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Lincoln Heights Elementary Newsletter



Principal's Corner

Each year during the months of April and May, our school staff begins the very important process of assigning students to classrooms for the next school year. This dedicated staff expends much time and effort in implementing the process that all District elementary schools use to accomplish the best placement for students in order to ensure their success. We are responsible for considering several criteria in making these placements.

Classroom assignments for next year are tentative at this point due to our need to address any enrollment changes that may happen before school begins in September. At this point we have teachers assigned to K-5 level classrooms. This may also result in teacher re-assignments. Teachers are well prepared to deliver sound and rigorous instruction at each of the elementary grades and any re-assignments will be done in accordance with the needs of the building.

The Lincoln Heights staff endeavors to create well-balanced classroom instructional groups through the evaluation of many factors. These include:

- Equalization of class size and girl/boy ratio
- Levels of academic ability, including performance levels in reading/math
- Learning styles including work habits/study skills
- Social skills and need for support services

We are required to strive for balanced classrooms in terms of all the factors mentioned above and therefore, we cannot grant parent requests for specific teachers. However, if you feel that your child has unique needs academically or personally, please feel free to offer your input by completing the placement questionnaire available in our office. Please return the form to our office no later than April 19, 2024. This information will be taken into consideration as teachers work through this process.

Our goal is to create classroom groupings in which opportunities for student achievement are maximized. We value academic and personal growth for each child and strive to maintain a classroom setting where this occurs. As the teaching staff works very diligently to accomplish this placement, we extend our appreciation for your support and trust in the process.

Sincerely,
Meghan Anderson, Principal

A Look Ahead:

Monday, 3/11

Late Start @ 9:30am

Start of APEX Fundraiser

Tuesday, 3/12

Choir Club 3-4pm

Friday, 3/15

NO SCHOOL

Monday, 3/18

Late Start @ 9:30am

Tuesday, 3/19

Choir Club 3-4pm

Wednesday, 3/20

1st Day of Spring

Thursday, 3/21

APEX Fun Run (All Grades)

5th Grade Ukulele and Choir
Concert @6pm in
Multipurpose Room

Friday, 3/22

Last Day of APEX Fundraiser



Human Growth and Development

Fourth and Fifth graders are embarking on the Spokane Public Schools Sexual Health curriculum, March 18 – March 29. The course lasts approximately five days and is delivered by the classroom teacher. The intention is to provide accurate, timely and age-appropriate information for students and to support important conversations at home.

The following topics for each grade level are outlined below:

4th Grade:

- Days 1 & 2: Introduction: Expectations & Healthy Relationships
- Day 3: Anatomy, Reproduction & HIV Prevention
- Day 4: Self-Identity
- Day 5: Puberty

5th Grade:

- Day 1: Classroom Expectations/Puberty
- Day 2: Anatomy & Physiology/Reproduction
- Day 3: HIV Prevention
- Day 4: Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships
- Day 5: Gender Roles, Influence & Social Media

SPS recognizes and supports parents and other trusted caregivers as the primary sexuality educator of their children. The teen years and changes of puberty can bring lots of questions and concerns for both parents and their kids. Good communication between parents and children helps families share their values and enable young people to make healthier, safer, and wiser decisions.

Lincoln Heights McTeacher Night

Wow! Thank you Lincoln Heights families! We ended up raising \$818 from our annual McTeacher Night! This money will go directly back to Lincoln Heights.

Thank You, Drivers!

Thank you, Lincoln Heights parents/guardians for working to keep our students safe! Being mindful during drop-off and pick-up is critical in making sure our students can safely walk home or to their vehicle. Remember to please park away from the bus lane on the south-side of the building as well as any designated crosswalks. Partnering together to keep all students safe while on campus is one of our top priorities. Thank you for your continued support – we really appreciate you!

Recess Reminder

Please remember that any basketballs, footballs, and other toys from home are not permitted at school unless specified by a staff member. These items will be held in the office for parent pick-up if brought to school. Thank you!

Jaguars SPOTTED in the Wild at Lincoln Heights!



2024 McTeacher Night



Books & Bingo Night 2024

