

Lincoln Elementary-School News

South Haven Public Schools
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Issue 2, October 2018

Halloween

It's hard to believe that October is coming to an end in a couple weeks! With that, comes a special day at Lincoln. The annual Halloween Parade will take place on **Wednesday, October 31st at 2:00pm**. The students will parade through their classrooms and either outside around the building or through the gym, depending on the weather.

Halloween Parties will take place in classrooms. Please look for information from your child's teacher regarding the times and details of this party.

Just a reminder, all costumes worn on Halloween by students (and parents) must be school appropriate. Please make sure that students do not have fake blood/gore, weapons, or inappropriate language, etc. If you are questioning something, I would suggest leaving it at home! School staff will have the right to take inappropriate costumes, props, etc and a parent will have to pick the items up from the office.



Important Dates

October 24, 2018-Half-day for students

November 2, 2018-End of 1st Card Marking

November 7-8, 2018-Parent Teacher Conferences
5:00-8:00pm

November 9, 2018-Parent Teacher Conferences and
Half-day for students

November 21-23, 2018-NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)

Winter Clothing

Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. We send students outside for recess if the temperature is 15 degrees or higher (we also check the windchill). As you know, West Michigan weather changes quickly. It would also be a good idea to label coats, hats, gloves, etc with your child's name in case it gets misplaced.

If you are not able to provide a winter coat, hat, or gloves for your child, please contact the office for assistance. This call will be confidential and we will make sure your child has appropriate clothing to stay warm. (269) 637-0540

Attendance Line- (269)-637-0540

Parent Resource Library

We are very excited to announce the opening of a parent library at Lincoln. Mrs. Kluskowski has put together a cart with many good books and resources for parents. If you are looking for some help, this is a great place to check. The cart will have a check out system where you record your name and the book/materials you are borrowing. Just check it off when you return it!

Lincoln Bell Schedule

Breakfast: 8:30am-8:50am (Doors unlock at 8:30am)

Full Day of School: 8:50am-3:51pm

Half Day of School: 8:50am-12:25pm

2 Hour Delay: 10:30am-3:51pm

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Breakfast and Lunch

All K-5 students in South Haven Public Schools will receive free breakfast and lunch! Doors open at 8:30am for breakfast in the cafeteria. Students eating breakfast will remain in the cafeteria until the bell rings at 8:50.

Lunch Schedule (20 min lunch):

3rd Grade-11:40am

2nd Grade-12:05pm

1st Grade-12:30pm

Kindergarten/Jr. K-12:55pm

Student Arrival

Students may be dropped off from 8:30-8:50am. Students should not arrive prior to 8:30am because we do not have staff available for adequate supervision. If you need before school care, please consider enrolling your child in the RamRetreat program which opens at 7:00am. More information can be found at www.shps.org under the "Enroll Now" tab.

Students should arrive between 8:30 and 8:50am and will go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. If they had breakfast at home, students will be directed to the gym where they will participate in our Walking Club. Students are dismissed from the cafeteria and gym at 8:50am when school begins to enter their classroom.

If you drive your child to Lincoln, please use the drop-off lane on the West side of the school in the morning. The doors by the library will be unlocked for students to enter the building from 8:30-8:50am. Parents should stay in their car and not park in this lane. Remind your child to be extra careful when exiting your car and to walk as they enter the building.

Students that arrive on a bus will enter by the gym/playground doors when the bus arrives.

Lincoln Staff are positioned at each door and hallway to monitor students and make sure they arrive safely.

If you are running late and arrive after 8:50am, you will need to park in the parking lot between Lincoln and the high school. Then, please walk your child into the office to check him/her in. Parents will not be allowed to walk students to class after 9:00am as student instruction has begun in classrooms.

Student Dismissal

School ends at 3:51pm. Although we begin the dismissal process about 10 minutes early, exterior doors will remain locked until 3:51pm.

****All changes in dismissal need to go through the office prior to 3:00pm.**** This allows us enough time to notify the teacher and student so they head to the appropriate location. While we understand situations arise, we are not able to change dismissal procedures on a daily basis. Please have a consistent plan in place so your child learns the routine and knows where to go!

Students that ride the bus home, will be walked to the gym where they will line up according to their bus number. Teachers will escort the students to their bus.

Students that get picked up will exit the building from the library (West) doors and stand by grade level. Staff will call students to stand at a number along the pick up lane. Please carefully pull up to the number to pick up your child. Remind them not to get in until the car stops.

If you would like to park and enter the building to pick up your child, please use the parking lot between Lincoln and the high school. You can enter the building at 3:51pm when the day ends and head through the doors and into the cafeteria, where students will be waiting.

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Again, staff members are positioned at each location throughout the building to monitor student safety.

Stop, Walk, Talk

Stop, Walk, Talk is a strategy we teach students to use at Lincoln. This is a very effective method to help students resolve conflicts on their own, or to seek help when needed. Basically, we remind students to Stop, Walk, Talk. If another student is bothering you or doing something you don't like, ask them to **Stop!** If that doesn't work, try to **Walk** away and play with someone or something else. If the problem continues, **Talk** to an adult!

By using this strategy, students learn to solve small conflicts on their own and to seek adult help when needed. This also allows students to use their words and avoid physical altercations.

Physical aggression and inappropriate language will not be tolerated at Lincoln. Consequences will be enforced according to the Parent-Student handbook which is posted on our website: www.shps.org Copes are also available in the office.



Lincoln Leaders

We have our first celebration coming up on Friday, November 9th. All of the students that have not received a behavior referral during the first card marking, will be watching a movie at Listiak Auditorium.

Student Council

Our 3rd Grade student council is having a hat and coat drive. There are boxes in the hallways and we are hoping to help stock the Lincoln Coat Closet!

In addition, we are having a canned food drive in November. Each class will have a "Bare" turkey in the cafeteria. Every time a student brings in a can of food, the turkey will receive a feather. The class with the most feathers will earn an ice cream party!

Outdoor Classroom

We are very excited to have an outdoor classroom at Lincoln! We used our Light up the Night money as well as donations from several companies, including Coastal Landscaping who did the work. Staff and students are very excited to have this space to utilize for science lessons and other enrichment activities.

PTO

Family Night will be December 4th, more info to come. PTO is also planning a Holiday Shop for students between December 10-14th. Students will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their family. Look for additional information regarding this even in December!

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Mission: To offer our students innovative learning opportunities that engage, ignite and challenge them and to support our students in taking control of their own futures through service, citizenship, scholarship, and personal responsibility.