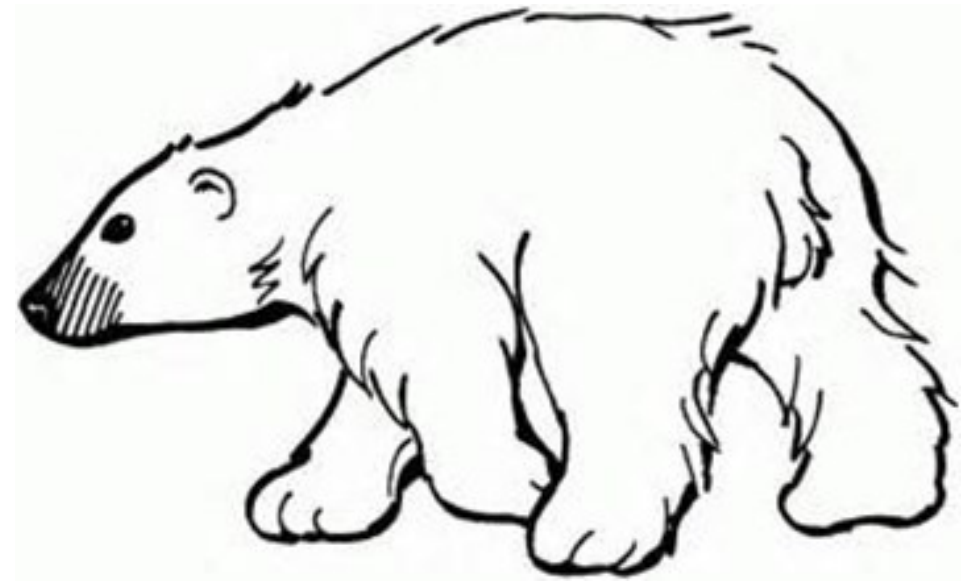


Lincoln Elementary PTA



Lincoln Elementary

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**Parent Teacher Association
Handbook
2019-2020**

**2019 - 2020
Summary of PTA Funded Activities**

Student & Classroom Support	\$17,350
Classroom Support, Enrichment and Enrichment Coordinator, Curriculum Enhancement, Phy Ed, Transportation for Field Trips, Homework Club / Intervention Support, Hug-A-Heart	
Art Enrichment	\$4,000
Deep Portage	\$3,000
(5th Grade Class Trip) Transportation Support	
Patrols	\$2,500
Supplies & Valley Fair	
Technology	\$3,800
Used to purchase iPods, extra Chromebooks, ink cartridges, misc. supplies	
Misc. Funds	\$9,450
Operating expenses, Teacher Appreciation, Lincoln T-shirts, Kindergarten Open House, Welcome Back Conferences, Teacher Development Days, Lincoln Environmental Fund, Lincoln Misc. Funds, carry-over funds	
Funding Total	\$40,100

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Dear Lincoln Families,

The Lincoln PTA Handbook provides information regarding PTA presented and sponsored activities and events.

Lincoln is fortunate to have many generous families - from fundraising to volunteering to make our events and initiatives successful. Our Lincoln community has proven time and time again to be supportive and enthusiastic. We are always excited to welcome new parents and guardians to our Lincoln family. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for all your time and energy!

Watch for PTA activities and events in your student(s)' take home folders. You can also find information for events and volunteer opportunities by visiting **Lincoln Elementary PTA, White Bear Lake** on Facebook as well as the Lincoln Elementary website. The URL is <http://www.whitebear.k12.mn.us/Lincoln/index.asp?ID=2978>.

We look forward to working with everyone this school year. If you are interested in helping to fill any of the open chair positions, or would like to assist in any of our events/activities, please contact Michelle Lange. Volunteers who wish to help in the classroom, lunchroom or playground will need to see Nicole Kendall regarding background check information.

Thank you to all for giving so much of your time!!! Please feel free to contact any one of us directly with questions or comments. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,
Jennie Zafft, Lincoln Elementary PTA President

Teacher Appreciation Dinners – Fall and Spring

In appreciation of our teachers, the PTA organizes dinner to be served during fall and spring evening conferences. PTA members select a theme, decorate the teachers' lounge, give door prizes and donate & serve the food.

