



Parent Newsletter | Fall 2026

Monday, Oct. 5 - Friday, Oct. 9:

Fall Break: No School

Tuesday, Oct. 13:

First Fall 2026 Concert at LHS

Monday, October 26

LUSD Department of Public

Safety

Trunk or Treat: 6225 Harrisburg
Pl.

Welcome Back, Lincoln Families!

The Lincoln Unified staff team welcomes families back for another year of engaging educational opportunities and events to bring our community together. Our educators have a year-round commitment to preparing engaging instruction and welcoming classroom environments. At summer events such as teacher orientation and the Lincoln All-District Kickoff, new and returning staff throughout this district showed their passion for helping students succeed. We appreciate every teacher, administrator and classified employee for their commitment to students and families.

The Fall 2026 semester has already featured yearly traditions such as Back to School Nights, when students and parents can tour our classrooms and meet the teachers who are committed to providing inclusive learning spaces for all. Our elementary campuses are providing creative, hands-on learning experiences with initiatives such as the ABC Bootcamp at Claudia Landeen, which gives Kindergartners the opportunity to practice core curriculum through themed activities. At Sierra Middle School and Lincoln High School, students are encouraged to meet peers with similar interests and experiences through on-campus clubs, which were presented at Club Rush events. Our high school students can also learn about post-graduation opportunities through visits from college and university representatives.

Our students make us proud with their passion for learning and dedication to demonstrating their talents. In the Spring 2026 semester, Jason Aranda earned 1st Place in the Parade Masters division of the California Drum Major Championships, while Mackenzie Wheeler became the first ever Lincoln High School swimmer to get 5th Place in the 100 Women's Freestyle and compete at the CIF State Swim and Dive Championship. Over the summer, Scarlett Cabales-Moon represented Lincoln High in Washington, D.C. as she became the National Champion in Interview Skills for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Students in our drama departments presented sold-out shows of "Moana Jr." during our Summer 2026 Theater Program.

We look forward to seeing what all our students will achieve this year as they build positive partnerships with peers while impressing staff with their work ethic and personal integrity. We'd like to thank every parent and guardian who helps our youth deliver their best work by assuring they arrive at school on time and ready to learn each day. Together, we aim to make every Lincoln Unified campus a place where students have the resources they need to succeed!

Superintendent's Message

Lincoln Unified staff members are happy to reunite with students and families this semester. Regardless of their job title or work site location, they share our mission to shape the future of this community by guiding all students toward their post-graduation goals and dreams. This school year, we have calibrated teaching standards for English Language arts, mathematics and all core classes to help strengthen individual student needs and outcomes while we continue to engage in discussions for our next steps. Every staff member is instrumental in helping us achieve this goal, from teachers and administrators to bus drivers and food service workers. We appreciate the support of our parents and guardians to help every staff member make students feel welcome and capable of success every day.

District Job Openings

Vacancies include general and special education teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers and campus monitors. For more, visit: edjoin.org/lincolnunified



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for upcoming job application clinic dates!



Enroll for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Though our priority enrollment period has passed, we remain open for new students year-round! Packets may be picked up at any school front office, our district office, the enrollment services office on North Harrisburg Place, or 2016 Paloma Avenue. Enrollment for grades TK-8 can also be done online at our website:

www.lusd.net/departments/enrollment-services.

For questions about TK - 12th Grade enrollment, call **(209) 953-8711**.

To learn more about preschool enrollment, call **(209) 953-8731**.

Teachers Welcome Lincoln Families to Classrooms During Back to School Night Events:

Our educators take pride in building meaningful relationships with students and families at Lincoln Unified campuses. To celebrate the start of the 2026-27 school year, teachers and administrators welcomed Lincoln families to Back to School Nights throughout the month of August. At our elementary and middle school campuses, parents and guardians visited classrooms to meet their students' teachers, review class expectations, and experience a preview of the interactive learning opportunities, resources, trips and activities being provided this year. Lincoln High School hosted its own Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 19, when parents and guardians visited each class in their students' schedules to experience Trojans' daily routines. And on Thursday, August 13, Village Oaks High School invited current and returning families to campus for conversations with teachers, administrators and public safety officers.



Music Teachers Welcome Students to Band, Choir and Strings Elective Classes

As one of the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education, Lincoln Unified provides early opportunities for students to engage with music so they can develop their skills from elementary through high school levels. John McCandless STEM Charter School offers band as an elective for 5th and 6th Graders, while all other TK-6 and TK-8 campuses provide this class along with choir and strings for 4th through 6th Graders. During the first two weeks of the school year, our elementary music teachers demonstrated the instruments that students can learn to play in these classes through a series of assemblies where they performed many recognizable songs for students.



TK-6th Grade Students Enjoy Exploration, Discovery and Teamwork at July Camp 2026

The July Camp program returned to Lincoln Unified with voluntary group activities, field trips and visits from community partners to help students experience the excitement of science and the joy of creativity. Throughout the month of July 2026, students in transitional kindergarten through 6th Grade gathered at John R. Williams School for interactive learning and projects combining art and STEM subjects. During a week centered on animal studies, students decorated their own sea shells to immerse themselves in a coastal habitat, created miniature shelters for farm animals, and met Rocket, the K-9 officer dog who helps protect Lincoln Schools through our partnership with Bullseye K9 Detection.





Fall Celebrations Coming Up at Lincoln Unified Schools

Our campuses will host festive celebrations for families in this community throughout October and November.

-10/1: Concert on the Hill (Don Riggio)

-10/2: Fall Festivals (Lincoln Elementary, Mable Barron)

-10/16: Festivals (Brookside, Tully C. Knoles)

-11/6: Festivals (Claudia Landeen, John McCandless, John R. Williams)

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