# The Lincoln Address



### Abraham Lincoln Traditional School

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School is committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment where students are engaged in their own learning. Our school promotes self-responsibility and self-discipline and a love of learning. We encourage and value active participation by parents, teachers, staff and principal in the decision making process in order to increase student achievement and student self-worth.

September 2023

Dear ALTS Families,

It's been a busy first quarter so far! Our after-school clubs have started and students are having a wonderful time learning to be crafty and to read! Our garden club will start after fall break, and that will be a wonderful addition to our campus. Volleyball is also in full swing and our girls are doing a great job! They are fun to watch. Cross country will begin in the next few weeks and we are excited to be cheering them on at their meets as well.

Our guild is hosting a family fun night on September 22 so be keeping an eye out for details! If you need volunteer hours, please contact your teachers or the office. There are always ways you can help both on campus and at home. We enjoy seeing you and getting to know you. We appreciated all who came to Peter Piper Pizza. You made it a wonderful night!

I want to thank all of you for making our school and campus great. Thank you for always having your PikMyKid card or number ready at dismissal. We are finishing up on time now and it's wonderful to see the program in action. I also appreciate those who are dropping students off safely every morning. It makes our dropoff quick and easy when everyone is ready. Most importantly, it makes it safe.

I am loving being here with you and look forward to the rest of our first quarter together!

Jennifer Griggs

Principal



## **September Calendar of Events**

### **Important Dates:**

**Sept. 15** – Hearing and Vision Screenings (not all grades are tested)

**Sept. 22** – Guild Family Fun Night: more info below

**Sept. 25 – 28** – Scholastic Book Fair

### **Important Numbers**

Attendance line - 602-896-6311

Office - 602-896-6300

Health Tech - 602-896-6310

KidSpace - 602-896-6315

### A message from ALTS Patriot Productions

<u>Click here</u> if you missed the first edition of the student-led ALTS Community Broadcast.

It features highlights from the first quarter, important future dates, a message from the principal and more!





### From the Heath Office

If your student is having their hearing/vision tested and wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school on September 15.

The health office is in need of bottled water and small shorts.



If you are able to donate either item, please drop them off at the school office.







Practice starts for seventh-eighth grade on September 13.

The first meet will be on September 25.

Cross country permission slips for grades one-six is due September 15.

Practice for first-sixth graders will start on Monday, September 18.

Practice will be every Monday and Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 7:55 a.m.



Only Cross country members are allowed on campus at that time.

# **Guild News**

On September 19, there will be a PAC meeting at 6:15 p.m. and a guild meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Pencil pull is coming up!** It will be before school from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. It will cost \$1.00 to pull a pencil with the chance of a prize.

The pencil pull will be from September 20 through September 22.

**Family fun night** - Bingo is back and will be on September 22 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Plus, Kona Ice will be there!

**Book Fair** – September 25 - 28 with the late night on September 28 until 7:00 p.m.



#### #AttendanceMattersWESD

Our school is proud to continue participating in the #AttendanceMattersWESD campaign! The theme for the month and the school year is Showing Up Together. The districtwide campaign was initiated last school year with a focus on emphasizing the importance of being in school each day and improving student attendance across the WESD. We are excited to share that the attendance rate for the 2022-2023 school year was 91.95%, which was an increase of 3.95% from the previous year. Additionally, the WESD reduced chronic absenteeism by more than 11%! Thank you to all our students and families who helped contribute to these achievements!

This year, the districtwide goal is to increase daily attendance by 2% and decrease chronic absenteeism by 8%. Please help us achieve these new goals by ensuring your child attends school each day. Remember, every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning!

Here are a few tips of what you can do to help your child achieve perfect attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine for your child.
- Lay out your child's clothes and pack their backpack the night before.
- Keep your child healthy by ensuring they receive their required vaccines.
- Try to schedule medical appointments for your child after school hours or on the weekends.

Let's show up together and make attendance a priority this school year! For more tips, information and resources, please visit: <a href="https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd">https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd</a>. Thank you for your support!



### #AttendanceMattersWESD

¡Nuestra escuela está orgullosa de seguir participando en la campaña #AttendanceMattersWESD (WESD Asistencia Importa)! El tema del mes y del año escolar es Presentarnos Todos - 'Showing Up Together'. Iniciamos la campaña el año escolar pasado enfatizando la importancia de estar en la escuela cada día y mejorar la asistencia estudiantil en todo el distrito. Estamos emocionados de compartir que el índice de asistencia para el año escolar fue del 91.95%, el cual fue un aumento del 3.95% del año previo. ¡Además, el WESD redujo el absentismo crónico en más del 11%! ¡Gracias a todos nuestros estudiantes y familias quienes ayudaron a contribuir a estos logros!

Este año, la meta de todo el distrito es aumentar la asistencia diaria en un 2% y disminuir el absentismo crónico en un 8%. Favor de ayudarnos a alcanzar estas nuevas metas al asegurar que sus hijos asistan a la escuela cada día. ¡Recuerden, cada día que un estudiante está ausente es una oportunidad de aprendizaje perdida!

A continuación, algunos consejos de lo que pueden hacer para ayudar a sus hijos a alcanzar asistencia perfecta:

- Programen una rutina de horario para acostarse y para la mañana para sus hijos.
- Preparen la ropa de sus hijos y sus mochilas la noche anterior.
- Mantengan a sus hijos sanos al asegurarse que reciban sus vacunas requeridas.
- Traten de programar citas médicas para sus hijos después de las horas escolares o los fines de semana. ¡Presentarnos todos y hacer de la asistencia una prioridad este año escolar! Para más información y recursos, favor de visitar: <a href="https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd">https://www.wesdschools.org/attendancematterswesd</a>. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!



