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The Lincoln Loop

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Important Dates

- Feb 24—End of 2nd Trimester
- Feb 27—LA Night at Beau Jo's Pizza, 11am-9pm
- Feb 28—SAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- March 2—2nd Grade Music Program, 6:30pm
- March 3—Spirit Day, Parents' Night Out, 5-10pm
- March 8—Spring Picture Day
- March 10—PTO Movie Night, 6:30PM
- March 13—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- March 16—8th Grade Capstone, 6:30pm
- Click on the <u>Lincoln</u>
 <u>Calendar</u> for more
 calendar information

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Elementary Science Fair

Kindergarten through fifth grade classes showcased their scientific findings and creative projects in our Elementary Science Fair on Wednesday. All elementary classes had the opportunity to view the projects. (Pictured left and below) Second grade students

perused the fair on Wednesday and searched out their favorite projects.





Spring Picture Day,

March 8

Mark your calendar! Picture Day for Spring portraits is Wednesday,



March 8. Order forms will go home next week in Monday folders.
Additional order forms are available in the front office.

- Select your favorite background for individual portraits on the flyer and return to the photographer on Picture Day.
- No need to send money now.
 After Spring Picture Day, you will receive a portrait package to review and purchase.
- Questions? Please call 1-866-955
 -8342 or email

 Colorado@lifetouch.com

There's No Place Like Home

Thank you to the many parent volunteers and 5th grade students that lent a hand last Friday moving the fifth



grade classes into their new classrooms in

Building C (picture above). Many hands made light work,

and by noon the teachers were able to get right to work getting the rooms ready

for class this week. The students and teachers are settling nicely into their new classrooms, and they love the new space.





Middle School Athletics





Girls Basketball February

23 LA vs. Two Roads @ Two Roads 4:15pm A team won 41-10! Undefeated! B team won 13-11!

27 B Team Tournament @ Home TBA28 A Team Tournament @ WWA TBAMarch

1 A Team Tournament @ LA TBA

Go to MS Athletics for more information about games and practice schedules. Go Leopards!

2017 Spring Sports Season

If you are planning on playing Girls Soccer or Boys Volleyball this spring, please visit the middle school Athletics page for details about upcoming practice and game schedules and be sure to turn in your sports fees and athletic forms. Contact Mr. Martin at lincolnathletics1@gmail.com if you have any questions about upcoming spring sports.

- Boys Volleyball Parent & Player Meeting, Thursday, March 9 at 3:45 p.m.
- Girls Soccer Parent Meeting, Monday, March 20,
 3:45 p.m. (Location TBD) Please see the Girls Soccer page for more information and schedules.

Middle School 'Snapshot'

Every week, click on the Middle School 'Snapshot' link to see a weekly list of assignments, projects, and upcoming events taking place in middle school!

What projects and assignments are coming up next week in Middle School? Click now to find out!

Deadline to Order a Yearbook is TODAY!

Today, February 24, is the last day to purchase a yearbook. Don't miss out on capturing the memories of this fantastic school year! Families have the option to either order online at <u>Jostens.com</u> or submit a yearbook order with payment to the office.

- Submit an order form for a yearbook with payment (payable to Lincoln Academy) to the school office by February 24:
 - Full book (PK 8th grade): \$45
 - Elementary book (PK 5th grade): \$25, or
- You are still able to purchase a yearbook from <u>Jostens.com</u> by February 24:
 - Full book (PK—8th grade): \$40
 - Elementary book (PK—5th grade): \$20
- Please email Mr. Nishida at mnishida@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions.





During their history unit on the Great
Depression, 7th grade students created
table-top "Hoovervilles". (Pictured left)
Morgan M. and Marissa H. and (pictured below)
Nicco S., Noah J., and Mitch W. work on their
Hooverville project in Mrs. Hall's history class this
week.





The Power of Teamwork

Students in Mrs. Gimple's 7th grade ALP enrichment group exercised the power of teamwork when using only pipe cleaners and a little ingenuity to build a paper cup pyramid. (Pictured above) Chloe C., Teagan C., Logan C., and Anthony S.



LA Community Day At Beau Jo's Pizza, February 27



Join us for a delicious meal with your friends at Lincoln Academy!

