pm to claim any physical items.



Staff Appreciation Week: Donations & Volunteers Needed

Sign Ups for Staff Appreciation Week (May 4th-9th!) are up on the Track it Forward App! We have many needs from our Lincoln community to make this week-long event happen. There are some shopping / treat donation opportunities for creating goodie bags for the staff that you can view here. We will also be setting up a snack bar, with more food donation items needed here. Food donations are our most urgent need, if you are able to sign up for a slot or two -- we would appreciate that! If you'd like another at-home volunteering option, making posters is a great one. We will be decorating our school campus on Sunday May 4th, which is a wonderful way to include the whole family and get our campus ready for the week's events. Sign up here to RSVP for chalk decorating. For all other at-school sign ups the week of Staff Appreciation, refer to the Track It Forward calendar for each day's opportunities like setting & cleaning up!



Staff Favorites

With Staff Appreciation Week and the end of the school year around the corner, we wanted to make mention of the <u>Staff Favorites Spreadsheet</u> where you can find all the things Lincoln Staff LOVE all in one place! This is a great resource for surprising staff members with a little sweet treat, a snack, or something they may love if you are in the mood for giving this Staff Appreciation Week or the end of the year.



PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 22nd @ 6:30

Join us for our last PTO meeting of the school year! We will be voting for our new board leaders, celebrating auction wins, touching base on Staff Appreciation plans & needs, and enjoying each other's company one last time before summer! If you missed our last meeting, and want to catch up on information shared as well as nominations of the PTO Board, you can view the minutes here. Childcare provided for school aged children in the gym.



1st Day School Supply Ordering is now LIVE!

LA PTO partners with 1st Day School Supplies to provide an easy and affordable way for families to purchase their school supplies. This is NOT a fundraiser, so we are able to offer the lowest competitive prices around! All orders must be placed by July 1 and supply kits will be delivered to the school, free of charge, in early August. Pickup of kits will also be available at Back-to-School Night in mid-August. Check this cumbersome task off your to-list and order from 1st Day School Supplies today!



AFW Store Rally for Lincoln

You can purchase anytime of the year at American Furniture Warehouse to support our school...but, coming soon, you are invited to shop at AFW's Store Rally from Friday, April 11 through Saturday, April 19. Any purchases made during this time will help maximize our next annual donation that we will receive soon afterwards. Purchases during the Store Rally earn a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card. All details are included in this flyer.



Leadership Roles for 2025-2026 School Year

PTO is looking to fill this leadership role for the next school year. If you're excited about getting more involved, please check out the following position on Track It Forward:

Watch DOGS leads (we have one new lead but would love a second person to partner with him): approx 1-2 hr per month, depending on number of volunteers. This volunteer serves as a contact for anyone who signs up for Watch DOGS; coordinates volunteers with the front office; helps lead a kick-off meeting in September; and emails Watch DOGS volunteers when the school has specific needs (Grandparents' Day, Fall Fest, shoveling, etc.)



Box Tops for Education

Did you know? Lincoln Academy PTO is a proud participant in Box Top\$ for Education. Box Tops is an easy way for Lincoln families to raise money for our school. Here's how it works:

- 1. Download the Box Tops app, register, and select Lincoln Academy as your school to support. Click here to get started today!
- 2. Shop for Box Tops products and submit your digital or paper receipt within 14 days of purchase.

It's that simple - no clipping required! Join Box Tops today and help us reach our annual goal.

Area School Information



Mustang Soccer Academy

Registration is now open for Ralston Valley's Mustang Soccer Academy Summer Camp 2025. The fundamental intent of this camp is to contribute to positive growth of boys and girls as soccer players. This camp is open to players ages 5-14 and runs June 23-26. See this flyer for more information and click here to register!



Arvada West Dance Team Tryouts

Arvada West will be hosting dance team tryouts in April for their Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. Tryout clinics (optional but recommended) will occur April 14 and 16 from 6-8 pm in the A West Aux Gym with an Informational Zoom meeting on April 21 at 6 pm. Formal tryouts will be April 23 and 24. See this document for more information on the tryout process.

Summer Programs

Registration is now open for the **Wildcats Track Club**. This 14-session program is perfect for athletes of all levels. Whether your kid is trying track for the first time or looking to get faster, stronger, and more confident, they'll get expert coaching, skill development, and plenty of encouragement along the way.

It's more than just running — it's about learning discipline, building friendships, and having fun doing it. See our <u>flyer here</u> for more information or register through the following link: <u>Wildcats Track Club Registration Link</u>.

Arvada West Summer Youth Wrestling Program kicks off their summer session on Tuesday, May 6th! All youth wrestlers are welcome — no prior experience required.

More Info: Youth Summer Wrestling Program Flyer

Register Here: Registration Link



Pomona Summer Camps

Pomona is hosting a lifting/speed camp Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 29-July 10 from 11 am-12:30 pm. Here is the <u>link to register</u>. This 6-week camp is a good opportunity for incoming 5th-8th grade athletes to learn the mechanics of proper weight training and to also get faster and become a better athlete for their upcoming sports seasons.

They also have a youth football contact camp July 14-17 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This camp is a great opportunity to learn what it means to be a part of the Big Black Panthers and learn how to become a better football player on both sides of the ball. Part of this camp will be full contact. This camp is open to incoming 3rd-8th graders. Here is the link to register.



Colorado School of Mines: Spring Into Physics

On Saturday, April 26th from 9am-12pm, the Colorado School of Mines Society of Physics Students will be hosting their annual Spring Into Physics in the CoorsTek Center for Applied Science and Engineering (1523 Illinois St, Golden, CO 80401). They will be presenting a variety of family friendly physics demos and other interactive science displays for kids of all ages with a spring theme! Attendance is completely free for all! See this flier for more information.

Mission and Vision



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

Our **Vision** is to prepare all students for their future endeavors by providing a comprehensive Core Knowledge education.