

Lincoln School October 2024 Newsletter

Hard Character Traits - This month Lincoln School is focusing on the hard character trait- **fairness**. Fairness is demonstrating impartial, unbiased, and equitable treatment of others. You give up personal interests, prejudice and favoritism. Fairness is defined by some as little more than “playing by the rules” and not taking advantage of others. It is challenging to learn how to handle it when life isn’t always fair!!

“Being good is easy, what is difficult is being fair.” – Victor Hugo

Week of Respect - The Week of Respect is October 7-11. Even though NJ designates one week for activities, we continue to emphasize character traits throughout the year to foster positive character development. Here are some planned activities with the intent of building a strong sense of community.

Week of October 7th -- Week of Respect

- October 7th is wear **Blue** for World Anti-Bullying Day (District-wide)
- Ms. Bregman visits the classrooms
- Make friends with someone you don’t know
- October 11th is wear **Green** for Fairness (Character Trait)
- Discuss ways characters in books handle differences, disputes and form friendships.

Week of October 21st -- Safe Schools Weeks

- Week of Anti-Violence & Vandalism – classroom lessons
- Write positive messages for school/community members (cards, letters)
- Review playing safely when at school
- Learning about those in community who keep us safe

October Vocabulary - This year we again continue our initiative to build our students' vocabulary. This improves comprehension and writing. Each week, each grade level will have exposure to four words throughout the day. Specialists, homeroom teachers, custodians, lunch aides and office staff will infuse these words in daily conversations. We know children need to hear a word multiple times before they can understand the meaning in text and use the new word in writing and speaking. Parents are encouraged to use these words also to complement our efforts. Below is the list of October words for each grade level:

Pre-K

Week of:	Words to infuse
10/7	look, hide
10/14	make, one

10/21 play, funny
10/28 run, see

Grade 1

Week of:	Words to infuse
10/7	curved, decorate, champion, disguise
10/14	drench, flat, crowded, dart
10/21	polish, ripe, jealous, sneak
10/28	attack, spiral, striped, whirl

Grade 2

Week of:	Words to infuse
10/7	share, attention, collect, design
10/14	branch, chew, dawn, instrument
10/21	crowd, curious, leap, invent
10/28	famous, local, zigzag, insect

Grade 3

Week of:	Words to infuse
10/7	globe, grace, digest, individual
10/14	intend, responsible, ability, climate
10/21	aboard, brilliant, volunteer, launch
10/28	capture, continent, magnificent, process

National Fire Prevention and Safety Month - Teachers will speak to the children about fire prevention and safety in October. Lincoln School schedules a fire drill once a month so the children are aware of evacuation procedures. We will remind students to practice fire drills and make sure there is a fire plan in place at home. It's a good time to change batteries in any smoke alarms.

Class Directory: Next week, we will be sharing a class directory (class teacher, student names, address, parent names, emails and phone numbers) with the PTA and those in the classroom. This list is for directory purposes only and cannot be used to solicit sales. Please return your child's directory to the office only if there is a typographical error in your information. The information was entered by parents during the registration process.

PTA CORNER

- **PTA Meeting-** Please join us for our first PTA meeting on October 22 at 7pm in the Art/Music Room. Enter through the front doors of school on Montross Avenue. Following the meeting, ALL are invited to join us at The Roosevelt for cocktails (cash

bar) & conversation. Learn about the PTA and how you can get involved and make a difference.

- **Fall Bulb Planting-** The PTA is purchasing spring bulbs for Lincoln School. Each student will plant a bulb that we hope will welcome spring.
- **PTA Halloween Social** is Friday, October 25th from 6:30-8:15pm for Grades 1-3 only (Only PTA members who sign-up to volunteer may attend).* See attached flyer from the PTA. **In order to keep everyone safe, a parent/guardian must sign student(s) in at the event at the gym doors. At the end of the event, a parent/guardian must sign the student out on the same sheet as signed in, get a ticket corresponding to the number of children leaving, and exit out the back doors of the gym.*
- **PTA Volunteers for Halloween and Valentine Socials-** This is a great problem to have! We have so many parents who wish to volunteer for the socials, but we are limited by how many parents can volunteer for each event. This year we are asking you to volunteer for either the Halloween **OR** Valentine social. ***Sign Up Genius*** will be sent out for each social 1 week ahead of the event. This gives more opportunity to other parents. We still may have too many volunteers, but we are hoping this helps. **You must be a member of the PTA in order to volunteer for school events (socials, chaperone class trips, etc).** Check the PTA member hub on how to become a member and volunteer:
<https://lincolnschool07070.memberhub.com/store>

Halloween Parade Information-Thursday, October 31st -- It's about that time again...time for the Ghouls & Goblins to roam at Lincoln School! We have a few helpful hints to make sure that our upcoming Halloween parade is fun & safe! Make sure to return the attached permission slip regarding your lunch arrangements.

