

Greetings Lincoln Heights Family,

What an exciting end to last week. Pumpkin the Alpaca was on campus, I am sure your student(s) shared how much fun it was to see a few staff members give Pumpkin a kiss for meeting our fundraising goal. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort; the PTA raised over \$2,400.

This week is Read Across America Week. We have exciting themes planned each day. Each day from 8:45-9:00 we will have a schoolwide D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything and Read). Please see the attached flyer for complete details.

Announcements and updates for the week:

**School Updates:**

**Carpool-** We are starting to notice morning arrival is stretching beyond the 8:30 tardy bell. Starting this week, we will be asking anyone still in line at 8:30 to sign their child in. You will need to exit your car and sign-in with a staff member outside the school. Thank you for your understanding, as we ensure we are maximizing the instructional day.

**Masks-** Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> masks will be recommended within all WCPSS schools. This includes all students, staff, and visitors. Please review this [link](#) for more information (scroll about halfway down the page).

**Signing students in and out-** Beginning on March 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to signing students in and out in the office area using our Lobby Guard system. The system requires you to scan your state issued ID. Please be sure to have your ID with you.

**Volunteers-** We will begin to have volunteers back on campus. If you are interested in volunteering, you will need to be an approved volunteer. Please contact the office to set up an appointment to register at school. Your classroom teacher will be able to let you know if they have opportunities to volunteer in the classroom. Schoolwide volunteering opportunities will be sent out in next week's weekly memo.

**COVID Testing Continues:** Our testing will occur on Wednesday's between 11:45-12:45.

[Register now. >](#)

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe and healthy.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES (For any illness)**

[Safe Return to School Plan](#) to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff, and school community. Review [When to Return](#) information in the event you experience **any illness, diagnosis, or exposure**.

**PTA Updates:**

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

Educationally,

Scott Gaitan, Principal