CONTACT: Katie Mooers, 651-260-9452,
Katherine.mooers@securian.com

Theater – “PTA Productions”

PTA Productions is Lincoln's very own in-house Broadway Jr. theater production! Parents, teachers, staff and students make this an exciting theater experience for students in grades 1-5 who wish to participate! This event requires many parent volunteers! Watch for show announcement, auditions and volunteer sign-ups!

CONTACT: Jen Finger & Holly Andrekus,
lincolnptaproductions@gmail.com

Welcome Back Conferences

The Welcome Back Conference provides the students and their family members the opportunity to visit classrooms, bring in school supplies, sign-up with Scouts, and meet their teachers! The PTA Leadership team will be present to answer questions, recruit members & volunteers for school-wide events. You will also be able to set up breakfast and/or lunch accounts.

CONTACT: PTA Board Members (Page 3)

Yearbook

Each year, PTA Chairs and volunteers create a yearbook. All students and staff are pictured. Yearbooks are priced to cover expenses related to their publication. Please submit pictures you have taken of classroom events to your child's teacher.

CONTACT: Chris Greene,
lincolnyearbookmaster@gmail.com

Junior Achievement – Winter/Spring

Junior Achievement is a not-for-profit organization financed by businesses, foundations, and individuals. The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA provides volunteers with “teacher guides” and all necessary materials that empower the volunteers to teach 5 lessons (usually 30-45 minutes) to a particular class. Training is also provided. Each grade level has a different set of lessons.

CONTACT: Lynette Spence, 612-414-2230,
lynette.spence31@gmail.com

Lincoln Gala:

The Lincoln Gala raises funds to enhance our support of Lincoln Elementary & provides a fun night out for parents and staff. The gala will be held on Friday, October 25th and features dinner and music along with a silent & live auction. Donations and sponsors needed. CONTACT: Jess Miehle, 651-260-1596, jmmiehle@stkate.edu

Read-A-Thon:

This is both a reading motivator and a fundraiser. Students are asked to set a reading goal and then work to meet that goal. They are also encouraged to collect pledges. At the end of the read-a-thon, students are rewarded for meeting their goal, reading the most at each grade level, and raising the most money at each grade level.

CONTACT: Rosanna Rogers, 651-442-8690,
rosannarogers921@yahoo.com

Spirit Wear Store/T-Shirts & More:

T-Shirts are provided free to all kindergarten students and new students at the beginning of each school year. Students are encouraged to wear their Lincoln Lightning shirt the first few days of school as well as on field trips, and school spirit days. Shirts and water bottles, etc., are also sold through the student council. We carry adult and student sized Lincoln shirts.

CONTACT: Kelly Neeb, 414-232-8201, kellyneeb@gmail.com

PTA Meeting Dates for 2019-2020

All PTA meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month (unless noted) in the Media Center at Lincoln. **Free child care** will be provided in the small gym for all potty trained kids. Infants are welcome at the meetings.

Please join us! This is a great opportunity to become involved at Lincoln & get to know other Lincoln families. By attending the meetings you will learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, get updates on school news and issues.

Your voice matters! Attending the PTA meeting is free. However, if you would like to become a member there is a \$10 fee. This fee helps support our local PTA, the Minnesota PTA and the National PTA. The fee also helps cover our liability insurance coverage during PTA sponsored events. Membership includes voting rights on important issues for the Lincoln PTA. Anyone handling PTA funds must be a current paid PTA member.

Mark your calendar!

September 12 th	February 13 th
October 10 th	March 5 th
November 7 th	April 9 th
December: No meeting	May 14 th
January 9 th	

