



Lincoln Elementary

September, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Lincoln Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to the start of a brand-new school year! It is an honor to begin my first year as your principal, and I look forward to partnering with you to make this year a great one for your children.

The energy and enthusiasm of our students, staff, and families shine brighter than ever. From Kindergarten screening to Back-to-School Night preparations, it's already clear that Lincoln is a community filled with kindness, collaboration, and dedication to our kids.

This year, our theme is *"Small Wins, Big Impact."* Each day, we will celebrate the little moments of progress and joy that add up to something amazing for our students and our school. Whether it's learning a new word, solving a tough math problem, or making a new friend, those small wins matter—and together, they create a big impact.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. I look forward to getting to know each of you, celebrating our students' successes, and working together to make this school year one of growth, achievement, and fun.

With gratitude and excitement,

Kathy Schiefer

Principal



Important Dates and Events:

- September 1- No School
- September 4- PTO Meeting 7pm
- September 10- Early Dismissal
- September 19- No School
- September 26- PTO Football Pizza Night (more details to come)
- October 1 - Picture Day

To view sporting events, click here: [Gettysburg Warriors](#)

To view the district calendar, click here: [GASD District Calendar](#)



Once again this year, we will be using the *Monique Burr Foundation Child Safety Matters* program in all grade levels which will be presented by staff from the Children's Advocacy Center. The goal of the program is to keep your child safe. The program empowers children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, and digital dangers. All students are invited to participate in the thirty-minute presentations on September 16th and 18th with the rest of their class. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please sign and return the opt-out form that will be sent home with your child. Do NOT return the form unless you DO NOT wish for your child to participate in the program with the rest of their class.





Important Information from the Main Office

1. **Annual Student Form & Media Release Updates:** Each year families need to complete beginning of year form updates through Family Access (Skyward). It is extremely important for the school to have the most recent and correct information. The media release form allows for district staff to know your permissions for distributing your student's picture through various district level social media platforms. Please take a few moments to complete all of these online forms as soon as possible. Also, if there is a custody order for your child, please make sure the office has the most recent copy on file.
2. **GASD's RevTrak Web Store payment system:** This web store program allows you to effortlessly load money on your child's meal account, pay student fees, and much more - all with just a few clicks. You can conveniently make secure online payments from the comfort of your own home.
3. **Computer User Fees:** The fee per elementary student is \$15. This yearly fee covers first-time damage to the device (chargers are not covered under the fee). Fees have been charged to student accounts on Family Access. Payments can be made via cash, check, money order or by using the district's Web Store system. If paying by check or money order, please make payable to GASD and write your child's name and "Computer Fee" on the memo line.
4. **Attendance:** Please note that if your child is absent for any reason, an excuse must be sent in to school or entered in Family Access within three (3) school days of the absence. District policy for absences are:
 - 3 unexcused absences = AIP Meeting (Attendance Improvement Plan)
 - 4 or more unexcused absences = Magistrate
 - 5-9 absences (both excused/unexcused) = Dr. Warning Letter
 - 10 or more absences (both excused/unexcused) = Dr. Note Required

Excuses can be sent to school with your child, emailed to sasper@gasd-pa.org or entered into Family Access (LES's preferred method). Here are [Directions](#) on how to enter absence requests through Family Access. Contact Sandy Asper at 717-334-6254 option 4 or sasper@gasd-pa.org for any questions on attendance.

5. **Student Accident Group Insurance:** Please click on the link for more information: [Student Accident Insurance Information](#)
6. **End of Day Procedures:** If you need to make a change to your child's dismissal arrangements, please be sure to notify the office no later than 2:30 PM. Please be sure to contact the office directly with the change and not message your child's teacher through Seesaw. If your child is a regular car rider on specific days each week, please write one note or email the office stating which days this will occur and list who will be picking him/her up. Also, If you are picking up your child, **please keep them close for safety, as traffic is busy at this time. We also ask that students stay off the trees and mulch so our grounds can stay looking beautiful—thank you!**
7. **Label Student Belongings:** It is important and helpful for student belongings to be labeled with their name – this includes backpacks, lunchboxes, water bottles and sweatshirts/jackets.

Thank you for your continued support of our school! We are excited for an amazing 2025-26 school year!