Lincoln School Grades 1-3 and Mulrain/Russo K Students - If possible, have children go home for lunch to change into their costumes. Students are not to come to school in costumes. **Please return the attached permission slip to the teacher by October 2th.** A paper copy of this permission slip is being sent home via backpack. This will eliminate the need to sign out your children in the main office if they do go home for lunch. Students will exit out the afternoon DISMISSAL doors. Teachers will monitor that students are picked up. If children cannot go home for lunch, lunch aides will assist them in putting on their costumes. **There is no PTA lunch service on this day.**

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO HOME FOR LUNCH TO CHANGE INTO COSTUMES. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE LUNCH PERIOD THIS DAY TO ASSIST YOU IN DRESSING YOUR CHILDREN.

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE LUNCH FROM 11:55-12:50pm.

When returning from lunch, all students should enter their morning door starting at 12:45pm. Students should not return before 12:45 p.m. Lincoln's costume parade will begin at 1:30pm.

All preschool students should come dressed in costume for the Halloween session.

Parade Time for Other Schools:

- Lincoln School: 1:30pm
- The Kindergarten Center: 2:10pm

In the case of rain, there will be no parade, only classroom parties. Children will make a craft in the classroom. Think sunshine!!!

Lincoln Students will parade on Montross Avenue in front of the school. Rutherford Police Department will close the area for safety. Parents and guests should line up on the sidewalks facing the street. Bring your camera!

REMINDER: Children should NOT bring any weapon-like props (i.e., guns, swords, etc.) to school. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Highlights from On-line Calendar (<http://www.rutherfordschools.org/district/lincoln>):

- Oct. 7-11: Week of Respect
- Oct. 7: Wear **BLUE** to World AntiBullying Day
- Oct. 11: Wear **GREEN** for Fairness
- Oct. 14: **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS**-Teacher Professional Development Day
- Oct. 16: Wear **ORANGE** for Unity Day
- Oct. 18: School Spirit Day: Wear blue/white or Bulldog gear
Lunch Portal opens for November. Open until 8am on 10/25/24
- Oct. 21-26: Safe Schools Week
- Oct. 21: RBOE Meeting RHS Café@7:30pm. – Scholastic Awards
- Oct. 22: PTA Meeting in Art/Music Room@7pm. Enter through the front doors.
- Oct. 22: Return Halloween Lunch Permission form by today
- Oct. 23: ESL Open House, RHS Library, 6:30-7:30pm
- Oct. 25:: Lunch portal closes for November lunch @ 8am!!
- Oct. 25: PTA Halloween Social – 6:30-8:15pm for Grades 1-3 only (Drop off event -- only assigned parent volunteers permitted to attend)
- Oct. 31: **ONE LUNCH 11:55am-12:50pm** – Permission slip must have been returned to school for child to leave building No PTA lunch today
- Oct. 31: Halloween Parade Montross Ave @ 1:30pm. Canceled if it rains – Celebration will be held in the classroom.

- Attachment:
- Nurse Moldez introduction letter
 - Reading Newsletter
 - PTA Halloween Social Flyer
 - Halloween Lunch Permission Slip (paper copy will be sent home)



LINCOLN SCHOOL

Dr. Jeanna Czerniecki Velechko
Principal

September 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I just wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself as the new school nurse of Lincoln School. My name is Dianne Moldez, and I am so excited to work with all of you and your children this coming school year. After graduating Rutgers School of Newark in 2017, I worked at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for 7 years. During that time, I worked with patients of all stages in life, starting with adults on a cardiac unit, to pediatric patients, and all the way down to the smallest babies in the Neonatal ICU.

A little bit about me: I have a husband, two sons (4 and 2 years old), and a dog named Kobe. I was born in the Philippines but moved to the United States with my family when I was 2 years old. I love to sing, more particularly, karaoke, but don't ask me to dance because I have two left feet. I actually also have a career background in teaching, so this job is bringing my two passions together: education and nursing. I taught preschool for about 4 years before a life-changing event that led me to go to nursing school.

Please feel free to reach out via email with any questions or concerns you may have. I will try my best to help any way that I can. I look forward to working with your little ones and helping them stay healthy throughout the school year. Don't forget to encourage healthy habits at home :)

"Students must be healthy to be educated and educated to be healthy." -unknown author

Warm regards,

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From the Reading Team

October 2024



For the month of October students will be busy exploring the first unit of Advancing Literacy. In this newsletter you will find a detailed explanation on the current reading strategies, phonics patterns and questions that you can ask your child at home to reinforce what was learned in school for each grade level.

First Grade

Advancing Literacy Unit 1- Good Readers Have Good Habits

Students will learn that readers have good habits for starting a book, reading a book and finishing a book. They will practice previewing the book, identifying story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution), answering questions about the story and retelling their just right books.

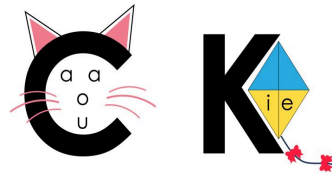
Questions you can ask your child at home while reading:

- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Who are the characters?
- Where is the setting?
- What is the problem and solution?
- Retell the important events in order.
- Ask questions about the story using the words who, what, where, why and when.

