

### Upcoming Events



[Click here for more 2025-2026 calendar details](#)

#### Mark Your Calendars!

##### May Events

- 15** 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm, Storyline Church
- 17** Landscaping Day 9:00-11:30 am, sign up on [Track It Forward](#)
- 18** Kindergarten Graduation (see schedule below)
  - 1st/2nd Grade Field Day 12:00-2:30 pm, Soccer Field
- 19** 3rd-5th Grade Field Day 8:30-11 am, Soccer Field
  - 6th/7th Grade Field Day 1:00-3:00 pm, Soccer Field
  - Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm, Conference Room
- 20** 1st-4th Grade Awards (see schedule below)
  - PTO Community Night: Colorado Tap House
- 21** 5th-7th Grade Awards (see schedule below)
  - Last Day 1st-7th, Noon Dismissal

### School Information



#### Field Days

The Lincoln Academy PE department is excited to announce we will be hosting our annual field day events for 2026! We welcome all families to join us for the fun!

See the Field Day schedules below:

- 1st and 2nd Grade: Monday, May 18th from 12-2:30 PM
- 3rd-5th Grade: Tuesday, May 19th from 8:30-11 AM
- 6th and 7th Grade: Tuesday, May 19th from 1-3 PM

Please send your child with appropriate clothes and footwear for the day. In the past we have had rain, and also hot field days, so please pack clothes for warm or cold weather, a water bottle and sunscreen.



#### SchoolCafe Accounts

Please know that student account balances in SchoolCafe roll forward each year. Your student does not need to spend down the account by the end of this year if they are returning to Lincoln or any other Jeffco school, including our 8th graders going to high school. Any funds left in their account will be available for them to use next year. Please see Jeffco's [SchoolCafe page](#) for more information.



#### Lost and Found

To help clear items out, we will move our Lost and Found to tables in the courtyard outside the main office on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please stop by and take a look. You may find items you didn't know were missing! Any items not claimed by the end of the day on Thursday will be donated.



## Medications in the Clinic

All unused medication must be picked up by the last day of school on May 21. This includes prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Sharon Nickell will be available in the lobby during classroom awards on May 20 and 21 to return medications, so make sure to stop by her table if you need to pick anything up.

All medications that are left in the school health room after May 21 will be disposed of according to Jeffco policy. If you have any questions feel free to call our school Health Aide, Sharon Nickell, at 720-456-7210.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS



## Remember to Log your Hours

Please remember to [log any hours](#) you have spent doing volunteer work, attending PTO or Board meetings, shopping for donations or working an event. This last month of school is always full of events and activities, so please keep track of any time or donations and log them! This record of participation is crucial in our operation as a charter and every hour counts!



## End-of-Year Celebrations

Parents/Guardians are invited to join us at the dates and times listed below for our grade-level celebrations.

- Please note that siblings will NOT be released from class to attend Celebrations.

### Monday, May 18

#### Kindergarten Graduation

- 9:00 Drop students off at outside classroom doors
- 9:15 Music Performance and Specials/PRIDE Awards (Gym)
- 9:45 Classroom Awards
- 10:15 Reception and Dismissal

### Wednesday, May 20

#### Grades 1-4 Awards

All classroom awards for grades 2-4 are in the gym.

- 1st 8:30-9:15
  - Wennen (Student Center)
  - Jenkins (Gym)
- 1st 9:30-10:15
  - Giddings (Student Center)
  - Paulsen (Gym)
- 4th 10:20-11:20
- 2nd 11:30-1:20
  - 11:30-12:00 Nixon
  - 12:10-12:40 Gardner
  - 12:50-1:20 Castro
- 3rd 1:30-2:30

### Thursday, May 21

#### Grade 5 9:00-9:45

- Gym

#### Grade 6 10:00-10:45

- Gym

#### Grade 7 11:00-11:45

- Gym

For Grades 5-7, we will notify families if their child is receiving a classroom award other than Honor Roll.



## Staff Changes for 26/27 School Year

### New Staff at Lincoln 26/27

[See this document](#) to meet the new staff at Lincoln next year! Updates will be made as hiring is completed.

### Staff Changing Position Next Year

Amy Jenkins

READ Act Interventionist/Coordinator

Jeanne Papantonakis

Middle School SPED Teacher

Erin Hecox

Principal Secretary

## Open Positions for 26/27

[Facilities Team Member](#)

[School Secretary](#)

[Educational Assistant](#)

[Leopard Care Licensed Lead](#)

## General Teaching Application

We would like to welcome anyone interested in teaching at Lincoln to submit a general [employment application](#). We will keep these on file and reach out if a suitable position becomes available.