- All day, Monday, February 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Beau Jo's 7525 W. 53rd Ave., Arvada, CO 303-420-8376
- Bring the paper flyer (sent home in Monday folders) or show it on your phone
- 20% of the pre-tax sales will go to Lincoln Academy
- Good on gift cards as well as to go orders!

Thank You!



Thank you to

those who attended the PTO meeting this week. We had awesome turnout! We look forward to getting more families involved in the fun, exciting events that will be taking place this spring.

Don't forget to <u>log your volunteer hours!</u> Time spent at PTO meetings and on committees count!

Looking for more volunteer opportunities? Email us at <u>PTOleopards@gmail.com</u> or check out these <u>volunteer ideas!</u>

Save the Date for our Upcoming Spring FIESTA!

Friday, April 7th, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center and Gym

- Dance lessons
- Salsa challenge
- Pie eating contest
- Cake walk
- Family games and lots of FUN!
- Watch for more information to come home in Monday folders soon.
- Want to help? Email us at PTOLeopards@gmail.com!

FIESTA

PTO Movie Night, March 10

Join us for our next family movie night on Friday, March 10!

- Our feature presentation will be: Moana
- 6:00 p.m. doors open
- 6:30 p.m. movie starts
- · Concession items for sale
- Come enjoy a FREE movie with friends and family!
- Can you help with set-up or concessions for the night? <u>Click here to sign up!</u>

AACANA CANA

Please Note:

- All children through 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult. We will check at the door when you enter.
- We would like to remind you that all kids must sit quietly during the movie and may not be running around or playing.
- Middle School students are welcome to attend (we'd love to see you), but will not be allowed to leave the gym.
- Thank you for your cooperation.

FROZEN YOGURT



- Look for Frozen Yogurt at the end of each week after school! (weather permitting)
- \$2.00 a cup
- All proceeds directly benefit students and teachers
- Enjoy a tasty treat at the end of your week!

Friday, March 3 Lincoln

Academy alumni, 11th Grade Ambassador Girl Scout Troop #1630

will host the next Parents' Night Out in the LA Student Center on Friday, March 3 from 5-10 p.m.

- \$15 per child
- Ages 3 years-5th grade (children must be potty trained)
- Includes up to 5 hours of babysitting, dinner, crafts and activities Red Cross First Aid/CPR trained
- RSVP to Monica Drve at m.drye@comcast.net or 303-815-7962
- Mark your calendar.... The next Parents' Night Out will be Friday, April 21.

SAC Meeting, February 28

Please note that the next School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 221 (ALP room).

Total Eclipse Trip, August 21, 2017

The deadline has been extended through March 3 to join the Total Solar Eclipse Trip on August 21, 2017. LA Middle School



science teacher, Mr. Niemiec, is hosting a Lincoln Academy school trip to Glendo, WY to view the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, and there is limited space for family members and our Lincoln community to join the trip for this special phenomenon. This total solar eclipse will be the first time in nearly four decades that such an event will be visible so close to home. Don't miss it!

- Trip Date: Monday, August 21, 2017
- Time: Approximately 5:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- Tour Cost: \$75 per person, includes motor coach transportation and tour activities. Registration is based on availability, first come, first served.
- · Special solar eclipse glasses will be provided for each person that signs up for the trip. Bring a breakfast/ morning snack and a sack lunch from home (a school field trip lunch will



LA PRIDE

Each week, we'd like to highlight some of the ways, big or small, that

teachers and staff at Lincoln Academy go above and beyond to make Lincoln special. This week, we recognize.....

Miss Harper. 4th Grade Substitute

"Miss Harper has jumped right into our 4th grade rotations. She is a great addition to the team and I am so grateful for her enthusiasm and positivity. The kids LOVE her and she is doing an amazing job!"

not be available due to the early departure of the trip)

- Please see the <u>Total Eclipse 2017</u> Enrollment Form for more details or go to https://portal.globaltravelalliance.com/ enrollment to register (Enter your Group ID: 17088 and Group Leader: Niemiec)
- Deadline to register: March 3, with final payment due April 1
- Questions about the trip? Contact Mr. Niemiec at

Lawrence.Niemiec@jeffco.k12.co.us.



Camp invention Camp Invention,

June 5-9, 2017

In partnership with Invent Now, Lincoln Academy Charter School is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering grades K through six, June 5-9 right here at Lincoln Academy! This exciting, weeklong summer adventure in creativity immerses children in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Children will work together to seek innovative solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills such as teamwork and creative problem solving as they rotate through four modules each day that disguise learning as fun.

