

Summer/Fall 2018

Dear Community Member,

Lincoln Elementary, located in White Bear Lake, is dedicated to providing exceptional educational opportunities to students. The Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA), a non-profit organization, helps further fund the enhancement and development of educational activities and projects at Lincoln Elementary for 470 students and 65 teachers and staff.

To add to the development and education of Lincoln students, the Lincoln staff and PTA have elected to build an outdoor classroom. Evidence-based research has shown that the implementation of outdoor learning is beneficial to students' education, encourages physical movement, and promotes psychological health. Additionally, regular use of the outdoor classroom fosters exploratory behavior and naturalistic thinking, aiding students to become environmental advocates. Lincoln Elementary would like to extend the use of the outdoor classroom space to be used by the entire community.

Our upcoming Lincoln Elementary Gala on November 2, 2018, hosted by the Lincoln PTA, will be held to fundraise for the outdoor classroom. We are writing to ask your organization to consider making a donation for the gala. Many businesses are donating goods and/or services for our silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the event go directly toward the PTA funding of the outdoor classroom. Each donated item will be featured the night of our event with a prominent mention of our valued donor.

We would be happy to send you more information and confirmation of our non-profit status. Please let us know if you have any questions.

If you have questions or would like us to pick up your donation, please contact Jess Mieke at (651) 260-1596 or [LincolnElementaryWBL@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnElementaryWBL@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration of support. We look forward to hearing from you!

With gratitude,

*Jess Mieke*

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If you would like to mail your donation, please send to:  
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<http://www.LincolnElementaryPTA.org>

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**Outdoor Classroom Learning Articles:**

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