



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

May 2026

What We Learned

Language Arts

Students practiced fluency with vowels and consonant sounds, in reading and writing. The FLSZ rule was introduced and explored how “ll” can change vowel sounds after a, o, and u. In reading, students expanded super reader powers by using strategies to help decode tricky words with independence. Students practiced using picture clues, noticing story details and feelings, and using their slider power to sound out words and check that what they read makes sense. Students did a deep dive into animal studies, creating their own informational books.

New Heart Words: there, here, good, eat, your, want

Math

Students learned to count, read, and write numbers from 11 to 20 and practiced counting forward from any given number to 20. Students learned how to compose and decompose these numbers, demonstrating an understanding of 10 and “some” ones. Building off this knowledge students learned to count and read numbers to 100 worked with a hundred chart to recognize patterns when counting by tens and ones.

Upcoming Events

- May 1–7 APEX Fundraiser
- May 7 PTA APEX Fun Run
Parents invited weather permitting
- May 8 Pre-Ordered Plant Pick Up
Behind School during dismissal
- May 12 Parent Information Session
7:00 PM, Adult only, for those new to Lincoln or Washington Schools
- May 14 All School Yoga
Dress to participate & bring a mat (extras are available)
- May 15 Lunch Portal Opens for June
- May 22 **One Session Day**
12:45 Dismissal, bring snack
- May 25 **Schools Closed for Memorial Day**
- May 29 Parent Academy Presentation,
9:15 at Lincoln School,
Beyond the Books- explore how everyday moments can shape your child’s developing brain.

Contact Info

Report Absences to:

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Main Office:

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Parent Information

New Parent Orientations for Grade 1

Dr. Jeanna Velechko, Principal of Lincoln School and Ms. Jessica Saxon, Principal of Washington School, invite parents/guardians, that are new to the Lincoln or Washington School communities, to an evening information session at their respective school. This is an adult only event, held on May 12, at 7:00 PM.

A letter from your child's assigned school will be mailed home with more specific information regarding this event.

End of Year Events

Though we have many exciting events planned for our students in the month of June, the Kindergarten Center does not have a move up ceremony or graduation. Please mark your calendar:

June 1 Kindergarten Fun Day, 1:30 Dismissal

June 2 No School, Staff PD

June 4 Kindergarten Fun Day RAIN DATE

June 5 Kindergarteners visit first grade

June 9 Kindergarten Concert (Evening)

At Washington School,
family/friends welcomed

Reminders

Spring Fashion

Please dress your child in layers to ensure that your child is comfortable in air conditioned classrooms and for outside activities. Don't forget to label their clothing.

All shoes must have backs to them- no slides, backless crocs, flip-flops or any type of backless shoes. Your child may not be to participate in their lunch recess or class recess if their shoes pose a safety concern. Please also be sure that tops are appropriate for school. Undershirts and camisoles are not appropriate shirts to be worn in school!

Pre-Order Plant Sale

Pick up is on Friday, May 8 at dismissal behind the school. Information has been shared by the Kindergarten Center PTA.

Friday PTA Sales

Ice pops and assorted items will be for sale on Fridays immediately afterschool, weather permitting.

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Looking Ahead

June 1 Fun Day, 1:30 Dismissal

Please wear your class t-shirt gifted to students and sent home Friday, May 29th.

June 2 Schools Closed, PD Day

June 4 Fun Day Rain Date, 1:30 Dismissal

June 5 Students Visit Grade 1 at LS & WS

June 9 MUSIC CONCERT: 2 sessions

****2 sessions and the updated date****

6:00 Concert at Washington School

Arrive 5:45: Ruglio, Sayre,
McCarthy, Rim

6:45 Concert at Washington School

Arrive 6:30: Soto, Parkinson,
Witalis, Robertson

June 15 Red, White & Blue Day

June 17 One Session Day, 12:45 Dismissal

Beach Day: Rim, Parkinson, Robertson

June 18 One Session Day, 12:45 Dismissal

Beach Day: Soto, Sayre, Witalis

June 19 One Session Day, 12:45 Dismissal

Beach Day: McCarthy, Ruglio

June 22 One Session Day, 12:45 Dismissal

June 23 Carnival Day with Ice Cream Truck

Sponsored by our PTA

Last Day, Dismissal 12:45

Report Cards will be available via
the Parent Portal the afternoon of June 23!

Health Office

Allergy Season

Any help with tissues would be appreciated as well. Please consider sending some in with your child!

If your child significantly suffers from seasonal allergies and needs medication administered during the day, please contact Nurse Erica Farrell for paperwork. Please be sure to have your doctor complete the orders for administration and provide the medication with the orders to the nurse.

Injuries

Remember to also communicate any injuries that a child may have that may limit their participation within the school day ie-stitches, sprains, breaks, etc!

Beach Days

Students wear their bathing suits to school with appropriate cover ups and foot wear to participate in a fun day of water play and games. Dates vary by class and noted on calendar.

KINDERGARTEN CENTER

Playground and School Grounds

Playground and school property close for Bulldog Care use at 3:00. Please be mindful of your time and plan accordingly. The Kindergarten Center recognizes the benefits and importance of free play and need the assistance of our students' adult(s) to ensure safety within play when school is not in session!

- Children are not permitted back into the building once they are dismissed by their teacher.
- If an area is sectioned off, enforce this.
- Parents/guardians must be on school property monitoring their child at ALL times. Do not watch from the car. Your child must be in your sight and are not to run around the school.
- Children should not be playing in or around the bushes or the ground coverage. This includes digging anywhere, running through vegetation, or picking/pulling at branches.
- No standing or jumping from the top of the climbing rock.
- No climbing or standing on the playground bridge railing.
- Do not climb over fences or railings between play areas.
- Do not jump off the wall towards the equipment area, or jump or stand inappropriately on the equipment.
- No banging on windows, ringing door bells or congregating on stairs or entry/exit.
- Do not write on school property.
- Do not leave garbage of any sorts behind.
- Be mindful of over crowding during play as this lends itself to injuries and unsafe play.

