

Lincoln Elementary Newsletter

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Fall Book Fair - October 20-23

We're excited to be hosting our Fall book fair October 19-23! 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 26/27 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 20th from 4-6 pm.

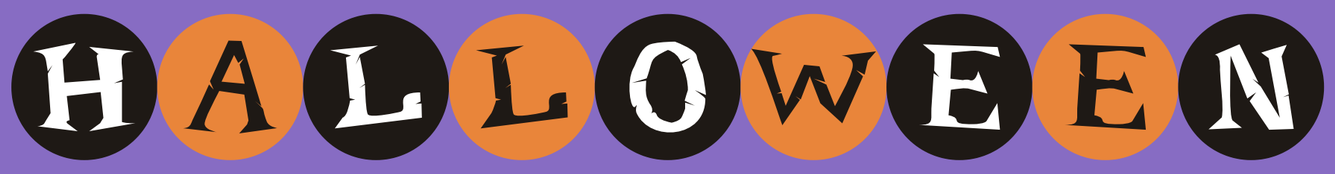
We've partnered with Scholastic to bring us our book fair this year. Don't want to send cash with your child? You can purchase an eWallet, and we can look up the balance when they shop at the fair. Simply scan the QR code to provide money for your child to shop at the book fair. Such a quick and easy way to give books to your child. Any left over balance can be used at future book fairs, the online store or contributed to the Share The Fair program.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Lincoln Elementary will be hosting Parent/Teacher conferences on:
November 2 from 4:00pm-6:30pm
November 4 from 4:00pm-6:30pm
November 5 from 1:00pm-7:00pm

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 26/27 background check and bring your government issues ID/Driver's License to check in.

A free weekend food opportunity for kids!

Scan QR Code with your phone camera to sign up. Questions? Email permissionslip@h2hkids.org.

OUR MISSION: Hand2Hand delivers nutritious food to students over the weekends and on extended school breaks by mobilizing churches, schools, individuals, and businesses to join together, providing hope and opportunity to thrive.



Lincoln Expectations Matrix

CHIX Expectations

At Lincoln, CHIX are Responsible, Kind, and Safe!

	Classroom / Specials	Hallways / Bathrooms	Lunchroom	Playground	Arrival / Departure
Be Responsible	• Be prepared and ready to learn • Pay attention to the teacher (whole body listening) • Complete work on time • Follow directions • Do your own work • Ask for help when needed • Do your best • Take pride in work • Clean and tidy classroom	• Quiet voice • Flush toilets • Single file line • Belongings in locker • Clean and tidy bathroom	• Remain seated while eating • Wait to be dismissed • Throw away your trash • Clean up around you	• Meet at doors when the bell rings • Be a problem solver • Return equipment	• Wait quietly and patiently in line • Be in charge of your belongings
Be Kind	• Respect everyone • Personal space • Help encourage others • Wait your turn • Include others	• Respect privacy • Wait your turn	• Only touch your food • Use your manners • Invite others to sit with you	• Invite others to play • Use kind words • Share equipment • Take turns	• Pack up belongings quietly • Personal space • Greet and respond positively to others
Be Safe	• Hands and feet to self • Use classroom materials correctly • Walking feet • Body in control • Use the calm corner, or ask for a break when you need it	• Walking feet • Body in control • Hands and feet to self • Wash hands	• Walking feet • Body in control • Hands and feet to self • Wash hands before and after eating	• Use equipment safely • Play fair • Body in control • Hands and feet to self • Get adult help when needed • Dress for the weather	• Body in control • Hands and feet to self • Report directly to room or bus line

GOLDEN EGGS!

These laminated eggs that are given to whole classrooms that are showing the Lincoln expectations: Be Responsible, Be Kind, Be Safe. These eggs can be given by any staff member and are displayed in the hallway by each door. The goal is to collect as many in the month as possible for a classroom reward given by Mr. Williams to the top class. Our focus for this initiative is to notice the great things each classroom does in all areas of the school.





CHIX TIX!

