



# WELCOME BACK



Dear Families,

We are excited to continue our relationships, and welcome our Lincoln Avenue school community. We look forward to working with our dedicated team of educators to continue the incredible work supporting our students. Academic excellence, through equity and inclusive education, and continuing to develop our critical thinking skills will be our school focus, as we meet the learning needs of each of our students.

We are committed to ensuring student wellness, and celebrating our successes as a school community. To this end, the home-school connection is integral to how students meet their individual goals and meet with academic success; please visit our school website, and follow our twitter for important school communication. We look forward to you joining us for school community events, and coming out to the meetings held by the School Community Council. It is an excellent way to support our students, and become actively involved at Lincoln Avenue Public School.

We look forward to seeing you on September 19th for our annual Curriculum Night, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s). It will run from 6:00-7:30pm, and will coincide with our first Book Fair for the 2019-2020 school year. We invite you to have dinner with us, as cheese and pepperoni pizza, from Pizza Pizza, will be for sale at \$2.50 a slice, and water will be sold for \$.50. Food and drinks will be available from 6:00-7:00pm.

It is going to be a fantastic year!

L. Houston and J. Hutchinson  
Principal Vice Principal

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our school bell rings every morning at 8:25am and our afternoon bell rings at 12:10pm. Please ensure that you contact the Safe Arrival number, if your child will be away from school. Parents/guardians may also update their child's attendance using the DDSB Safe Arrival website.



## SAFE ARRIVAL

Before the bell time for the current day, please call

**1-844-350-2646**

or visit

[attendance.ddsb.ca](http://attendance.ddsb.ca)



*Planned absences may be reported in advance*

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to have medication (Epi-pens, inhalers, or oral medication) administered at school, it is critical that you complete the proper form and have it signed by your child's physician to allow us to administer the medication. This form is available through the office, and must be completed each year. Please contact Mrs. Bowers, for a form.

**We are a Nut Alert School:** In our school we have a number of students who are extremely sensitive to peanuts and tree nuts. The resultant anaphylactic reaction can be so severe it can be life threatening. We shall make every effort to NOT have peanuts and/or tree nuts in our school. In addition to peanut butter, we would like to remind families that soy butter, also sold as WOW Butter, is not permitted at school. Though the product is peanut free, it may activate an allergic response in students that are triggered through their sense of smell. This is a recommendation made by the DDSB and the Durham Region Health Department. Thank you for your co-operation

**Student Verification Forms – Are they up to Date?** Student Verification Forms are completed online. Please make necessary changes (e.g., work numbers, cell phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact information, medical information, etc.). It is critical that the school data base is accurate in order to effectively communicate, and in case of an emergency.

**Student Accident Insurance:** In accordance with the Education Act, we do make Student Accident Insurance Policy available to families. Participation in the program is voluntary, and costs are paid for by the parents/guardians. For your convenience, you may contact Reliable Life Insurance Company toll free at 888-506-2142 or go to [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).

**Lunch Time at Lincoln:** Our lunch hour runs from 11:15am-12:10pm. Students remain in their own classrooms to eat from 11:15am-11:35am. Students are supervised by lunchroom supervisors and/or teaching staff. Students are outside for lunch recess from 11:35am to 12:10pm, so it is important to be prepared for the weather. Please check the forecast 😊

**No Dogs Please:** In order to ensure that the school yard is a place of physical, emotional, and psychological safety for all students, dogs are not permitted on school property – even if leashed. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Healthy Snacks:** Lincoln Avenue offers students the opportunity to grab an apple in the staffroom each morning, just after announcements. This program is funded through grants, and works through the efforts of Ms. Lamanna!

**Durham Student Transportation Services:** For families requiring busing, the information can be accessed directly on the DSTS office line: 905-666-6395 or 800-240-6943. As well, there is an automated 24hour telephone line: 905-666-6979 or 866-908-6578. Their website is [www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca)

**Agendas:** Agendas are a great tool for students and a form of daily communication between home and your child's teacher. They have been ordered for students from grades one to six. Please review the Student Handbook contained in the front of the agenda, or alternatively, review the handbook posted on our school website to see an outline of some of the practices, expectations, and policies at Lincoln Avenue PS. The cost of the agenda is \$5.00, and request that payment be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher.

NOTE: The Thanksgiving date listed in the 2019-2020 agenda is incorrect. It should read: Thanksgiving – October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Guidelines and Procedures for the Accommodation of Religious Requirements, Practices, and Observances** was produced in compliance with requirements of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, and within the contexts of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Ontario Human Rights Code. We are committed to creating an equitable and inclusive learning environment for our families. If you anticipate that your child may require an accommodation at any point during the school year, please reach out to your child's teacher, or contact the office. We look forward to working in partnership.

**School Happenings:** School events, upcoming important dates, general communication and invitations are sent by the office to families through School Messenger. It is the data base that accesses family information through the details that are found on the student verification form. All phone numbers, and email addresses must be accurate in order to receive school happenings communication.

September 6 – Great Race at 2pm (families welcome to cheer on the students)

September 11, 12, and 13 – First School-wide Equity Initiative: Denise Wild's Sewing (\$5/student)

September 16 – First Pizza Day, then every Monday afterward (purchase available through KevCash)

September 16-20 – Book Fair in the Library (running on Meet the Teacher night – cash only)

September 19 – Picture Day, Meet the Teacher 6pm-7:30pm, Pizza and water available for purchase

September 20 – Terry Fox Run 1:00pm-1:45pm, Students asked to bring in a "Twoonie for Terry"

September 23-27 – Safety Week (students participating in bus evacuations, presentations)

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

NOTE: for 1<sup>st</sup> Pizza Day only, on Sept. 16, cash will be accepted. \$2.50/slice (ch or pep): Pizza Pizza

**Join our School Community Council:** What is a School Community Council (SCC)? An SCC is a group made up of parents/guardians, school staff members and the Principal who work together to support the learning environment and students at Lincoln Avenue PS. The expectations for SCC members include:

- Representing the interests of all children at the school
- Providing informed advice to the school Principal
- Regularly attending and participating at SCC meetings for one year
- Voting on issues as necessary

We will be establishing our SCC for 2019-2020 on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be in the library. Nominations, including self-nominations, for SCC positions are now being accepted. A nomination form is attached, or a copy can be picked up at the office. All parents/guardians are welcome!

# SCHOOL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Lincoln Avenue Public School

I wish to declare the following candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council (nominations and self-nominations accepted).

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City/Town)

(Postal

Code)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is currently  
registered at

\_\_\_\_\_

(School Name)

I am an employee of the Board  Yes  No

I am interested in an officer position

Chair  Secretary  Treasurer

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(Candidate's Signature)

(Date)

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## Parent Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for a parent representative on the SCC has been received for:

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(Parent Name – please print)

(Parent Signature)

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(School Official Signature)

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(date)