October Phonics Patterns and Spelling Rules

Your child will learn how to read and spell words that follow all of these spelling patterns and rules in the month of October.

- short vowels a, i, o with all consonants
 - **Examples:** pig, hat, top
- -ck ending
 - Rule- You only use /ck/ after a short vowel.
 - **Examples:** sack, pick, dock
- c or k rule
 - Rule: You always use k before /i/ and /e/.
 - **Examples:** kit, Ken
 - Rule: You always use c before /o/, /u/ and /a/
 - **Examples:** cot, cut, cap
- FSZL
 - Rule: When a short vowel is followed by an f, s, z, or l double the consonant in a one syllable word.
 - **Examples:** off, hill, pass, fizz
- glued sounds -ng & -nk
 - **Examples:** sing, long, rang, pink, sank, bonk



Second Grade

Advancing Literacy Unit 1 - Becoming a Big Kid Reader

Students will learn that “Big Kid Readers” read with fluency, can read books in a series, and are flexible word solvers. They will practice making predictions, identifying story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution), and answering questions about the story. Students are choosing just right books and building independent reading stamina.

How to Choose a Just Right Book:



5 Finger Rule

What to do: Pick a book. Open the book to any page. Read the page and put one finger up for each word you don't know.

0-1 Too Easy
1-2 Perfect Choice
3-4 Give It A Try
5+ Too Hard

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Your child will learn how to read and spell words that follow all of these spelling patterns and rules in the month of October.

- short vowel protectors: -tch and -dge
 - Rule: tch spells /ch/ at the end of a short vowel word
dge spells /j/ at the end of a short vowel word
 - **Examples:** pitch, bridge
- r-controlled vowels: ar, or, er, ir, ur
 - **Examples:** card, porch, herd, bird, turn

Third Grade

Advancing Literacy Unit 1 - Building a Reading Life

Students will become powerful readers as they find books that are just right for them. They will practice building their stamina in class and at home to reach their reading goals. Students will build their comprehension by envisioning, predicting and retelling stories. They will also use context clues to tackle more challenging texts.

Questions you can ask your child at home while reading:

- Based on your background knowledge, what do you think will happen in the story?
- What are you envisioning in your mind as you read?
- Retell the important events in order.

October Phonics Patterns and Spelling Rules

- r-controlled vowels: or, ar, er, ir, ur
 - Students will read multisyllabic words with r-controlled vowels
 - **Examples:** garlic, forty, numbering, thirsty, survive
- soft c and soft g
 - *Rule: c says /s/ followed by e, i, or y and g says /j/ followed by e, i, or y*
 - **Examples:** center, stage
- vowel teams: ay, ai, ee, ea, ey, oe, ow, oa, ie
 - *Rule: two vowels next to each other that make a long vowel sound*
 - **Examples:** haystack, mailbox, canteen, sneaking, chimney, tiptoe, slowpoke, sailboat, shield (ie says long e in the middle of a word)
- grapheme patterns: ind, ost, ild, old, oll, igh, eigh
 - Students will read words with grapheme patterns
 - **Examples:** kind, posted, child, folding, scroll, bright, weight (eigh says long a)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.


Sincerely,

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Reading Specialists, Lincoln School



Attention all you ghouls and goblins
Come Join us for a frightening good time!

LINCOLN SCHOOLS

Halloween Social

Friday, October 25th

GET READY FOR TRICKS, TREATS,
HAUNTS & SPOOKTACULAR MUSIC!

- Drop off Starts 6:20pm

via Gym doors near playground @ check in be sure to leave
phone number

- Pick up 8:15pm

via gym door near playground Upon checkout you will receive ticket that
must be handed to the volunteer by exit door at back of the gym.

- *Lincoln Students Grades 1-3 are invited to come dressed in costumes*

- **NO** • Weapons or props
• Siblings

★ **To Volunteer:**

- **YOU must be a PTA member to volunteer.**
- Register for specific station when posted to Sign up Genius. Volunteer slots are on a first come first served basis ONLY! Not all will be able to volunteer. Please note, different from previous years you can only volunteer for ONE social.
- **Please be prepared to man your station the ENTIRE party unless someone is covering for you.**



NO permission slips needed for this event, your consent
will be given when you sign your child in at the door.

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LINCOLN SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PERMISSION SLIP

My child, _____ in _____
(Name of Student) (Grade/Teacher)

has permission to go home for lunch on Thursday, October 31 from 11:50-12:55 p.m. I realize I cannot have my child return back to school before 12:45 p.m. The morning drop-off procedure will be followed.

OR

My child, _____ in _____
(Name of Student) (Grade/Teacher)

will be remaining in school on Thursday, October 31st and will have all materials needed if he/she is participating in the Halloween celebrations. We will gladly assist your child in getting ready.

Parent's Signature

Date

Please return by October 22nd