These are yellow tickets (think carnival tickets) that are given to individual students who are showing the Lincoln expectations: Be Responsible, Be Kind, Be Safe. Students save these tickets in their classrooms and have the opportunity to shop at our Chix Tix store twice a month. Talk with your child about how they earned or can earn Chix Tix in our school.
* If you would be interested in supporting this store please reach out to Mr. Williams.

Update from the Curriculum Office

Office of Curriculum & Instruction

Bookworms Reading & Writing

September 2026

Dear Families,

ZPS is excited to welcome students to our third year of ***Bookworms Reading & Writing***. For those who are new to the district (or those interested in a refresh!). Here is an overview of this program.

Bookworms was written with a commitment to active learning. During the three *Bookworms* blocks each day, students are actively reading, writing, listening, and speaking about complex ideas involving engaging texts. The three ***Bookworms*** literacy blocks include:

- **The Shared Reading Block** that features real books that are written for that particular grade level. Students will read these books with the support of teachers and peer partners. The purpose of these lessons is to build students' ability to read fluently, build vocabulary, and to think critically about text.

- **The English Language Arts (ELA) Block** features an Interactive Read Aloud that is nearly always above grade level. The purpose of working with an above-grade-level text is to build language and vocabulary knowledge, build background knowledge, and improve students' inferential thinking. During this time, students also participate in high-level grammar instruction by studying sentences that are written by authors of the read-aloud book.

- The final block of time is called **Differentiated Instruction**. During this time, teachers collaboratively address the needs of students as identified through assessments. The Brainspring/Phonics First program that ZPS students have found success with for over 10 years also takes place during this time.

Bookworms *has proven to be a highly engaging, critical part of our literacy curriculum. You will continue to receive grade specific updates from your child's classroom teacher throughout the year. Please reach out with any questions you might have,*

Julie Paterick

Assistant Superintendent

of Curriculum & Instruction

Zeeland's Pumpkin Path

Pick up → Carve → Return

HELP US CREATE A GLOWING PUMPKIN PATH!

The City of Zeeland has 500 pumpkins ready for carving—free for the community!
Pick one up, carve it at home, and bring it back to be part of a festive, glowing fall display.

Pumpkin Pick-Up: October 19
Across from City Hall

Carve & Return: October 23–26

Pumpkin Path Display: October 26 – November 1
Vande Luyster Square

Mark your Calendars

ZPS Calendar

Oct. 19-23	Book Fair
Oct. 20	Friends and Family at the Book Fair
Oct. 28	1st Grade Field Trip - See Teacher for Details
Oct. 29	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon
Oct. 30	No School
Nov. 2 & 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 5	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 6	No School
Nov. 11	Picture Retakes
Nov. 20	Popcorn Friday
Nov 25-27	No School Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 11	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon
Dec. 18	Popcorn Friday
Dec 21 - Jan 1	Holiday Break

Lunch Menu

Week of October 19

MONDAY

A. Whole Grain Sloppy Joe Sandwich
B. Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfait w/Whole Grain Cheez-Its & String Cheese
Sides: Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Fresh Strawberries, Fruit Cup, Local MI Milk

TUESDAY

A. Whole Grain Chicken Crispitos w/Salsa Cup
B. Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfait w/Whole Grain Cheez-Its & String Cheese
Sides: Seasoned Black Beans, Romaine Lettuce, MI Apple, Frozen Peach Cup, Local MI Milk

WEDNESDAY

A. Whole Grain Macaroni & Cheese w/Whole Grain Pretzel
B. Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfait w/Whole Grain Cheez-Its & String Cheese
Sides: Steamed Green Beans, Grape Tomatoes, Cantaloupe Cubes, MI 100% Fruit Juice, MI Milk

THURSDAY

A. Whole Grain Orange Chicken w/Brown Rice & Fortune Cookie
B. Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfait w/Whole Grain Cheez-Its & String Cheese
Sides: Steamed Local Veggie Blend, Baby Carrots, Craisins, Diced Pears, MI Milk

FRIDAY

A. Whole Grain Bosco Stick w/Marinara Sauce
B. Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfait w/Whole Grain Cheez-Its & String Cheese
Sides: Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower, MI Apple, Pineapple Tidbits , MI Milk