PTA Board Members: 2019-2020

President: Jennie Zafft, 612-964-7120, zafftjennie@gmail.com

Vice President: Michelle Lange, 651-226-6017, krjmlange@gmail.com

Secretary: Katie Mooers, 651-260-9452,
Katherine.mooers@securian.com

Treasurer: Kelly Neeb, 414-232-8201, kellyneeb@gmail.com

Lincoln Calendar of Events 2019-2020

August	8 Thursday	Kindergarten Assessments
	9 Friday	Kindergarten Assessments
	28 Wednesday	Welcome Conf./Pictures
September	3 Tuesday	Welcome Conf./Pictures
	4 Wednesday	First Day of School (Grades 1-5)
	5 Thursday	First Day of School (Kindergarten)
	12 Thursday	PTA Meeting – 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
October	2-4 Wed. - Fri.	Deep Portage – 5th grade
	7	No School - Teacher Work Day
	9 Wed.	Picture Retakes
	10 Thursday	PTA Meeting – 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	17 Thursday	No school - Education MN Conf.
	18 Friday	No school - Education MN Conf.
	21-24 Mon. – Thurs.	Book Fair
	24 Thursday	Fall Social & BOLT Night (5-8pm)
	25 Friday	Lincoln Gala, 6pm
	26 Saturday	Bear Scare Run
	30 Friday	Fall Parade - 2:15 PM
November	1 Friday	Fall Parade - 2:15 PM
	5 Tuesday	No School - Teacher Work Day
	6 Wednesday	Health Screening
	14 Thursday	PTA Meeting – 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	18 Monday	Teacher Appreciation Dinner
	18 Monday	No School - Conferences
	28-29 Wed-Fri	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December	3 Tuesday	Music Program Grades 1 & 2 - 6:30 PM Central Middle School
	23 - Jan. 3	No School - Winter Break

Direct Donation Campaign

Lincoln PTA will be conducting a Direct Donation Drive. Contributions will need to average \$50 per family for Direct Donation contributions or donations to the Lincoln Gala. Understanding that this may be a hardship on some families, we hope that those who are able to support PTA with a larger donation will do so. For families who are unable to make a \$50 donation, any amount donated will help enrich your child's experience at Lincoln and is greatly appreciated! 100% of your donated funds will go directly to the PTA budget which supports all student enrichment activities. Direct Donation contributions are tax deductible. CONTACT: Molly Ascheman, 612-867-0801, mollyascheman@yahoo.com

Fall Social / Lincoln Idol / BOLT (Bring Our Learning Together)

This fun event offers a chance for the kids and their families to play educational games & visit with friends. Pizza is available for purchase. Our kids can also showcase their talent on stage by performing in Lincoln Idol. They can perform with a group of friends or on their own. CONTACT: Emily Paradise, emilyjparadise@gmail.com

Family Nights Out

The PTA plans several Family Nights Out throughout the year. It is a chance for Lincoln family and friends to get together, share dinner together, and support Lincoln with a portion of your purchase going to the PTA. Past events have been held at Punch Pizza & Culver's. Stay tuned for future Family Night Out events! CONTACT: Amy McMillen, 571-643-3431, amysmcmillen@gmail.com

Grandparents' Day (every-other-year):

Grandparents (or other special individuals) are invited to enjoy classroom time with their grandchild(ren) on this day. This happens in May of even calendar years, so the next event will be in 2020.

Health Screening :

Each fall, students in grades 1-5 are screened for visual and hearing impairments. PTA volunteers assist Health Screening professionals to accomplish this task. The school nurse screens all kindergartners. CONTACT: Gina Storelee, gina.storelee@yahoo.com

Be Excited About Reading – B.E.A.R

BEAR Reading is a volunteer based reading opportunity offered to students that have a high interest in reading in grades 1-4. A parent volunteer chooses a book from the PTA BEAR Library (complete with book outlines and project ideas) to present to a group of children (usually 2 or 3 per classroom, total of 6-8 per group). Volunteers will be trained at Lincoln. BEAR groups meet for approximately 45 minutes once a week for 4-5 weeks.

CONTACT: Lynette Spence, 612-414-2230,

lynette.spence31@gmail.com

Book Fair – Fall/Spring

Scholastic Book Fair is a traveling bookstore that visits Lincoln for 1 week each fall and spring. Classrooms preview the book fair and the children create wish lists for books and other items geared to promote reading, writing and motor skill development. Children may purchase items before and after school. Watch for the opportunity to donate Scholastic gift certificates to children in need at Lincoln.

Volunteers are on hand to assist the children. Classroom teachers post a "Wish List" for anyone interested in purchasing books for their child's classroom. The book fair is open to the public.

Daytime and evening shopping hours are available. A percentage of the total sales fund PTA events. The media center will receive 5% of the sales in free books.

CONTACT: Christine Murphy, 651-261-1264,

Christine.murphy@yahoo.com

Carnival

The spring Carnival is the biggest family event held at Lincoln. Baskets of items are donated by each classroom and are drawn as door prizes. Watch for details in December for your child's classroom basket theme and please consider donating a nice item or money to go towards the classroom basket. Carnival games are set up in many of the classrooms. Food is available in the for purchase. To make this a success, we are in need of MANY volunteers to help set-up, work a booth, and/or clean-up the Carnival! Please consider joining in the fun! This is a great way to get to know other families!!