## Enrollment for 2026/2027 School Year

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

We currently have 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, 2026, 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](mailto:barbara.robinson@jeffco.k12.co.us). We are also **now enrolling older 3 year olds for the PM PreK class** for next year. Let Barbara know if you would like to enroll an older 3 year old and she can help you with that process. Please help us spread the word about our wonderful PreK program to any families you know!

We also have spaces available for **2nd Grade** for next school year. If you know of any families who have an incoming 2nd grader and are looking for a quality education and great school community, tell them about Lincoln!



## Rockies Fundraiser

The Rockies Lincoln Academy Community Night is Friday, September 18, 2026 at 6:10 pm. The Rockies will be playing the Seattle Mariners. 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 <https://www.mlb.com/rockies/tickets/specials/lincoln-academy-charter-school>. Tickets are \$25.00 plus fees. Please purchase your tickets early to get your seats close to other Lincoln families.

## Board of Directors



## Board Blast

Highlights from the April Board of Directors meeting are now available under a new Board Blast! These postings are intended to provide quick highlights of key topics discussed. If you'd like to learn more, we encourage you to listen to our meetings, join a committee, and check out our webpage.

[April Board Blast](#)

## Summer Information



## Summer Reading Challenges

### Pizza Hut Book It! program

From June 1-August 31, families with children in PreK through 6th grade can participate in Pizza Hut's Book It! Challenge. Reading throughout the summer can earn students a Free Personal Pan Pizza! [See this flyer](#) for more information and to register your student.

### Jeffco Library Summer Reading Challenge

It's time to DinoSOAR Into Stories as you embark on an epic adventure to collect badges and win prizes during JCPL's Summer Reading program!

Register to roar into fossil-fueled fun as you unearth unforgettable tales, fascinating facts and prehistoric characters. Don't forget your explorer gear — we're on a journey to make summer boredom go extinct! Registration opens May 1! [Click here for more information.](#)

When registering for the Library Summer Challenge, select Lincoln Academy. The points you earn for your activities and reading will automatically count toward the school competition! Sorry, parents and teachers: the School Contest part of the Summer Challenge is only for the students (ages 4 - 18). But please encourage and cheer them on!

Schools that show improvement will be entered into a drawing to win \$800. Lincoln's Finishing Rate in 2025 was 14.7%. Let's top that and aim for 31% in 2026!



### Leopard Care Summer Camp

Leopard Care is now enrolling currently attending Lincoln Academy students for summer camp, which will be held on Tuesdays-Thursdays from 7:30AM - 5:30PM in June and July. The registration fee is \$75 per child. The camp fee is \$65 per day, per child. Enrollment is first come, first served, so enroll today! Email [laleopardcare@gmail.com](mailto:laleopardcare@gmail.com) with any questions.

You do not have to be a current Leopard Care family to participate in Leopard Care Camp, just a **currently attending** Lincoln student.

Sign up form link - <https://forms.gle/PK7tF4Re5v4UmTXG7>



### Band Camps

Mrs. Newsom, our band teacher, is offering two summer band camps this July.

- [Summer Band 2026](#): For any students who played in band during the 25-26 school year
- [Beginning Band Jump Start](#): For incoming 5th or 6th graders who plans to take Beginning Band during the 26-27 school year

Click the linked documents to learn more and to register your student. Contact Mrs. Newsom at [jessie.newsom@jeffcoschools.us](mailto:jessie.newsom@jeffcoschools.us) with any questions.



## Camp Invention 2026

Calling all Innovators for Camp Invention 2026!

- Who: Curious kids entering grades K-6.
- What: A summer day camp filled with fun, hands-on STEM adventures led by qualified local educators, designed to spark creativity, build confidence and ignite a lifelong love for learning.
- Where: 7180 Oak Street, Arvada, CO 80004
- When: 6/1/2026 - 6/5/2026
- Why Choose Us: Kids thrive at camp as they jump into hands-on fun and grow through enriching STEM experiences carefully crafted to spark joy and ensure the development of persistence, adaptability and creative problem-solving skills.

Here is the link for more information and to register for camp:

<https://www.invent.org/program-search/camp-invention/co51/13639>

\*Camp Invention is open to all students, not just those that attend Lincoln. Please feel free to share this opportunity with family, friends, and neighbors in the community!

