

The Lincoln Loop

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Important Dates

- March 23-27—Washington DC Trip
- March 27—31—Spring Break
- April 3—No School, Teacher Development
- April 4—Students Return, SAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 6—5th to 6th Grade Info Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 7—Spirit Day, Spring Event, 6:30pm
- April 10—Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 11-13—Book Fair
- Click on the [Lincoln Calendar](#) for more calendar information

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5th Grade Ameritowne

At their Ameritowne field trip on Monday, 5th grade students experienced what it is like to run their own town. Students interviewed for jobs, elected a mayor and voted on laws, managed a business and learned to make a profit, and balanced a checkbook. (Pictured far left) Mayor for the day, Reese W. (Pictured left) Megan W. is ready to deliver packages with a smile, and (pictured below) Kyle H. and Mia A. make a deposit at the bank with Joseph S.



Spring BOGO Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair is coming to Lincoln Academy on April 11 - April 13 in the Student Center. This is our Buy One, Get One Free event, so load up on some great books for Race to Read and summer reading!



The hours for the Spring BOGO Book Fair are:

Tuesday, April 11 7:45-5:00
Wednesday, April 12 11:00-4:30
Thursday, April 13 7:45-1:15

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to set up April 10 and for the times and days of the book sale.

- Please click on the link below to sign up to help: [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Questions? Please contact Kim McKinney at Kimberly.McKinney@jeffco.k12.co.us.

CMAS/PARCC Testing for Grades 3-8

Beginning March 20 through April 20, students in grades 3-8 will be taking the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments in English language arts and math. CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) science tests will also be given in April to students in grades 5 and 8.

Attendance is important on these days, as make-ups may interfere with other classes. We ask that parents avoid scheduling doctor appointments or trips on these days if possible. Also, make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a nutritious breakfast each day to be well prepared for testing. Please encourage your student to do his or her best on these tests. Please click the links below for the testing schedules:

- [Elementary CMAS/PARCC testing schedule](#)
- [Middle School CMAS/PARCC testing Schedule](#)

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Middle School Athletics



Boys Volleyball

March

- 21 LA Boys vs. Girls Scrimmage 4:15pm
Girls won in 3 sets
 22 LA vs. Excel @ LA 4:15pm
LA lost in 4 sets

April

- 4 LA vs. Excel @ Excel 4:15pm



Girls Soccer

April

- 13 LA vs. Global Village @ LA 4:15pm
 19 LA vs. ECD @ LA 4:15pm
 20 LA vs. WWA @ LA 4:15pm

Go to [MS Athletics](#) for more information about games and practice schedules. Go Leopards!

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 after Spring Break in Middle School? [Click now](#) to find out!

2018 Florida Trip Meeting

Is your student interested in next year's trip to Florida? Please attend a brief, interactive meeting for parents and students!

- April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 310
- [Click the flyer for more details](#)

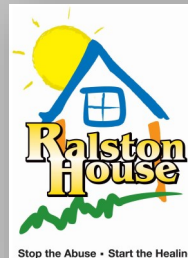


Ralston House Pinwheel Garden at Lincoln Academy

The Lincoln Academy Honor Society is hosting a Pinwheel Garden to be placed on our property in order to support the Ralston House. Ralston House Child Advocacy Center works with law enforcement, human services, district attorney's offices in the 1st and 17th Judicial Districts (Jefferson, Adams, Gilpin and Broomfield counties), and the community to provide a safe place to investigate child abuse and ensure victim services for children who have been physically or sexually abused or witnessed violence. Serving over 1,000 children per year, Ralston House also provides education and outreach to the general public to prevent child abuse.

Each pinwheel costs \$5.00. Bright blue pinwheels are a symbol of child abuse prevention awareness across the nation. Ralston House will be going to organizations in Jefferson, Adams and Broomfield Counties asking them to plant gardens of pinwheels in April to support the children in the community who have suffered abuse and to support efforts to keep children safe from abuse.

To order a pinwheel, please see the [attached order form](#) and enclose cash or check, payable to Ralston House by Friday, April 7. The pinwheels will be placed in our garden by the Lincoln Academy marquee along Oak Street. Thank you for joining our efforts to plant seeds of hope for children in our community.