Local educators will facilitate program modules, and enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as Leadership Interns – ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Registration is \$225 for this week-long camp. Sign up by March 20th to save \$25. Every registration includes a free Camp Invention t-shirt. This year will be offering Extended Camp to accommodate working families. Extended Camp hours are 7:30 to 5:30 PM and will cost an additional \$80. Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to reserve your child's spot today! Contact Kim McKinney at kmckinne@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information and to find out about discount opportunities.

Jeffco Night with the Denver Nuggets



Get your discounted tickets to watch the Denver Nuggets take on the Houston Rockets!

- Saturday, March 18 at 7:30p.m. at the Pepsi Center
- Tickets: Upper Level \$20 (regularly \$34)
 Lower/Club Level \$45 (regularly up to \$108)
 No taxes or fees!
- A portion of every ticket purchased will benefit the Jeffco Schools Foundation
- To purchase tickets, <u>click here</u>. (Follow the link and select our school)
- Contact Lyndsay
 Marchbanks at
 303.405.7635 or Lyndsay.Marchbanks@Tea
 mKSE.com with questions
- Can't make the Community Night? Use the same link to purchase tickets for upcoming games!

Board of Directors

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Here are the highlights from our February Board meeting:

- Board meeting "highlights" are posted to communicate most recent Board happenings. Documents and committee reports submitted for the February Board meeting can be viewed under the February meeting heading of the 2016-2017 Board Meetings section of the Board of Directors tab of the school website. Approved minutes from the regular January meeting can be viewed. Only approved meeting minutes may be posted.
- The Board enjoyed a presentation by afternoon kindergarten teacher, Betsy Smith, of student 100-day projects. She also reported that for the 2017-18 school year, due to the additional space provided by the new modular building, there will be 4 classrooms for kindergarten. Currently, the morning and afternoon kindergarten share a classroom.
 - There will be 2 classes of full-day kindergarten and a change to 2 classes of morning kindergarten. An afternoon kindergarten class will not be offered.
 - Benefits of morning kindergarten for staff include improved organization, time management and planning opportunities.
 - Benefits for students include greater attentiveness, being a part of more schoolwide activities, and opportunities to be with their peers in different classes.
 - There is a higher demand for morning kindergarten than for afternoon kindergarten.
- With great assistance from Assistant Principal, Andrew Weir, and the UIP Committee. the Board voted to approve the following goal: As a school our mission is to help all students reach their highest social and academic potential through an academically rigorous and content-rich educational program in a safe, orderly, and caring environment. One measure of our help, educational program, and environment can be MAP test scores. Growth is one means of measurement afforded to us by the MAP tests. We expect for all teachers to reach a median conditional growth percentile of 50% or greater in each subject area for the present cohort. We encourage teachers to strive for closer to 70% median growth or higher as a target in each subject in the coming

- In her Principal's Report, Mrs. Johnson reported that we have received 300 total applications since the close of first round open enrollment. Many more applications were received for 6th grade this year, perhaps due to the proposed change in district run schools to move 6th grade to middle school. Mrs. Johnson also reported that the number of students leaving the school for various reasons is significantly down this year in comparison to previous years.
- The Finance Committee reported that current financials are on track. The Board also voted to approve an updated budget.
- The Board voted to open 3 board member positions for election in April, according to the Lincoln Academy Charter School Bylaws:
 - "Any parent/legal guardian who wishes to apply for a Board vacancy must have served a minimum of one school year in one of the following committees with an attendance rate of fifty percent or better: Board committees, PTO, Building Corporation Board, or other capacity approved by the Board."
 - Applications must be given to Board President, Doug Neely, or turned in to the front office by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 3rd.
 - Applicants will be asked to address the Board at the regular business meeting on Monday, April 10th.
 - Elections will be held by paper ballot in the front office of the school from Tuesday, April 18th – Friday, April 21st.
- The Facilities Committee reported:
 - Work is on schedule to move into the modular building by February 21st.
 - The committee and Board would like to extend its thanks to Himmelman Construction and Vanir Construction Management for their help with the modular project – for going above and beyond in looking out for our school's best interests
 - ♦ The committee and Board would also like to thank 5th grade teacher, Erin Schettone, for going above and beyond by being willing to quickly move her classroom in order to accommodate a 1st grade student with a broken leg who could not access his classroom. We thank her for displaying the Lincoln Academy spirit!