## PTO News



### PTO Leadership Position still open! Co-Event Coordinator

We are still looking for someone to co-lead in this fun role. If you love planning events and would want to be a part of coordinating Fall Festival, our Spring community fundraiser, and general fundraising initiatives we would love to connect with you! Email Lauren at [ptoleopards@gmail.com](mailto:ptoleopards@gmail.com) to learn more.



### Last Community Night of the Year

Please join us for the final PTO community event of the year. This event runs all day, not just the evening, from 8:30 am until close. This means you can get breakfast and coffee in the morning as well as snacks and drinks throughout the day! Best of all, 25% of your order will go to PTO for next year's events and activities.



### School Supply Kits - The Store Is Open!

Parents, your 2026/2027 school supply kits are now available! Skip the store lines and start next year stress-free with the exact supplies your child's teacher requested. Ordering now ensures you're ready for back-to-school, no guesswork and no last-minute shopping. Order today and cross one thing off your list! Shop supplies [here](#). Supplies will be available to pick up at school in August before Back to School night.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Track It Forward

There are tons of volunteer opportunities available on Track-It-Forward. From in the classroom to at-home, middle school sports, FROYO sales, WatchDOGS, snacks for the mental health team - there is something for everyone! Read more about [these volunteer opportunities here](#).

Do you love Bliss Froyo and the joy it brings our students every Friday?! We would love for you to volunteer and help us sell this delicious treat (it's just 2:30-3:30 on Fridays!). Simply click the date link you'd be able to sign up and volunteer. Of course, volunteering is always weather pending -- but our students LOVE it, even when it is cold out! Thank you, Lincoln Families!

- Thursday, May 21: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/423485/event/1183779>

### Help Keep Lincoln Academy Beautiful — Join LA Landscape Workdays!

Join fellow families and neighbors to help care for the Lincoln Academy campus this spring, summer, and fall. LA Landscape Workdays are family-friendly and open to volunteers of all ages. Tasks include clean-up, planting, weeding, watering, small landscaping projects, and more—no experience required. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and a water bottle; tools and guidance will be provided. Sign up on [Track It Forward](#) (filter events by Landscape Committee).

Dates for the LA Landscape Crew are the following:

Sunday, May 17th, from 9am to 11:30am

Sunday, June 7th, from 9am to 11:30am

*more dates to follow - be sure to check on Track it Forward for details*

## Local Area Information



### Pomona Summer Camps

Pomona is hosting a lifting/speed camp Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning of June until mid-July from 11 am-12:30 pm. Here is the [link to register](#). 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 13-16 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](#).



### Arvada West Summer Programs

**Arvada West Summer Youth Wrestling Program** kicks off their summer session on Tuesday, June 2nd! This program runs through September 27. All youth wrestlers are welcome — no prior experience required. Anyone interested should refer to the flyer below for additional details and information on how to register: [Arvada West Youth Summer Wrestling Program](#).

#### **Patrick Surtain II Football Camp is coming to Arvada West High School!**

Get ready for an unforgettable day on the field! Arvada West and Legendary Sports Xperiences (LSX) are teaming up to bring Denver Broncos All-Pro cornerback Patrick Surtain II to our campus for a high-energy youth football camp.

#### **The Details:**

- **When:** Saturday, July 18, 2026
- **Where:** Arvada West High School
- **Who:** Boys & Girls, Ages 6–14
- [Patrick Surtain II Camp Flyer](#)

**Spots will fill up fast—register your athlete today!**

**Register at:** [www.LegendarySportsX.com](http://www.LegendarySportsX.com)



## Mini Mustang Poms

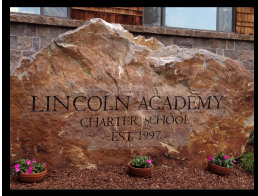
The RV Poms team is hosting a Mini Mustangs Pom summer camp on June 4-5 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm for students ages 4-11. They will teach a dance each day along with crafts and fun activities, with a performance at the end of each day. See [this link to register](#).



## After-School Care Option for 2026/2027

For those families on Leopard Care's waitlist for next year or anyone else looking for an after-school care option for next year, the Apex Center will continue to offer an [After School Care program](#). Transportation will be provided from Lincoln to the Apex Center. Students can enjoy snacks, homework help, crafts and activities. Contact Melinda at [MelindaR@ApexPRD.org](mailto:MelindaR@ApexPRD.org) for more information or to register.

## 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.