Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

I hope everyone had a great Veterans Day and were able to enjoy the extra long weekend. We are back to a full week of learning this week. It will be a great week and the weather looks exceptional for this time of the year.

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

Announcements and updates for the week:

School Updates:

Literacy Resource - NEW RESOURCE! Literacy at Home (Digital Children's Reading Initiative) The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Office of Early Learning is pleased to announce the newest resource to support young readers in North Carolina, "Literacy at Home." As part of current legislation, Senate Bill 387 directs NC DPI to develop and share a digital children's reading initiative designed to support the continued growth of North Carolina's youngest readers. The site is home to easily accessible resources in the foundational areas of reading supported by the science of reading. Developed for each grade level, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, resources are available to support phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and oral language. To easily locate the resource, click here.

Literacy at Home Introduction Video

Picture Day – Nov. 17th will be our Fall Picture Day

Staff Shoutouts Thanksgiving Edition: As we move into the Thanksgiving season, I would love to be able to share with your student's teacher something you are thankful for that they do to make your child special. I know it would mean the world to them to hear from you. Please take moment to fill out this form.

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.

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 <u>Safe Return to School Plan</u> to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff, and school community. Also, review the <u>When to Return</u> information in the event you experience **any <u>illness</u>**, <u>diagnosis</u>, or <u>exposure</u>. 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!

Repeated Information:

Lunch – The café is being hit with a supply shortage of plastic utensils. We are asking if your student brings a lunch from home, please pack utensils for your student in their lunch. The café needs reserve

the utensils they have for students who are getting school lunch. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we navigate these shortages.

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PTA Updates:

Join the LHECMES PTA!: The LHECMES PTA is accepting new members. Please consider joining.

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

Culver's Spirit Night: Nov. 16th

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

Sincerely,

Scott Gaitan, Principal