Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

This week's newsletter will be a shorter than normal. We have a short 2-day week, leading into the Thanksgiving Holiday Break. I want to personally thank each of you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children each day. It is an honor and privilege that we get the opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future generations and this is something we do not take lightly. Thank you!

Announcements and updates for the week:

School Updates:

Staff Shoutouts Thanksgiving Edition: Thank you to those of you have completed this form already. We are still missing a few staff members. I would love for every staff member to get some special recognition. It will mean so much to them. Check out our <u>website</u> to identify someone you may have overlooked. Please take moment to fill out this form.

Lunch: As you may be aware, school lunch is free for all students for this school year. We are continuing to have supply chain shortages on certain items, which has an impact on what is served each day. The café staff is asking for students to be mindful of this when deciding to get lunch from school. What we are seeing is students who have brought lunch from home, going through the lunch line, and getting a lunch but only eating one item from it. This contributes to a lot of food waste and continues the supply shortage. Please talk with your students about this if they bring their lunch. We do not want to prohibit students from getting a lunch, but we do want to make sure we have enough for those who do not bring lunch from home. Thank you for understanding and your support in this.

Carpool: Just a friendly reminder that there is no turning left into and out of the school parking lot during arrival and dismissal. We have asked FVPD to do patrols along Bridge St.

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:

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Scott Gaitan, Principal