Title 1

Please see the attached information about Title 1 resources. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources and stay involved in your child's education. These resources are here for you and your child! If you ever have questions or want to know more about how Title I can support your family, feel free to reach out to us. We're always happy to help.

Thanks for being such a big part of your child's learning!

[Title 1 Document and Information](#)



ART

Again this year, students at Lincoln Elementary School have the unique opportunity to display their artwork at various businesses and organizations throughout the Gettysburg community. Participating businesses and organizations include, *but are not limited to*, Gettysburg Pediatrics, Rarrick Orthodontics, and the Adams County Library. A permission slip was sent home with your child/children after their first art class. One was also sent via Seesaw for those students who may have misplaced it. If you have not already done so, please complete it and return it to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.



RUTH'S HARVEST



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to extend an opportunity for your child to participate in a program sponsored by the churches of Gettysburg, Gettysburg Area School District, and several other community organizations called Ruth's Harvest. **The program will start at the end of September for the 2025-2026 school year.**

The Ruth's Harvest program provides your child with a bag of nutritious food and snacks for the weekend. If you elect to participate in this program, **your child will pick up a bag each week at the end of the day on Thursday or Friday in the main office during dismissal.** Please know that both the school and the organizations involved with this program will take every precaution to ensure that the identity of the students participating in the program will remain confidential.

If you would like to take part in the program, please complete and submit the form here: [Ruth's Harvest Program](#). If you choose to cancel your participation at any point, please contact our office at 717-334-6254 Option 4.




Family Navigators

A new school year is officially underway! We look forward to working together to make this year both meaningful and successful. As your Family Navigators, we'd like to remind you of our mission:

- ✓ Support students and families in overcoming challenges
- ✓ Strengthen the home–school connection
- ✓ Encourage involvement in school and community life
- ✓ Connect families with helpful local services and resources


We'd love to connect with you! To keep things simple, you can always find us in the same places (and at the same times) on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month**. Stop by to say hello, share ideas, or just chat:

 **Wednesday, September 3**

 9:30–11:30 AM

 Gettysburg Dunkin'

 **Wednesday, September 17**

 9:30–11:30 AM

 Adams County Library (Basement)

We're also excited to introduce a new learning opportunity for adults: **Coffee & Conversation** ☕ ✨. This casual monthly meetup will feature different topics, guest speakers, and a laid-back atmosphere. It's a great chance to connect and learn something new—all over a good cup of coffee!

Our first Coffee & Conversation will take place on **Friday, September 26**. Keep an eye on GASD social media for more details soon!



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FROM OUR NURSE

Important

Please click on health room updates and information from our nurse.

[Health Room Updates](#)

PTO SPOTLIGHT!!

YOU'RE INVITED!
LINCOLN
ELEMENTARY
PARENT TEACHER
ORGANIZATION (PTO)
MEETING

THE PTO PAYS FOR STUDENT
FIELD TRIPS, 5TH GRADE
YEARBOOKS, FUN STUDENT
EVENTS, TEACHER SUPPORT
AND MORE!

MEETINGS ARE HELD
MONTHLY ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH @ 7PM

LOCATION:
SCHOOL LIBRARY

ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
WELCOME!

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTO
ABOUT US...

Field Trips
 We pay the full cost of field trip admission and transportation for every student. This is the largest expense in our budget.

Fun Events
 Movie nights, skate nights, dances- these are some of the fun activities we've hosted in the past.

Teacher Reimbursements
 We reimburse teachers to help cover some of their out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

Fundraisers
 We host fundraisers to raise funds for events for our school.

5th Grade Yearbooks
 Each 5th grade student receives a yearbook at no cost to the student, paid for by the PTO.

Teacher Support
 We provide food and goodies for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the PTO?
 The Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is a joint effort between parents/guardians, elected PTO board members and school administration/staff to plan for and raise funds to help various efforts throughout our school, BUT WE NEED YOU!

How do I become a member?
 Simply by attending one of our meetings! Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm in the school library.

Can I bring my kids to the meeting?
 Yes! We have teachers at each meeting with activities to keep the kids occupied.

We welcome your comments, questions, concerns or ideas!

lincoln.pto@outlook.com or (717) 357-1401

Find us on Facebook:
 Lincoln Elementary School PTO of GASD

Joe Corbi's Pizza Fundraiser Coming Soon!

