

Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

Happy Halloween! I enjoyed seeing everyone participating in Spirit Week this past week. It was great to highlight everyone's creativity. I would have to say Pajama Day was my favorite. We will certainly have another Spirit Week before the end of 2021. Be on the lookout for it.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone for the kind words, cards, and generosity you show me during the past month for Principal's Appreciation Month. If I didn't get a chance to thank you personally, please know I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to serve our incredible Lincoln Heights community. Thank you again!!

Please take a moment to review this week's updates.

Announcements and updates for the week:

**School Updates:**

**Bus Update-** Friday we were able to successfully manage the bus driver shortage. We have not received any information in regard to a potential impact Monday as of this message. I would encourage you to have a backup plan if needed. We will communicate any updates as soon as we hear of anything.

**Contact Information in PowerSchools** – If you need to update your contact information or add additional people to your student's pickup list in PowerSchools please contact the office. We will be happy to make the updates.

**Teacher Workdays-** Nov. 2 is a Teacher Workday.

**Outside Lunch** – Outside lunch opportunities are supported through volunteers. We do not have always have volunteers to cover outside everyday. It should not be an expectation that students are outside everyday. We will also be monitoring the change in weather and be deciding when to suspend outside lunch for the cooler weather. More information will be forthcoming.

**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](mailto:DMeadors@wcpss.net). Please do not hesitate to call the front office if you have any questions. We are happy to help!

**Repeated Information:**

**1st Quarter Conferences-** The first quarter is wrapping up on Monday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher should be in contact with you to schedule a conference to discuss progress so far this school year. It is our goal to meet with all families. If you have not heard from your child's teacher yet, please reach out to them to schedule a conference. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Staff Shoutouts:** Please use this [form](#) if you would like to highlight a staff member.

**PTA Updates:**

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

**PTA Monthly Board Meeting**

Monday, November 1 · 6:00 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/edu-mvqk-riu>

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

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

Sincerely,

Scott Gaitan, Principal