8th Grade Baby Pictures

Attention, 8th grade

families! We need one baby/toddler picture of your child for the 8th grade graduation video (no newborn pictures, please!). It is much better if the photo of your child does not include other family members. Digital photos from a digital camera are preferred and can be emailed to Mr. Nishida at martin.nishida@jeffco.k12.co.us. All digital photos must be in a standard image format - jpg, png, bmp, etc.

If a digital photo is not available, please have your child bring in a regular picture to Mr. Nishida to be scanned. To ensure the correct resolution and image format, please do not scan the picture yourself. All pictures will be scanned and returned to the students to take back home.

All pictures are due to Mr. Nishida by Friday, April 28th so that he can begin creating the video. Please email Mr. Nishida if you have any questions.



Lincoln Academy Spring Fiesta, April 7



Mark your calendar for our fun-filled Spring Event!

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

\$10 per family or 2 baked goods (8-10 servings each)

We need lots of volunteers and donations for this event. [Sign up to help today!](#)

- Latin Music and Dancing!
- Salsa challenge
- Pie eating contest
- Cake walk (\$1 per ticket)

- Taco Bar (\$5 per plate for adults, \$2 per plate for kids)
- Family games and lots of FUN!



Chipotle Community Night

A great night was had by all at LA's Chipotle Night. We had a fantastic turn out, and so many families and staff sent us fun selfies to our Facebook page! Thank you for supporting Lincoln!

Make sure to join us at our next Lincoln Community Night at Tokyo Joe's on April 25. (Pictured top right) Maren S. enjoying a night out with her mom. (Pictured left) The Spinks and Stolz families made a night of it with friends, and Cody L. (pictured left) took a snapshot with family after enjoying some delicious food.



Scrip Gift Card Orders Due April 5– Last Gift Card Orders for the Year!

This is the last opportunity of the school year for your gift card orders! These are great for teacher appreciation, Mother's Day or even graduation! Be sure to submit your order by April 5th to the red PTO mailbox in the lobby. Please visit shopwithscrip.com to sign up for Presto Pay if you would prefer electronic payment and delivery at anytime! Never ordered before? [Check out our Gift Card Fundraiser page for more details](#) or contact Krista Kammerlohr with questions at kkammerlohr@gmail.com.

Give While You Shop at AmazonSmile



When you shop through smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate .5% back to Lincoln Academy! Proceeds are used for Staff Appreciation and classroom gifts. Thank you for supporting Lincoln Academy while you shop!



Parent/Staff Social, April 20

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 20 and join us for a fun night out for Parents and Staff! Watch for more details after Spring Break!

Spirit Day, April 7

The next Spirit Day is Friday, April 7 (the Friday after Spring Break, so don't forget!). Show your LA spirit by wearing our school colors (navy, burgundy, or gold. School dress code still applies).



Or, dress in fun, fiesta outfits in celebration of our evening Fiesta! Olé!



LA PTO wished all of our staff, students and families a fun, relaxing and safe Spring Break! See you in April!

Jeffco Night with the Colorado Mammoth



Get your discounted tickets to watch the Colorado Mammoth take on the Saskatchewan Rush!

- **Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pepsi Center**
- Upper Level \$15
Lower/Club Level \$23-
No taxes or fees!
- A portion of every ticket purchased will benefit the Jeffco Schools Foundation
- To purchase tickets, order online at: mammothtix.com/jeffco
- Contact Molly Baltzer at 303.575.1915 or molly.baltzer@teamkse.com with questions



2017-2018 School Calendar

1st Day of School	August 16, 2017
Fall Break	October 20-23, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 20-24, 2017
Winter Break	Dec. 18, 2017-Jan. 4, 2018
Spring Break	March 26-March 30, 2018
Last Day of School	May 24, 2018



2017 Race to Read Challenge

Our annual Race to Read challenge is right around the corner! Starting Tuesday, April 4 through May 12, all Lincoln Academy students will have a chance to earn some amazing prizes for reading. Don't get left in the dust! Watch for more details to be sent home on Tuesday, April 4.



Arvada West Eggstravaganza, April 8

Arvada West High School's National Honor Society is sponsoring a family-friendly Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 8. This adventure-filled hunt has three separate time frames for three age groups to enjoy.

