

## Upcoming Events



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2024-2025 calendar details](#)

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### September Events

17 Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
17-20 Book Fair  
18 PTO Community Night: Chipotle (64th and Ward)  
20 Grandparents' Day Celebration, **Noon Dismissal**  
24 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm  
26 Math Night K-8 6:00 pm  
27 Community Night at the Rockies 6:10 pm

#### October Events

1 October Count Day  
1 SAC Meeting 6:30 pm Library  
1-2 School Pictures  
1-3 Summer Bridge Book Celebrations  
4 Spirit Day  
4 Fall Festival 5-7 pm  
7-11 Spirit Week  
8 Community Night: Mod Pizza, Ralston location  
11 Coffee with the Principal 7:30-10:00 am House of J's Coffee  
15 Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
16 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15-7:00 pm

- Full day of school

17 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30 am- 7:00 pm

- No school

18-22 No School for Students  
24 School Picture Retakes and Class Photos  
24 Community Night: Urban Air 4:00-7:00 pm  
28-31 6th Grade: Outdoor Lab  
29 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

## School Information



### Early Dismissal for Appointments

Due to the congested nature of our campus at dismissal time, we are returning to a guideline that we will not do early dismissal for students between 2:30-3:00 pm. If your student has an appointment that you need to get them early from school, please plan on picking them up before 2:30 pm.

This will allow you to get on and off campus in a safe and timely manner, avoid having to

deal with the stress of a crowded driveline, and create less end-of-day disruptions for our classes and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



## Social-Emotional Learning Screening

The Lincoln Academy community works together to ensure high levels of learning for all. This includes not only being attentive to academic growth, but also recognizing that the social and emotional growth of students is critically important. Current research indicates a direct connection between students' emotional well-being and their academic performance. We are dedicated to creating academic and social-emotional support linked directly to the assessed needs of our students. We now have the opportunity to systematically screen the social and emotional skills of all our students. We will be using the **Social Skills Improvement System™ Social-Emotional Learning Edition Screening/Progress Monitoring Scales (SSIS SEL)** and the **Panorama Social Emotional Learning Survey** to screen students' social-emotional competencies. Please [click here](#) to read a letter from our mental health team to learn more about this screening.



## Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day

Next Friday, September 20!

Our PTO is partnering with us once again to bring back this special day next Friday.

Need a **digital invitation** to send to your student's grandparents? [Download one here.](#)

Please help your grandparent or grandfriend out by telling them your student(s)' grade and teacher so they can be directed to the right classrooms.

7:35-7:55	Normal student breakfast available on the blacktop by the Library doors
7:30-7:45	Grandparent Arrival Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drop off grandparents with students via the driveline, or</li> <li>- Grandparents will be directed to park in one of several lots on campus where they can walk to the building or wait for a ride with staff in a golf cart, or</li> <li>- Grandparents may park in the neighborhood and walk</li> </ul> <b>Parents should avoid parking during drop off to allow space for grandparents</b>
7:45 - 8:20	Continental Breakfast for grandparents <u>only</u> in the Student Center
8:25 - 8:35	Administrative Welcoming in the gymnasium
8:45 - 9:10	Session 1 classroom visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PreK: Only Full day and AM classes open to grandparents</li> <li>• All other grades open to grandparents</li> </ul>
9:20-9:45	Session 2 classroom visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PreK: Only Full day and PM classes open to grandparents</li> <li>• All other grades open to grandparents</li> </ul>
9:55-10:20	Session 3 classroom visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No PreK, Kinder or 1st grade this session</li> <li>• 2nd-8th grades open to grandparents</li> </ul>
10:30 - 11:30	Music Program in the gymnasium
11:30 - 12:00	Dismissal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandparents may release their students from their classroom teachers or with Driveline numbers as early as 11:30</li> <li>• Regularly scheduled walkers, remaining students dismissed at 12:00</li> </ul>

On Grandparents' Day, we ask that K-4th grade students wear blue or ocean-themed t-shirts, no costumes, for the music program.

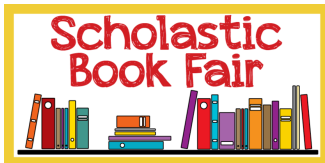
In addition to visiting the classroom and watching a music performance, grandparents can purchase Spirit Wear t-shirts, attend our Book Fair in the library, purchase Froyo (at dismissal), and participate in the [Leopard Pledge Drive](#).

### VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**Event donations and night-before prep:** Grandparents' Day takes a lot of donations and prep-work! We serve our guests a continental breakfast with coffee, and prep everything the Thursday evening on September 19th. In past years we have had 700+ guests! We need an ARMY of volunteers to donate goods and help set-up to make our event go smoothly.

**Help day-of:** As a reminder, this event is for Grandparents and Grand-Friends only. If you want to be at the morning activities, you need to sign up as a volunteer for the morning!

**Decorations prep:** As you know from past years, we transform our school into the theme of the year. This year our theme is "Under the Sea"! We are in need of at-home volunteers to create sea life that we can hang from the lobby ceilings, and decorate the windows and walls with. This is an AT-HOME creating opportunity and anything made needs to be turned into the office by Wednesday, September 18th. You can use your own paper, OR contact Lauren Tien if you need paper supplies to make things:  
[ptoleopards.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ptoleopards.secretary@gmail.com).



### Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair is next week! The Book Fair will be in the Library again this year. Please enter through the Tech Room doors at the south end of our front sidewalk after school and on Grandparents' Day.

#### Book Fair Hours:

- Tuesday 9/17, 2:30-5:00
- Wednesday 9/18, 10:30-5:00
- Thursday 9/19, 7:30-5:00
- Friday 9/20, 7:30-12:00

The online Book Fair is open 9/16-9/29:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lincolnacadmymycharterschool1>

Go to the online fair to set up eWallet for your student, a safe cashless way for them to shop at the in-person Book Fair. Grandparents can contribute to it too.

### Volunteers Needed!

The Fall Book Fair is almost here and we need MORE volunteers! Please go to this link to volunteer: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/423485/events>

Please contact Kim McKinney with any questions: [Kimberly.mckinney@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Kimberly.mckinney@jeffco.k12.co.us)



### Rockies Lincoln Academy Community Night

The Lincoln Academy Rockies Community Night is 9/27/24 at 6:10 pm. The Rockies will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers. Come join our Lincoln community in a fun night of baseball to raise money for school activities. Fireworks will follow the game. To purchase tickets in our Lincoln Academy section go to [rockies.com/LINCOLNACADEMY](https://rockies.com/LINCOLNACADEMY). Tickets are \$23 plus fees. [See this flyer](#) for more information.



## Upcoming Games/Meets

Girls Volleyball	Boys Soccer	Cross Country
B at 4:15, A at 5:15 pm	All games at 4:15 pm	All meets at 4:15 pm
<b>9/26 @ Excel Academy</b> <b>10/1 B Playoffs @ Evergreen</b> <b>10/2 A Playoffs @ Lincoln</b> <b>10/3 A and B Championships at Woodrow Wilson</b>	<b>9/18 v Woodrow Wilson @ Long Lake Regional Park</b> <b>9/24 v Excel @ Lincoln</b> <b>9/30 Playoffs @ Lincoln</b> <b>10/1 Playoffs @ Lincoln</b> <b>10/2 Championship game @ Lincoln</b>	<b>9/25 @ Woodrow Wilson</b>

### Athletics Volunteer Opportunity

Our middle school girls' volleyball team is looking for volunteers to assist with scorekeeping, timekeeping, and line judges at its home games. If you are able and interested, please sign up for [any of the shifts on Track It Forward](#). Check the sign up for these and other opportunities. These events are a great way for our Middle School parents to get some volunteer hours in. Go Lincoln Leopards!

## PTO News



**CHIPOTLE**

### Community Night at Chipotle

A school-wide favorite, Chipotle Community night happens next week on Wednesday, September 18th from 4-8 PM at the 64th and Ward location. 25% of sales from this event goes back to our school which is a HUGE fundraising opportunity! Dine in or order online for pickup using code **FQG3ZEH**. For dine-in, show [this flyer](#) when ordering.



### Landscaping Day

We'll be having another landscaping Saturday session on Saturday, September 21. No experience necessary -- bring some work gloves, water, and your family and head over to school anytime from 9-11 am to help with some landscaping around campus. Sign up on [Track It Forward](#) and you'll get a reminder email!



