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Back-To-School

September 10, 2020

Principal's Message

It is great to be back at Lincoln! It warms my heart to see students excited to be back in the classrooms. We have had some challenges adapting to new routines, combined classes, room changes, handwashing and masks. But even with these obstacles it has truly been a pleasure to see students in front of teachers learning with their peers in classrooms and playing with their friends at recess. I want to thank you all for entrusting your children to our staff. I have been amazed at how well the systems put in place to keep children safe have been working. I also want to thank everyone for working as a team to follow the procedures regarding drop off and pick up.

This week our teachers have been focusing on teaching the daily routines and expectations of our school and classrooms which help us to be safe and respectful. They have reviewed handwashing, mask care, and social distancing. Moreover, they have been reviewing and teaching the “Full Value Agreement”. The "Full Value Agreement” states that all members of our Lincoln family will work as a team, keep each other emotionally and physically safe, and will speak up when something is not right. We ask that parents will follow these same expectations to help us create a culture of unity and respect throughout our building. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend as we gear up for our first full week starting Monday!

Ms. Bell

Mrs. Friske

Mr. Loper

Welcome New Staff

Lincoln is proud to welcome two members to our staff, and one surprise returning staff member. Becky Bell has joined us from Gaylord Public schools and is teaching 4th grade. Becky Friske is a former PHS grad who has joined us from Haslett Schools. She will be teaching 2nd and 3rd grades. Finally, Mike Loper has come out of retirement to help Lincoln get through a challenging school year by teaching physical education.

Daily Schedule:

- Playground is CLOSED before school.
- 7:55 a.m. teachers will pick up students at their designated door. Students arriving late will need to enter through the main entrance.
- 8:10 a.m. classes begin
- If your child is staying home sick for the day please be sure to call the office 231-348-2120 to report the absence. Please also be sure to list any symptoms that your child may be experiencing.
- 3:05 p.m. marks the end of the school day. Students are to be picked up outside at the same location as morning drop off. **Parents please be prompt about picking students up.**
- Due to the current health situation we cannot allow volunteers/ visitors in our buildings at this time.
- If the need should arise that you need to pick up your child early please ring the bell. Mrs. Strong will walk your child out to you.
- Item drop off. We respectfully ask that these visits are limited to essential only. (forgotten lunch) Please ring the bell , provide Mrs. Strong with the child name and teacher name. You will be asked to leave the items in the drop box outside.

Free and reduced lunch applications……

Parents, Thank you for filling out the numerous forms that we sent home on the first day. Your teamwork is appreciated. If you have not completed the free and reduced lunch form, please consider completing it even if you do not qualify, or plan on participating in this program. Our district can often be eligible for additional funding simply by recognizing qualified students. During the current covid crisis, all students may receive a free lunch and/or breakfast., even if they do not qualify for a free or reduced lunch.

Reminders

Immunizations

All Public Schools of Petoskey students, both in-person and online, are required to have up to date immunizations prior to being allowed to participate in instruction.

Placement Change Requests

As was indicated in the August enrollment form students participating in online instruction *are required to stay online for at least one semester. A new enrollment form will be sent to parents of online students prior to the start of the second semester, at which time parents can request in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.*

Students participating in in-person instruction can request to transition to online learning throughout the first semester. A change from in-person to online learning will be honored as staffing allows. If you are requesting a move from in-person to online instruction, please email a request to your building principal. You will be placed on a waiting list if we are not able to accommodate your request.

Attendance

Full day attendance is required for both in-person and online learning. Parents of K-12 in-person students and parents of 6-12 online students are required to call their child's school to report an absence. Parents of online elementary students are required to report an absence to their child's teacher.

End of day notes: If you need to make a change to your child's after school plan please call the office at 231-348-2120 before 2:30pm. We can not guarantee the delivery of messages after 2:30pm.

-Thank you

Please be sure to turn all of your child's 1st day papers if you have not already done so.

Let's be good neighbors !

We know that parking can be a challenge, but please do not block driveways. Public safety will be called and cars will be ticketed.

*** BE ALERT* Notifications and Smart911 Profile**

Sign up at www.cceoem.net for school closing alerts, weather alerts, traffic updates and more.

This is a FREE service that will send alerts to you via text, email or voice call.

Plan ahead! Please make an afterschool plan with your child and be consistent to the best of your ability. Children do better when they know their end of day plan.

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