



# LINCOLN LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2018

MRS. LISA MCNEELY—PRINCIPAL  
PHONE: 725-7200

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fundraiser Kickoff	August 30
Labor Day—NO SCHOOL	September 3
PTA meeting 6:30 PM	September 6
Fundraiser Orders Due	September 10
Picture Day	September 19
Health Fair	September 20
Water Festival—Grade 4	September 20
PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	October 4
Fundraiser Delivery	October 4
Parent Meeting	October 4
Staff Dev/NO SCHOOL	October 5
Native American Day/ NO SCHOOL	October 8
Picture Retakes	October 18
PM Conferences 4-9 PM	October 18
Conferences 8:00–1:00	October 19
End of 1st Quarter	October 19
Red Ribbon Week	October 22-26
Fall Festival	October 31

Please telephone the school office at 725-7200 by 8:00 A.M. if your children will be absent. Class assignments can usually be made up, but the experience of activities and discussion cannot. Please see that the students are here and on time. Excused absences are for sickness and special family situations such as funerals.



## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Lincoln and the 2018-19 school year. The beginning of the school is such an exciting time, and it is truly a joy to see all of the children once again.

We have many new staff members at Lincoln this year; their names and positions are listed at the top of page 2. Mrs. Wensmann returns as our administrative assistant at the front desk; she is joined this year by Mrs. Malsbury, who will also have front desk duties along with some additional duties in the building.

Summer always has the buildings and grounds crew working hard to improve our school. The front parking lot was redone, we had some new carpet installed, and an open area within our building was enclosed. In addition to all of that, our PTA purchased new window screens that certainly display our school spirit!

Please take note of the following items:

- **It is important that all personal contact information, addresses and phone numbers especially, is current.** Without accurate information, we cannot reach you in the event of an emergency, and you won't receive our School Messenger phone calls.
- **Regular attendance is expected.** Please have your children at school on time. In the event absence or tardiness is necessary, please notify the school as soon as possible.
- **Picture day:** September 19th
- **Parent Teacher conferences:** October 18-19

**One last note: I urge you to join Lincoln's PTA organization. This group is dedicated to supporting our teachers and improving our school, and their efforts to this end are greatly appreciated.**

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns, and I wish you and your child(ren) an enjoyable and successful 2018-19 school year.

Mrs. Lisa McNeely, Principal

## LUNCHBOX



Parents have the ability to check their student's lunch accounts! The web address is: <http://www.myschoolbucks.com>. There is also a link on our home page. You can set it to email you when the account goes under a certain amount. It takes approximately 3 minutes to set up an account. If you've set up an account before, your log-in information will be the same as years previous.

## NEW STAFF

Mrs. Dawn Sahli – 4th Grade Teacher  
 Miss Katie Vogel – 5th Grade Teacher  
 Ms. Jessica Brandt—Enrich Teacher  
 Mrs. Laca Malsbury – General EA  
 Mrs. Doretta Raap – Reading Tutor  
 Mrs. Jacque DePlanty – Enrich EA  
 Mrs. Ellen Kramp – Preschool EA  
 Miss Natasha Krause – Preschool EA  
 Mrs. Doris Poppen – Preschool EA  
 Mrs. Ellen Kramp – Preschool EA



## NEWSLETTER ONLINE

In an effort to save paper - **copies of the newsletter will not be sent home automatically.** You must let the office know if you want a paper copy otherwise we'll assume you're reading it online starting with the October newsletter.

You can access it from the District's website at [www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us](http://www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us)  
 Go to schools  
 Lincoln Elementary  
 Then click on Newsletter



Save Papers  
Save Trees

You can access the newsletter directly by going to: <https://aberdeen.k12.sd.us/lincoln/newsletter.html>

The online version of the Lincoln newsletter will be available at the beginning of each month. Please contact the Lincoln office if you prefer a paper copy.

## MEDICATION

If you would like your child to have medications at school, please be sure to see the nurse and get a medical consent form.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Access to healthier foods and beverages is important because healthy, well-nourished students are better learners! Students who consume healthier foods and beverages are more likely get the nutrients they need to learn, play and grow. In addition, consistently providing healthier foods and beverages outside of the cafeteria will build on the great strides being

made in the cafeteria to offer healthier foods and beverages. Please consider healthier options when sending food to school with your child. Some options are listed below:

Fruit  
 Quaker Chewy Granola Bars  
 Welch's Fruit Snacks  
 Snack Pack Pudding (Fat Free)  
 Popcorn

Pretzels  
 Nature Valley Granola Bars  
 Teddy Grams  
 Nutri-Grain Bars  
 Rice Krispies Granola Bars  
 Special K Bars

Many additional options can be found at [www.healthiergeneration.org](http://www.healthiergeneration.org) under the Live Healthier > Eat Healthier Tab. Thank you for your support!

# SAFETY MESSAGES

## MORNING DROP-OFF

Parents, please DO NOT drop off your children in the parking lot in the morning. We have had close calls with children being dropped off and nearly being hit by cars backing out. **THE PARKING LOT IS**

**FOR SPECIAL NEEDS DROP-OFF ONLY.** Thank you for your cooperation as we work toward the goal of keeping all Lincoln students safe.



## DISMISSAL

Students are dismissed at 3:00 P.M. Lincoln School provides no after school supervision of students. Parents, please be prompt when picking up your children after school. Thanks!

## EARLY SCHOOL ARRIVALS

We do not provide supervision on the playground or in the gym before 7:45 A.M. Therefore, we ask that students do not arrive before this time, unless they are eating breakfast at the school. Those eating breakfast may arrive at 7:30 A.M. Thank you.

