

Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

I hope everyone has had a great weekend. This past week was highlighted by us meeting our fundraising goal of \$9000 for the Solar Panel Array to be installed on our campus. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause. We will be working with different partners going forward to being the installation process. I also hope everyone had a great week participating in T.A.C.O week. I do not have many announcements for this week. I hope everyone had a great first week of October.

Announcements and updates for the week:

**Custodian Appreciation Week:** This week we celebrate our custodians. These four members of our staff work tirelessly keeping our school looking great. If you have a chance please take a moment to recognize Mr. York, Mr. Moody, Ms. Wynn, and Ms. Blackwall for all their hard work. They are a special part of our team here at LHECMES.

#### **School Updates:**

**Dismissal Time:** Beginning **Monday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will not dismiss students after 2:30 PM. This is a 15-minute change. We are making this change to protect instruction time and maintain a safe/orderly learning environment for all students.

**Carpool:** Thank you for everyone's patience and work toward smoothing out carpool. Both morning and afternoon carpools are running smooth. I do have one ask from families in the morning, please do not let students out of the vehicle until an adult comes to the door of the car. This helps us keep everyone safe. Thank you!

**Staff Shout Outs:** Has a staff member gone above and beyond for you this year? Has your student come home and shared something phenomenal that a staff member did for them? Please take a moment to share some words of affirmations with them. I encourage you to use [this platform](#) to share a few words of affirmation for any staff member who has gone above and beyond. This year has been exceptional challenging. Although we are all mostly in school, we do have significant challenges daily that impact staff members. Due to Covid protocols we are consistently short staffed from day to day. At times we have up to 12 vacancies and only we do not always have substitutes to fill in. Your positive words will go a long way!

#### **PTA Updates:**

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

#### **PTA Monthly Board Meeting**

**Monday, October 4 • 6:00 – 7:00pm**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link:** <https://meet.google.com/zav-undd-uug>

**Culver's Spirit Night:** Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **COVID**

**Safe Return to School Plan (COVID-19 Guidelines):** It is our priority to ensure your well-being, health, and safety. Therefore, before school begins, please make sure you have reviewed the [Safe Return to School Plan](#) to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and school community.

That is all I have for you. I hope everyone has a great week!

Sincerely,

Scott Gaitan, Principal