A Message from the Principal

Our school year is off to terrific start! The staff and students are in full swing! On September 11th in honor of Patriot Day, students wore red, white, and blue. We also celebrated International Dot Day on September 18th. Last school year our 1st grade students piloted ST Math, which is a visual instructional math program that builds a deep conceptual understanding of math through rigorous learning and creative problem solving which engages, motivates and challenges students toward higher achievement. Our students made tremendous progress. Due to this we have decided to use ST Math with our 1st and 2nd grade students for the upcoming school year.

Due to much needed instructional space our computer lab was dismantled and reconfigured. Within the newly designed classroom we have 2 small instructional spaces with an additional area for our students to work with Mrs. Tully, school guidance counselor, when needed. Keyboarding will now be taught in each classroom with our students having access to 1:1 technology.

During arrival and dismissal, SAFETY is our number one priority. Here are some very important tips for you to follow each and every day.

- In the morning when dropping off students or in the afternoon when picking up, please be mindful of both crossing guards and follow their directions.
- When dropping off, move up as close to the “two pillars” as possible to assist with the flow of traffic.
- When dropping off, if you should need to get out of your car to assist your child, please park on one of the side streets.
- Do not get out of your car. When the car in front of you moves, you move.
- Do not cut the line.
- Do not pass other vehicles.
- Adhere to all town ordinances in regards to parking on Keller Avenue and all other streets.
- Do not leave cars running or unattended at arrival or dismissal.
- Monitor after school time on the playground and be respectful of play equipment, the field and school grounds in general. Also, be sure to supervise your children at all times.
- Drive slowly and be cognizant of all children and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Be respectful of our neighbors. Refrain from parking, blocking or turning around in the driveways.
- Reserve the handicap space for those who need it.
- **DO NOT** drop your children off before 8:00 a.m. as they will be unsupervised.

Thank you for your help with keeping our children safe.

Lastly, open communication between home and school is essential. For student success and learning at the elementary level, we encourage you to utilize our school’s website as well as other available platforms, such as our monthly newsletter, our student information system, OnCourse Connect, teacher web-pages, our virtual backpack and emails, to stay informed and tuned into Lincoln events. In addition, you can find out information and current happenings in the classroom by following us on Facebook or Twitter. Our Twitter handle name is @LincolnSchoolRB.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Till next time.....
Milissa Dachisen
September Notes from the School Nurse

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students! Please take a moment to review these important reminders. If your child needs to take any medication in school, whether prescription or over-the-counter, whether short-term or long-term, a signed authorization form from the prescribing healthcare provider is required. Medications must be in the original prescription bottle or original packaging. Nurses are not legally permitted to administer medications of any kind in school without a signed order from a physician or advanced practice nurse. These forms are available on my webpage on OnCourse: http://www.oncoursesystems.com/school/webpage.aspx?id=12760172 in the Forms section, or you can request that one be sent home with your child.

If your child complains of feeling ill in school, please know that every effort is made to help your child feel more comfortable and remain in school. However, there are times when you will be asked to pick up your child. Please make sure I have up-to-date contact information for you and for your child’s emergency contacts, including any temporary or short-term changes. If you have not yet returned your child’s emergency card, please do so today. Also, be sure the people you have listed as emergency contacts are aware they may be called to pick up your child if you cannot be reached.

It’s not uncommon for younger students to become so involved in what they are doing that sometimes they do not make it to the bathroom in time, especially at the beginning of the school year. A limited supply of disposable underwear and clothing to borrow is available from my office when these accidents happen. If your child needs to borrow clothing, please be sure to launder the clothing your child has borrowed before returning to school so it will be clean for the next child who may need to borrow it. You are welcome to send a change of clothing in a labelled Ziploc bag for your child to keep in my office “just in case”.

Lastly, if you received a letter requesting proof of immunizations and/or physical exam, it is very important to return the requested documentation by the date listed on the letter. This is mandated by the state and enforced by the health department, who requires us to exclude students who are not in compliance. Physical examination forms are available on my webpage listed above, or call me and I will send one home with your child. If you have any questions, or if you need information as to where you can receive vaccines or find a healthcare provider for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be more than happy to help you.
**FLU CLINICS**
for Rockaway Borough Residents

**Monday, October 1st**  4:00 – 7:00 PM  Rockaway Assembly of God Church, 113 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ

**Wednesday, October 10th**  8:00 – 10:00 AM  Rockaway Assembly of God Church, 113 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FEE: $20.00**
Only Medicare, Part B as Primary is Accepted.
Low cost or free vaccine for ages 6 months through adulthood may be available for those meeting income guidelines.

**Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone age 6 months and older!!**

**REMEMBER – all children age 6-59 months must have flu vaccine by Dec. 31, 2018 in order to remain in Child Care.**

Call the Nurses at 973-537-7118 with any questions.

_Brought to you by the Randolph Township Health Department_

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**FRIDAY MORNING WALKING**

Friday Morning Walking is a school wide effort to promote personal fitness and exercise for all members of our school community. Weather permitting, students, parents, and faculty are encouraged to join on the blacktop behind Lincoln school on Friday mornings for a bit of exercise.

Friday Morning Walking will return on Friday, October 5th.
I am very excited to be joining the Rockaway Borough School District this year! The Gifted & Talented courses at Lincoln include both push-in classes for all students K-2 as well as pull-out classes for K-3, which each meet once per cycle. The curriculum will include: working through brain challenges, completing hands-on learning, exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math), and developing problem-solving strategies.

If you feel that your student qualifies for the Gifted & Talented pull-out program or have any questions, please email me at lstein@rockboro.org.
Please remember that each student is being asked to provide headphones or earbuds that can remain in school and be used during key-boarding and computer classes! If you have not already done so, please send them to school with your child by October 3rd.