- 10:00-10:20 am Infants- 3 years old
- 10:30-10:50 am Ages 4-6
- 11:00-11:20 am Ages 7+

Games and activities for all ages and families will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the south lawn of the school (or inside the main building in inclement weather). Entrance Fee; Donations to help with medical expenses for 2 1/2 year old Kamryn with Anaplastic Astrocytoma with A DIPG mutation (an aggressive brain tumor). Help make this little girl's wish come true and come out this April to join the fun!



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.....

Mr. Juan Martinez, Facilities Crew

"Mr. Martinez is always so graciously helping whenever he sees a need. He is so quick to jump in and offer a hand. I so appreciate his kindness."



(Pictured above) **Knight Riley M.** with 4th teachers, **Lady Burns** and **Lady Helsper**, for the Middle Ages unit celebration and castle project.

2017 Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Awards: Deadline April 14

Nominate a teacher for the 2017 Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Awards. Each year, since 2002, the foundation has honored 10 hardworking, effective and caring Colorado public school teachers (PreK-12) during the first week of May (National Teacher Appreciation week). Anyone can nominate a teacher! In the past, we've had student, colleague, staff, parent, and principal nominators. [Click here to learn more and read JPF's new guidelines for the 2017 nominations!](#)



Youth Football Camp with Von Miller, June 20-21

Learn from and interact with Denver All-Pro Linebacker Von Miller at his annual Safeway Youth Football ProCamp in partnership with Tide.



- Boys and Girls, grades 1-8
- June 20-21, 9am-12:30pm
- Englewood High School
- Use promo code 'Jeffco' to save 10% (Designate Lincoln Academy as your school, and a portion of your registration comes back to LA!)
- Each camper will receive a limited-edition camp t-shirt, a camp team photo with Von, and a souvenir autograph (item provided).
- Register at vonmillercamp.com

Board of Directors

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Here are the highlights from our March Board meeting:

- Board meeting "highlights" are posted to communicate most recent Board happenings. Documents and committee reports submitted for the March Board meeting can be viewed under the March meeting heading of the [2016-2017 Board Meetings](#) section of the Board of Directors tab of the school website. Approved minutes from the regular [February](#) meeting can be viewed. Only approved meeting minutes may be posted.
- The Board enjoyed an update on the ALP program given by Lincoln Academy ALP Coordinator, Anita Gimple, as well as presentations by ALP students.
- In her [Principal's Report](#), Mrs. Johnson reported on enrollment numbers, state testing schedules, a proposed enrollment policy and her principal goals.
- The Finance Committee reported that current financials are on track. The Board approved the annual buybacks and purchased services from the district.
- The Board voted to hold elections by paper ballot in the front office of the school from Tuesday, April 18th to Friday, April 21st.
 - ◊ 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 Bylaws

- ◊ 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.
- The SAC reported on the [Parent Survey results](#). Overall, survey results were very positive with an excellent response rate by families.
- The Board approved the [2017-18 school calendar](#).
- The Board voted to extend an offer of employment to our current principal, Janelle Johnson, for the 2017-18 school year. The Board is thankful for the talent, care and dedication that Mrs. Johnson brings to Lincoln Academy and is looking forward to working with her for another year.

We invite all families to attend our next regular Board meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Jeffco District Accountability Committee Openings

The Jeffco Board of Education is seeking engaged parents, staff, business and community members to support the district by serving on the Board of Education District Accountability Committee. Committee vacancies will be filled by the Board of Education in June with screening and interviews with the Board prior to that time, so members appointed can begin committee work for the 2017 - 18 school year.

If you are interested in providing insight and advice to the Jeffco Board of Education, please complete this [brief application](#), **open from April 1 - 30**. Further information on the

responsibilities and functions for board advisory committee members can be found [here](#).

The Board is seeking applicants for the following committee:

- District Accountability Committee

The following are eligible to apply:

- Teacher(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- School administrator(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools
- Individual(s) involved in business(es) within the [Jeffco Public Schools district boundary](#)
- Parents of current Jeffco Public Schools students
- Community members without students attending Jeffco Public Schools

Apex Job Fair March 25, 1-4 p.m.

