

Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

Hope everyone is enjoying the long weekend, even with the icky weather on Sunday. Last week we finished the 2nd quarter, it is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. We are looking forward to finishing strong. This will be a short 3-day week.

We continue to adjust due to Covid-19. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the impacts it is having on the school.

Announcements and updates for the week:

School Updates:

Lockdown Drill: On Friday, Jan. 14th we had a lockdown drill. I am pleased to report this was a very successful drill for our school. It is important that we practice in the event of an emergency. Please feel free to discuss this event with your student(s) and remind them that we practice so we are prepared for a real emergency and ensure we can keep everyone safe.

Carpool: With the lack of bus drivers due to Covid and the cancellation of routes, we have an increase in the number of cars in carpool. Please review the attached map for lining up on Bridge St. Please exercise patience during dismissal and lining up for pick-up.

Campus Beautification Day: WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Want to help improve our school grounds? We are having a campus workday Saturday, January 22nd from 10-12. Click [here](#) to see what we plan to work on and to sign up. Thank you!

Academic Progress: Report cards will be issued on Friday. It is important that students are making the appropriate progress toward grade level mastery. It is at the end of the 2nd quarter and during the 3rd quarter we begin the process of looking at student's progression toward the next grade level. We know at this point in the year we have plenty of time to make adjustments that will positively impact your student's learning to get them to grade level mastery. The 2nd quarter report card is a step in this process. If you have concerns, please reach out your student's teacher to set up a conference; to partner in ensuring your student is successful.

Free and Reduced Lunches: Parents, please consider applying for meal benefits as soon as possible. By submitting a qualifying application, families will also support the district in qualifying for additional funds to support students and learning! Also, the NC Department of Health & Human Services is collecting student free and reduced lunch and attendance data from WCPSS to determine any additional Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT) that will be issued in the coming months! By not applying for these meal benefits, you will miss the potential opportunity to receive direct P-EBT funds for your family.

Yes, meals will still be free for all students through June 2022, but we still need you to complete a meal benefits application so our school can be eligible for this extra education funding next school year. Also, this ensures your student is covered for the first few weeks of school next year. Information about applying for Meal Benefits can be found at www.wcpss.net/meals. Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at MySchoolApps.com. Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-588-3535.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES (For any illness)

Stay Safe! Stay Home When Sick (Reminder): As a reminder, please make sure you have reviewed the district's [Safe Return to School Plan](#) to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff, and school community. Also, review the [When to Return](#) information in the event you experience **any illness, diagnosis, or exposure**. If your child is sick or experiencing any illness, please keep them home. We must follow the 3 pathways set by WCPSS for them to return to school.

You may send any documents to DMeadors@wcpss.net . Please do not hesitate to call the front office if you have any questions. We are happy to help!

PTA Updates:

Join the LHECMES PTA! The LHECMES PTA is accepting new members. Please consider [joining](#).

Skip the Carpool Line 3rd Quarter: The 3rd quarter is fast approaching. Do you want to skip the carpool line all quarter? Enter the Skip the Carpool Raffle! <http://app.memberhub.gives/lhescarpoolq3>

Spirit Rock – Did you know you can now celebrate a special occasion by renting out the Spirit Rock in front of the school. The PTA has organized a fundraising campaign for the Spirit Rock. Check it out on MemberHub. <https://app.memberhub.gives/lhesspiritrock>

Educationally,

Scott Gaitan, Principal