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Dear Lincoln Families,

We are excited to welcome every Lincoln Lion back very soon for the start of our 2023-2024 school year! The staff at Lincoln are delighted to welcome your child back to school. Please review this letter for information regarding registration, finding out your child's classroom teacher, and other important back-to-school information.

We hope that you have reviewed a previous letter sent by DPS Central Office in early August sharing many pieces of important information including a Free and Reduced Child Nutrition Application Form, Registration Information, Open House, and becoming involved in PAC (Lincoln Lion Parent Leadership Team). Watch for follow-up emails with dates! Lincoln will also be looking for parents who may be interested in helping with activities and special events, as well as volunteering! Our goal is to keep our Lincoln school community strong and positive!

### **1. Registration & School Breakfast & Lunch Meals:**

**a. ALL students must complete the registration process even if they attended Lincoln the previous school year.** All Registration will be ONLINE and OPENS MONDAY, August 7! \*Laptop/Desktop or PowerSchool app is needed to complete the process easily. To complete online registration, log into PowerSchool and choose "forms" listed and you will need to complete ALL forms listed. The BACKPACK PROGRAM FORM is optional and only needs to be completed if you would like to participate. If you do not have PowerSchool information, please call Lincoln at 701-456-0014 or email [phcidt@dpsnd.org](mailto:phcidt@dpsnd.org)

**b.** When all forms have been finished, you need to choose "My School Bucks" on the right-hand side of the DPS website under Families to pay breakfast & lunch meal fees. (If you are new or do not have a "My School Bucks" account please take time to set this up or contact the school office for assistance.) Meals may also be paid for with cash or check in the school office. USDA's FREE school meals ended June 30th, 2022. The 2023-2024 meal cost per student is:

Breakfast: K-12=\$2.25 / Lunch: K-5= \$3.40 /Extra Milk -Breakfast or Lunch= \$0.50

Free & Reduced meal forms were mailed out to you during the summer. These forms are important and critical to school funding for both our school and our district. Therefore, we ask that you complete it even if your child doesn't plan to eat breakfast or lunch at Lincoln. **Students and Staff are not allowed to charge for their school meals if no money is present in their account this year.** \*We encourage ALL Families to complete the Free & Reduced Form as soon as possible or call the Lincoln office. This form is also available on the DPS home page. \*Attached to this email you will find the DPS 2023-2024 Free and Reduced Form to complete.

## 2. School Supply Lists

Supply lists are available on the Lincoln School webpage, if you did not purchase school supplies through *1st Day School Supplies*. Those of you who have purchased supplies using *1st Day School Supplies*, you should have received or will be receiving your child's school supplies box.

Please be sure to send your student with a water bottle on the first day of school. Lincoln has 3 water bottle fill stations for our students! **\*Consider ordering a personalized Lincoln Lion water bottle!** (Information will be emailed)

Lincoln Lion Water bottles can be purchased at any time throughout the school year. However, please order your student's water bottle before August 14th if you wish for your child to have their water bottle before August 24th.

## 3. Who is my Child's Classroom Teacher:

You will have access to view your child's classroom teacher by logging into the PowerSchool App or online to see your student's placement on or after August 16th if you have completed the entire online registration process through PowerSchool.

\*\*\*If you are having trouble accessing PowerSchool or need assistance, please contact the Lincoln office. (Trouble shooting tip: **Double check that you have completed the entire registration process.**) The Lincoln Office staff will be happy to assist you over the phone or answer any questions you might have about the process. Thank you for working to complete your PowerSchool Registration, as soon as possible.

#### 4. Open House:

We are excited to welcome your family to Lincoln on August 21st, 2023, from 5:00-6:00PM! At that time, you will be able to drop off supplies, find your child's classroom and locker, and meet their teacher. In addition, stop by our gym and take in a quick presentation by our school PBIS team, that will be given every 15 minutes! This is also a great time to take pictures with your child's teacher or outside by our Lincoln Lion Sign.

Please take advantage of the open house time for photos and visiting your student's classroom.

Families are welcome to take NEW SCHOOL YEAR photos by our Lincoln Lion sign at the front of the building or with your child's teacher during OPEN HOUSE.

#### 5. School Communication and Important Information:

Stay up to date with your student's learning journey and school communication through the following platforms:

**Class Dojo-** Please download the Class Dojo app on your phone or device. More information will be given to parents at Open House. ***This is the communication tool that we will use daily to communicate with our families. (Example: teacher to parent, parent to teacher, and principal.)***

**Email-** Please be sure that the school always has your correct email. Schoolwide and district general communication will be sent through email.

[www.lincoln.dickinson.k12.nd.us](http://www.lincoln.dickinson.k12.nd.us) Lincoln's Website and Facebook page are full of great resources, updated information, and weekly events. <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Elementary-Dickinson-ND-372608466237710>

#### 6. New Staff and Teaching Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year!

Grade/Position	Staff Members Name
Grade 1	Miss. Hanson
Grade 2	Ms. DeMorrett
Grade 4	Mrs. Scheitlin
Grade 5	Ms. Pachi
Special Education Strategist	Mrs. Lindley
Music	Miss Hoselton
School Counselor	Mr. Harper
Paraprofessional	3 OPEN Positions (if this might be of interest to you, please contact Mrs. Peterson)

## 7. First Day of School:

The first day of school begins at 8:05AM on Thursday, August 24th, 2023. Students drop off time is between 7:35AM – 8:00AM. All students (K-5) must enter through the front doors of Lincoln when they arrive at school during the drop off time. School breakfast will be served from 7:35AM-8:00AM.

First Day of school photos: For security and the safety of all students we will not be allowing parents to travel down hallways and venture into classrooms for those first day of school photo opportunities. Please consider taking advantage of the open time for photos and visiting your student's classroom.

For security reasons we ask that families and students DO NOT enter the playground through the outside gates or opening. Instead, please enter at the Lincoln front doors, then students will have the opportunity to put their backpacks in their lockers before going to the playground before school. **\*Student Dismissal: 3:00 from grades K-1 on the front playground and 3:05 for grades 2-5.** We encourage families to pick up students in grades 3-5 (who don't have younger siblings) on the back playground and students in grades K-2 on the front playground. All students must be picked up by 3:20.

**8. Daily Snack:** We encourage our students to bring a healthy snack to school each day. Students at all grade levels will have a snack time in their classroom daily.

**Lincoln is an Allergy Aware School:** There are children attending Dickinson Public Schools who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. The teachers and staff strive to provide a safe environment for all students. Therefore, your cooperation is requested to avoid exposure of these allergens to students. Please avoid sending any snacks or lunch items containing peanuts, peanut oils and/or tree nuts with your child to school. Parent(s) or guardian(s) should read labels before sending food with their child to school. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering school. Available on Lincoln's website, or in the school office to parent(s) or guardian(s) upon request, is a list of healthy alternative snack suggestions. **For this reason, we do not allow home-made items, such as cupcakes, cookies etc. to share with classmates.**

**Check out our Lincoln Lion Store for t-shirts, hoodies, and other Lion items!**

[https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/ND/Dickinson/Lincoln+Elementary+School/collection\\_de tail.html](https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/ND/Dickinson/Lincoln+Elementary+School/collection_de tail.html)

Center your day on Kindness,

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