

Lincoln Lowdown September 2019

Home of the Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First grade Vikings!

"Establishing Routine & Attendance" Edition

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Snacks & Party Treats

All snacks and party treats brought to school must be store bought and/or pre-packaged. It's a good idea to ask your child's teacher if there are any allergies you should be mindful of when purchasing snacks/treats for the room Thank you for helping keep our children safe!



Red Wheel Fundraiser

The Red Wheel Fundraiser kicks off on Monday, September 9th and ends Monday, September 30th. Happy fundraising!



Blue & Gold Fridays

Show your Viking Pride by wearing your Blue & Gold on Fridays during the school year! We are excited to be Vikes and are glad you are Vikes too! Let's show some spirit! GO VIKINGS!



Don't Forget!

Lincoln Elementary collects Best Choice labels and Box Tops for educations. Please download the Box Tops® for Education app in the App Store, it is compatible with iPhones and Androids.



Don't Forget!

Don't forget to like and follow Lincoln Elementary School on Facebook @503LincolnVikings and Twitter @LincolnVikings. If you do not have your parent Infinite Campus Parent Portal login. Email or call the office to get that set up. Remember there is a Parent Portal App!



THE FACES OF LINCOLN



This is my first year with USD 503 and I am teaching 1st grade. I student taught at Lincoln last year and graduated from Pittsburg State University last May! I spend my free time coaching competitive cheerleading in Pittsburg, Kansas. -Mr. N.

This is my first year working in the Parsons school district as a school counselor and I'm loving getting to know everyone here. I enjoy my time spent in the outdoors, bike riding, and playing with my daughter and nieces. I'm excited about the school year and the fun things I get to do with students at Lincoln and Garfield. -Ms. Coover

Mr. Micheal Neatherlin
First Grade Teacher



Ms. Lauren Coover
PreK-2nd grade Counselor



Ms. Jenny Stewart
Kindergarten Teacher



This is my first year as a kindergarten teacher with USD 503. Previously I was a Sign Language Interpreter for 15 years. I absolutely love my job and my Lincoln family. I am a mother of three; two girls Kelsie and Aubree, and son, Zack. I also have a granddaughter Kendall. In my free time I spend time with my family and love watching and going to sporting events. -Ms. Stewart.

Mrs. Paige Varner
Kindergarten Teacher



This is my first-year teaching Kindergarten at Lincoln Elementary. I am so thrilled to be doing what I love for such a great district. I student taught at Lincoln last fall and graduated from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in December 2018. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Nicolas and our two children, Meara and James. What I love most about teaching Kindergarten is seeing how much my students blossom as the year progresses. -Mrs. Varner



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Youth Bowling Program

PK Bowl Youth Bowling Program starts Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 3:30 for Lincoln students. Transportation is provided. \$10 a week cost without membership cards or \$6 a week with a membership card. Call or text Helen Brooks, Youth Program Manager with questions at 620-875-1778.

Kids in the Kitchen

Foods & Nutrition Group Connection
When: September 23rd from 10am-11am
Where: First Christian Church- 1500 S 29th Parsons, KS
For: Parents and Children, birth through kindergarten

Sponsored by USD 503 & USD 506 Parents as Teachers and the K-State Extension Office

Policy Reminders

•Please do NOT park in the drop off lane in front of the building.

- Please do NOT let your child cross the street without an adult and always use the marked cross walks.
- On days your child is absent for ANY reason please contact the office, to prevent the automatic call, please notify us BEFORE 8:30 am.
- If your child is to have a change of plans as to how they are going to get home, please call the office BEFORE 3:00 pm so we can we get them where they need to be. AM Pre-K please notify the office BEFORE 10:30 am.
- School hours are from 8:00-3:30 for Kindergarten and 1st grade, students are counted tardy at after 8:10 am. AM Pre-K classes meets from 8:00-11:00, and marked tardy after 8:10. PM Pre-K classes meet from 12:20-3:20 and are marked tardy after 12:30.
- Front door opens at 7:30 am. Breakfast is served at 7:30 am.
- Front door opens at 12:05 pm for PM Pre-K drop off.
- All snacks and party treats brought to school MUST be store bought and/or pre-packaged for our students' safety.
- Visitors are required to enter through the front, main doors. They will be buzzed in. Please be prepared to show ID. **ALL VISITORS are REQUIRED to sign in and exit through the front doors upon departure!**



2019 "Establishing Routine & Attendance"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Red Wheel Fundraiser Starts	10 PTO Meeting @ Lincoln Library 5:30	11	12	13	14
15	16 CHC Dental Screenings	17	18 No School- Professional Development	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 CHC Vision & Hearing Screenings	27 Fall Picture Day	28
29 	30 Red Wheel Fundraiser Ends					

Parents' Right to Know

Under the federal government's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents have the right to know the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. Schools are required to let you know:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing standards for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status where state qualification or licensing standards have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

All of our elementary teachers in Parsons District Schools are qualified and fully licensed by the state of Kansas. All of the elementary aides and paraprofessionals serving in our district meet the required training. If you would like to receive any of the above information, contact your child's elementary school.

Picture Day is coming!

Friday, September 27

Visit <https://inter-state.com/kiosk> and sign up to receive helpful email reminders from Inter-State Studio.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is important! Showing up on time, everyday is important for your child's educational success. Please visit www.attendanceworks.org for tips on building good attendance habits.

Meal Cost Chart

Full Price			
	Breakfast	Lunch	Both
1 day	1.95	2.80	4.75
5 days	9.75	14.00	23.75
20 days	39.00	56.00	95.00
Reduced Price			
	Breakfast	Lunch	Both
1 day	.30	.40	.70
5 days	1.50	2.00	3.50
20 days	6.00	8.00	14.00

Kansas School Violence Hotline

The Kansas School Safety
Hotline Number: 1-877-626-
8203

The Kansas Bullying
Prevention Program Website:
http://www.stopbullyingkansas.org/kansas_hotline.html

Elks Soccer Shoot

Sunday, September 15th
Registration 12 to 12:30
Shoot starts at 1
Elks Lodge- 220 N. Central
Boys and Girls shoot
separate in five different
age groups. Awards and meal
served after Shoot.



**Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance**
Early School Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills.
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade.
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break.

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to help your child develop strong attendance. Your enthusiasm is a big boost to success.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Share ideas with other parents for getting out the door on time

Before the school year starts:

- Find out what day preschool starts and start the exciting count down!
- Make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet the teachers and classmates.

Ready – Set GO!

- Develop back-up plans for getting to preschool if something comes up
- Ask family members, neighbors or other parents to lend a hand if you need help dropping off or picking up your child
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when preschool is not in session
- If your child seems anxious about going to preschool, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice. If the problem persists, make sure the program is a good fit for your child.





Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

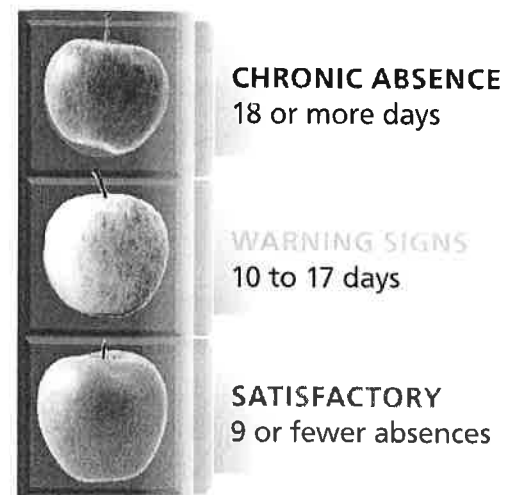
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org