CONTACT: Katie Mooers, 651-260-9452,

Katherine.mooers@securian.com

Lincoln Calendar of Events 2019-2020

January	6	Monday	School Resumes
	7	Tuesday	Kindergarten Information Night
	9	Thursday	PTA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	20	Monday	No School - MLK Jr. Day
	21	Tuesday	Read-A-Thon Kickoff (Read-A-Thon Jan. 21 - Feb. 11)
	27	Monday	No School - Teacher Work Day
28	Tuesday	Carlson Art & Science Fair - 6:00-7:30 PM	
February	13	Thursday	PTA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	14	Friday	No School - Teacher Work Day
	17	Monday	No School - President's Day
	18	Tuesday	PM Conferences / Teacher Appreciation Dinner
	19	Wednesday	Read-A-Thon Closing Ceremony
	20	Thursday	PM Conference
March	2	Monday	Music Program Grades 4, & 5 – 6:30 PM Central Middle School Auditorium
	4	Wednesday	Spring Picture Day
	5	Thursday	PTA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	9-13	Mon. - Fri.	No School - Spring Break
	27-29	Fri-Sun	PTA Productions Performances Central Middle School Auditorium
April	9	Thursday	PTA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	10	Monday	No School
	21	Tuesday	Kindergarten Gathering – 5:30 PM
	23	Thursday	Carnival – 5-8 PM
May	4-8	Mon. - Fri.	Book Fair
	14	Thursday	PTA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM Media Center
	25	Monday	No School - Memorial Day
June	5	Friday	Last Day of School/ 5th Grade Graduation

Corporate Sponsors

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education are available on many consumer products. If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and have your child drop it in the Box Tops container in his/her classroom, making sure it has a valid expiration date. If your package has a new Scan label, there's no need to clip; just use the NEW Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to Lincoln's earnings online.



There is a grade level competition each month with a popcorn party for the class that can collect the most box tops. But don't stop bringing those box tops once your grade level competition is over!! In March, we will have an all school competition, adding each class' total for the entire school year. The winner of this competition gets to have breakfast with Mr. Schmidt.

The competition schedule is as follows:

September	Fifth Grade
October	Fourth Grade
November	Third Grade
December	Second Grade
January	First Grade
February	Kindergarten
March	All School – total for the year

Traditional box tops will be collected through the end of March. After that date, please save the box tops for the next school year! Continue scanning box tops all year. **Thanks! Every box top helps!** CONTACT: Gina Storelee, gina.storelee@yahoo.com

Kowalski's – Donates % of grocery purchase to Lincoln!

Look for the donation box near the Kowalski's entrance. Place your receipt in the Lincoln Elementary box and Kowalski's will donate a percentage of your purchase to Lincoln PTA!

PTA Sponsored Events

Art Adventure

In the fall, parent volunteers from each grade attend an Art Seminar at the Minneapolis Art Institute, providing instruction on the evaluation of selected Art prints (paid for by the PTA!). During the training, volunteers are taught all about each art piece. The pictures of the art pieces from the selected theme will be at Lincoln in January. Parent volunteers choose 1-3 days on the January calendar in the school office for when to teach about the art pieces to their chosen classroom for 45-60 minutes. This is a great way for art-loving parents/guardians to share their passion for the arts with the students! CONTACT: Lynette Spence, 612-414-2230, lynette.spence31@gmail.com

Art and Science Fair

The Carlson Art and Science Fair is held each January. This is a great opportunity for students at all grade levels to work independently on an art and/or science project in an area of special interest. All projects are displayed for an evening in the large gymnasium. All students and their families are invited to attend the fair exhibition. This is a proud moment for participating students. Following the event all participants are awarded a certificate and ribbon. CONTACT: Kim McDonald, 651-283-8687

Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence program is an enrichment classroom activity for all students. Lisa Servatius, our certified art teacher, brings art instruction into each classroom one time each trimester. This program provides Lincoln students with exposure to formal art education. Volunteers are needed to assist Lisa during these sessions.

CONTACT: Greg Hjelm, Gregory.hjelm@isd624.org

Bear Scare Fun Run/Walk

The PTA partners with Otter Lake Elementary and Bear Power to promote a Bear Scare Fun run/walk. The 2019 event is October 26th. All ghosts and ghouls can come in costume for the race with a costumer contest before the race begins.

CONTACT: Amy Swanson, acswanson@gmail.com