On Saturday, March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Apex Field House, 5724 Oak St., Arvada, CO 80002, come meet hiring coordinators with Apex Park and Recreation District who are looking for summer and long-term employees. At the fair, you can find out all the details on available positions, apply on-site and even interview.

The district currently has openings for lifeguards, tennis instructors, youth dance instructors, youth gymnastics instructors, custodians, camp leaders and counselors, sports officials, coaches, scorekeepers and more.

For information on current openings, visit apexprd.org/jobs.

16-17 Parent Survey

The Lincoln Academy Board of Directors and the School Accountability Committee are pleased to report the results of the 2016-17 Parent Survey. Overall, results were very positive with an excellent response rate from families. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who participated, giving us a good representation of opinions. A [link](#) to the full survey summary and results can be found here. Some highlights:

- 359 parents or guardians participated in the survey. That's a 197% increase over last year!
- 95% of respondents are satisfied with Lincoln Academy all or most of the time.
- 94% of respondents stated that their child is having a positive academic experience at Lincoln Academy.
- 96% of respondents feel that Lincoln Academy makes students' safety a priority.
- 97% of respondents feel that school staff has high expectations for their students.
- 98% of elementary respondents and 93% of middle school respondents are satisfied with their child's teacher.

- 27 of 37 respondents commented that their alumni students have been very well prepared for high school at Lincoln Academy. The remaining 10 stated that their student struggled in specific areas.
- Overall responses in the following areas were also highly favorable and consistent with or better than last year's results:
 - ✓ Encouraging parent involvement and providing ample volunteer opportunities
 - ✓ Professional and courteous office staff
 - ✓ Respecting diverse cultures and backgrounds
 - ✓ Principal's communication, visibility, approachability, and modeling of high standards
 - ✓ Perceived effectiveness of school governance by the Board of Directors
 - ✓ Clean and well-maintained facility
 - ✓ Effective school-family communication
 - ✓ Staff provides a positive social environment
 - ✓ Students receive both needed academic and social/emotional support
 - ✓ Rating of middle school core classes and electives

Colorado Charter School Advocacy Day

Thursday, April 13 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Colorado State Capitol

Attend this event to learn about the Colorado legislative process, garner helpful tips about effective advocacy, understand current education bills with impacts on charter schools visit the state Capitol, meet elected officials and share your story about the importance of charter public schools.

Please contact Dan Schaller at dschaller@coloradoleague.org to learn more about this opportunity. Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1.

Provide Your Feedback on the Colorado Academic Standards!



CDE has developed an online standards review system to enable all Coloradans to provide specific feedback on each and every expectation within all 10 content areas of the Colorado Academic Standards. This is your chance to provide feedback directly to the committees that will be making recommendations for revisions to the standards. **This is a first-of-its-kind opportunity that will only be available until April 30, 2017.**

More information about the standards review and revision process and the online standards feedback system can be found at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview>

Go directly to the online standards feedback system: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/apps/costandardsreview/login>

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Seminar**

- **Saturday, April 22, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- **Where:** Red Rocks Elementary School, 17199 Highway 74 Morrison, CO 80465
- **Cost & Registration:** \$53.75 / person (materials & light refreshments included) at www.parentingsafechildren.com
 - Must pay in advance to reserve your space
 - Registration payment is non-refundable & non-transferable to other PSC dates
- **Your Host:** Red Rocks PTA Jessica Angerman: 303.912.9112 jbangerman@gmail.com
- For more information, visit www.parentingsafechildren.com.



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**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 May 1st to save \$15 with Promo code: DISCOVER15. 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.

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 [Board and Principal roles](#)
 - ◊ 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 [Board Member Code 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.

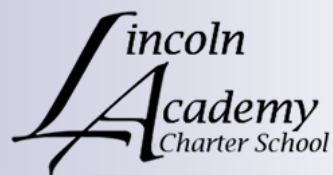
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A BOARD MEMBER?

- 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, [Doug Neely](#), or another member of the [Board of Directors](#).
- Fill out an application. An application can be found on the [Board of Directors page](#) of the school website.
- Applications must be given to Board President, [Doug Neely](#), or turned in to the front office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3.
- Applicants will be asked to address the Board at the regular business meeting on Monday, April 10.
- Elections will be held by paper ballot in the front office of the school from Tuesday, April 18 – Friday, April 21.

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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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