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Jeffco Elementary Art Show

Congratulations! The following students have work on display at Red Rocks

Community College as part of the Jefferson County Elementary Art Show:

1st grade Leora R. Judah L.

2nd Grade Jared H. Brynne C.

3rd Grade Alli R. Iris K.

4th Grade
Katyn D.
Danica Justeen R.
Summer K.
Emma R.
Magdalena W.

5th Grade Eleanor G.

Artwork will be on display through March 16, 2017. The opening reception will be on Friday, February 24 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

LA Board of Directors Elections

The Lincoln Academy Board of Directors will be holding an election in April to fill 3 vacancies – 2 left by term limits of Doug Neely and Kristi Geisz and an additional existing vacancy.

Please read the following information to learn more about what it means to be a member of the Board:

WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

- The Board governs the school with an emphasis on:
 - Outward vision rather than internal preoccupation
 - Encouragement of diversity in viewpoints
 - Strategic leadership more than administrative detail
 - ♦ Clear distinction of <u>Board</u> <u>and Principal roles</u>
 - Collective rather than individual decisions
 - Pro-activity rather than reactivity
- The Board cultivates a sense of group responsibility for excellence in governing, using the expertise of individual members to enhance the ability of the Board.
- The Board enforces upon itself whatever discipline is needed to govern with excellence.
- The Board sets and monitors the school budget.
- The Board establishes, monitors and evaluates carefully

written Board policies.

- The Board governs consistently with respect to the school's mission and vision, charter contract, policies, local, state, and federal laws and other applicable contracts.
- The Board's sole employee is the principal. It is the Board's responsibility to hire, monitor and evaluate the principal.
- Board members must agree to follow the <u>Board Member Code</u> of Conduct.
- Individual Board members also lead Board committees, which advise the Board in fulfilling its duties and report to the Board at monthly meetings: Finance, Governance, Facilities, School Accountability Committee (SAC), and Development.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A BOARD MEMBER?

 A love of Lincoln Academy and a history of regular involvement or committed volunteer time at our school. "Any parent/legal guardian who wishes to apply for a Board vacancy must have served a minimum of one school year in one of the following committees with an attendance rate of fifty percent or better: Board committees, PTO, Building Corporation Board, or other capacity approved by the Board." (Lincoln Academy Charter School Bylaws)

- Be willing to read E.D. Hirsch's book Cultural Literacy or The Schools We Need and agree with the principles of the Core Knowledge® Curriculum.
- Be willing to attend monthly Board meetings (on the second Monday of the month) as well as other committee meetings and training sessions as necessary. The time commitment is approximately 10-20 hours/ month and will easily put you over the 20 hours requested of each school family.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM INTERESTED AND HOW DO I APPLY?

- Speak to Board President, <u>Doug Neely</u>, or another member of the <u>Board of Directors</u>.
- Fill out an application. An application can be found on the
 <u>Board of Directors page</u> of the
 school website.
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Board of Directors Highlights

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- The SAC reported that there has been an excellent response to the Parent Survey so far. There have been more than twice the number of responses received last year and there has been positive feedback on the new survey format.
- The Development Committee reported that middle school science will be receiving a 3D printer and supplies from the Lincoln Academy Foundation from funds raised through the Tech Trek.
- The Board will be making informal visits to classrooms over the next month. These

- visits are done to learn more about our program and what is going on at our school in general, not to evaluate teachers or staff.
- The Board reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2017-18 school year, which will be voted upon at the March Board meeting.
- The Board will conduct a principal evaluation in executive session at a special meeting at 4:30 pm prior to the regular Monday, March 13th business meeting.

We invite all families to attend our next regular Board meeting on Monday, March 13th, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center.

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LINCOLN ACADEMY VISION

STATEMENT

The vision of Lincoln
Academy is to prepare all
students for their future
endeavors by providing a
comprehensive Core
Knowledge education.



LINCOLN ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lincoln
Academy is to help all
students attain their
highest social and academic
potential through an
academically rigorous,
content-rich education
program in a safe, orderly,
and caring
environment.

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- Ads must be submitted by Tuesdays at 3pm
- Please contact lcrogers@jeffco.k12.co.us for more details