### PTO Membership & Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is right around the corner! Join us on Tuesday, September 24th @ 6:30 in the Lincoln Library. We'll be hearing from our instructional coaches about the SEL curriculum and sense-making, a focus for this school year. We'll also be doing a recap of Grandparents' Day and gearing up with final plans for Fall Fest on October 4. Free childcare for school-age kids! See you 9/24!

And if you haven't [joined PTO yet](#), now's the time! Your \$10 membership fee supports Lincoln PTO programs, helps to pay for the printed calendars and our new Track It Forward system, and means that you'll get a monthly newsletter from us with all the information you need for ways to volunteer, especially AT-HOME opportunities. As a reminder, you DO have to re-join every year.

If you missed our August meeting, the PTO website holds the agenda and minutes. You can read the minutes [HERE](#).



**Sponsorship Opportunities for Grandparents' Day and Fall Fest**  
Do you own or work for a small business? LA PTO would love to highlight our community's small-business owners and invite them to be sponsors for Grandparents' Day and Fall Fest in the coming month. If you are interested in this low-cost sponsorship opportunity (\$125 for both events), please email a logo to Nick Papantonakis at [ptoleopards.vp@gmail.com](mailto:ptoleopards.vp@gmail.com) ASAP (no later than September 16) and he will help you coordinate payment. Your logo will be featured on the Grandparents' Day program and on signage displayed around the school and campus. Let's support our fellow small-business owners and help build our LA community!



### Leopard Experience Pledge Drive

In tandem with our Grandparents' Day activities, we host a Lincoln Pledge Drive from September 20 through the end of October. 100% of all proceeds from the "Leopard Experience Pledge Drive" go to support staff mini grants for our talented teachers. This grant program is a way to ensure that our teachers have EVERYTHING they need to support their students. In the past 2 years, PTO was able to allocate more than \$11,000 for mini grants for our teachers. These grants range from alternative seating options to specialized reading sets, craft supplies and storage materials, subscriptions to various supplemental classroom materials, and lots more. Every donation helps, so please spread the word! Lincoln PTO does not push fundraisers to sell things (popcorn, wrapping paper, etc.) -- we want it to be as easy as possible for you to donate to the school with all of your money going directly to our staff mini grants program. [Check out this link and donate today!](#)



### Pre-Loved Spirit Wear Drop Box

We are so excited to launch the Spirit Wear Drop Box! If you have Spirit Wear your kids have grown out of, we are now collecting those items and they will be donated to the mental health team to be given to students that may not have access otherwise. The box is located in the front lobby.



### Logging Volunteer Hours

We've had SO many families logging their hours this year already! We thought it would be helpful to clarify some specifics about how you should log hours for volunteer tasks such as food donations.

If you are picking up items to donate, you should log 1 hour per trip to the store. If you happen to have any items on hand at home, it also counts as 1 hr of volunteer time. Please note it is not 1 hr PER ITEM. Almost all other volunteer tasks can be logged based on the amount of time you spend at the school or at-home working on a volunteer project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to PTO, the Board of Directors, or the front office with any questions.



### Watch D.O.G.S.

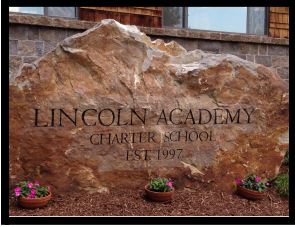
If you've ever wondered what goes on during your student's day at school, now's your chance to experience it first-hand! Lincoln is fortunate to be a part of the national Watch D.O.G.S. program (Dads of Great Students). The program emphasizes the need for positive male role models in classrooms and around the school. Here at Lincoln, we encourage dads, grandpas, uncles, neighbors (and even moms, grandmas, etc.) to participate in this unique program. Whether you have a couple hours in the morning or want to spend the entire day or afternoon with your student, this is a fantastic way to give back to the entire school while also spending time with your student in their classroom, at specials, and of course -- at RECESS! Our revamped program is LIVE on [Track It Forward](#). Pick a day (or 2 or 3) and sign up to make a difference in our Lincoln community. The time commitment is entirely up to you! Just leave a note regarding your available time slot when you sign up.



## Arvada West Youth Wrestling

Arvada West Youth Wrestling is returning for their winter session. This club is open to youth 4-14, boys and girls. Please see the following flyer for more information: [Arvada West Youth Wrestling](#).

## 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.