## MEET THE EAGLES!

Join the fun at an upcoming Meet the Eagles meet and greet event for the Golden Eagles fall sports teams. All students and families are welcome to attend! At each event guests will receive a team photo poster and meet the team members while getting their autographs. Meet the Eagles is a special project of the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation. We hope to see you there! Go Eagles!

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Location
<b>8/18/2018</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Boys Soccer</b>	<b>Pierre</b>	<b>Swisher Field</b>
<b>8/18/2018</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Girls Soccer</b>	<b>Pierre</b>	<b>Swisher Field</b>
<b>8/25/2018</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Cheer/Dance</b>	<b>Spirit Invitational</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Arena</b>
<b>8/31/2018</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Arena</b>
<b>9/14/2018</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>Rapid City Stevens</b>	<b>Swisher Field</b>
<b>11/29/2018</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>Jamestown</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Aux Gym</b>
<b>12/7/2018</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Girls BB</b>	<b>Brookings</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Arena</b>
<b>12/14/2018</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Boys BB</b>	<b>Spearfish</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Arena</b>
<b>12/20/2018</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>Golden Eagles Arena</b>

## SWISHER FIELD FOOTBALL GAMES

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students are reminded that athletic events sponsored by the school system employ the same rules as any other school event.
- Students are expected to be respectful of the rights of others and take responsibility for their actions during these events.
- Students are asked to remain in their seats as much as possible.
- Students are to refrain from running up and down the isles or across the bleachers.
- Student are to refrain from running in the areas around the bathrooms, concession stand, and in front of the field-house.
- Students may stand during the event as long as they do not block other fans' view of the field.
- Students cannot hang over the railings at the top and along the side of the bleachers.
- Students are NOT allowed to leave the field to play on the practice football fields west of the main bleachers!!!
- Students are NOT allowed to play in the grass area just to the north of the main grandstand.
- Students ARE allowed to play in three areas at the field:
  - \* North side of the east bleachers – behind the interior fence
  - \* South side of the east bleachers – behind the interior fence
  - \* South area near the scoreboard – behind the interior fence



# GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Do you know someone who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the Aberdeen School District? **Nominate them for an Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Golden Apple Award!**

Nominees may be patrons and/or current employees (volunteers, administrative assistants, food service workers, custodians, aides, nurses, counselors, coaches, administrators, and teachers) of the Aberdeen School District that stand out above the rest for their outstanding contributions to the Aberdeen School District and dedication to excellence in education.

Nominations forms are available on the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation website at: <https://www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us/foundation/>

**Nomination forms are due by October 1, 2018.**

Nominees will be contacted to fill out a brief form to confirm their nomination. Up to three Golden Apple Award winners will be announced in January, and each will receive \$500 and a golden apple. For more information contact Gretchen Sharp in the foundation office at 725-7118 or [Gretchen.Sharp@k12.sd.us](mailto:Gretchen.Sharp@k12.sd.us)

## There's An App for That...

In an effort to provide quick and easy access to student information and updates, the Aberdeen School District now offers access to resources through the following apps:



### Aberdeen School District

Stay up to date with the Aberdeen School District. Receive push notifications for important District announcements, view upcoming events and athletic schedules, breakfast and lunch menus, maps and directions and school contact information.



### Infinite Campus Parent Portal

View student assignments, attendance, grades, and schedules

- 1) Enter the District ID: **RRLGQ**
- 2) Enter your username and password provided by the school district
- 3) Review your settings-Subscribe to 'Notifications' to receive alerts about grades, assignments and attendance changes.



### MySchoolBucks

MySchoolBucks makes school meal payments easy for busy parents on the go! Quickly and securely add money to your student's school meal account using your credit card, debit card, or electronic check. You can also view recent cafeteria purchases and check current meal account balances for each student.



### Overdrive Media Console (Students in grades 6-12 only)

Read ebooks, listen to audiobooks, and watch streaming video from your library using Overdrive Media Console. The app provides the following services:

- Available 24/7, your library never closes
- No more overdue books-titles are automatically returned
- Place holds, create wish lists, and return titles easily

## Highly Qualified Staff

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that all teachers are highly qualified for their teaching assignments. It is our district's policy to hire only highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals. If you would like information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's teacher, please contact the school principal.

## Complaint Policy

In accordance with federal Title regulations, the Aberdeen School District must inform students and parents of Policy KLB (Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Classroom Instructional Materials), Policy KLD (Public Complaints about School Personnel), and Policy KED (Public Complaints about Federal Programs). The Aberdeen School District welcomes constructive criticism of the schools when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program and to help the school personnel in performing their tasks more effectively. The policies provide the specific procedures for contacting district personnel with this feedback. The policies are available on the district's website at [www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us](http://www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us) and can also be obtained in all district buildings.

## District and School Report Card

The state of South Dakota has recently changed the way student achievement is calculated and considered. More emphasis has been placed on how kids are growing academically through the entire school year, instead of how they perform on a test one time a year. This new system is being put in place a piece at a time with input from the United States Department of Education and other educational groups. Student test scores, along with other information, are being used to help determine a School Performance Index or SPI that allows our schools to be compared to others in the state to see how we are doing. Detailed reports of how all students in South Dakota scored may be found by going to the Department of Education's Webpage at: <http://doe.sd.gov/reportcard/index.aspx> and looking at the state level reports. District and school level reports may also be found on the same web site by selecting the school year and the type of report you would like to look at. For help in getting to these reports or understanding what is in these reports, please call your child's school and talk to the teachers or the principal.