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Lincoln News

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Free Meals Continue for All Students

The State of Michigan has extended the Free School Meals for All Students program. This means that every ZPS student will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch each school day. For families, it's one less thing to worry about. For our students, it's the assurance that they'll have the fuel they need to focus on learning. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in helping every child to be safe, valued, loved, and learning.

Fall Book Fair

We're excited to be hosting our Fall Book Fair October 20-23! The profits from the book fair buy books for the school library. Parents are welcome to come shop with your student at the book fair if you have passed your 25/26 background check and bring your ID to check in at the office. Students will be shopping during their Media Maker special time. There will be a Friends and Family Night on Tuesday, October 21st from 4-6 pm. We've partnered with Literati to bring us our book fair. They have gift certificates available for purchase if you don't want to send cash with your child. Simply call the office for information on how to set up your gift certificate. Any leftover balance can be used at future book fairs or the online store.

Halloween/Fall Parties at Lincoln

We do not have school on Halloween this year, so please connect with your child's teacher for details on classroom parties or festivities. Please see the costume guidelines below for all of Lincoln: Students will be able to wear their costumes for the entirety of the half day. Accessories to costumes that resemble weapons of any kind are not permitted at school. Student costumes should not display graphic images that suggest violence. Masks and face coverings will not be permitted. If for some reason students need to take off their costumes while at school, they should be able to get them back on independently. If you are signed up to help with a Halloween Party, please make sure you have done your 25/26 background check and bring your government issues ID/Driver's License to check in.

Attendance Information from the Office

The office will be sending home attendance information to individual families. This is informational at this time as we continue to monitor and ensure that our students are present at school and arrive to school on time. We will be doing these checkpoints throughout the year. One measure of success for students is being present at school. Late arrivals and early departures also affect their learning experience. Chronic absenteeism is considered when students miss 10% of school days (18 days per school year). As we move through the school year, our goal is to support and work alongside families.

Hand 2 Hand Information

We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program called "Hand2Hand". This program helps provide a student with food for the weekends and is intended for families who currently may be experiencing a financial burden. Please call the office for more information or to sign up.

CATCH

Our school is joining thousands of other schools across the country as a CATCH school. CATCH stands for "Coordinated Approach To Child Health." CATCH schools are committed to developing the Whole Child – mind, heart, and body – by helping kids get more physical activity, eat more nutritious foods, and develop social and emotional competencies to become their best selves.

Zeeland East Youth Night

Please join us on Friday, October 17th for YOUTH NIGHT at the Zeeland East vs. Forest Hills Central football game. All elementary and middle school students will get into the game for FREE with a paying adult. Tickets will be passed out at schools the morning of October 17th. Elementary students will be asked to gather in the south end zone with their elementary school following the end of the first quarter of the football game. Students will then be welcomed and introduced to the crowd during halftime. A quick reminder that students entering the game need to be accompanied by an adult. Don't miss out on a great night showcasing our CHIX pride and students in our district! What: Youth Night. Where: Zeeland Stadium at the ZE vs. Forest Hills Central football game. Date: Friday, October 17th. Time: Kickoff at 7pm with elementary students introduced at halftime.

Bond Vote

On November 4th, we will ask the community to renew the current millage rate, which would bring in an additional \$186 million in three stages from 2027 through 2035. Learn more at www.zps.org.

Thank you for voting.