

The Lincoln Logger

Lincoln School-A Tradition of Excellence Since 1886

September 4, 2025



Beginning of the School Year

We had a great staggered start to the school year! We were able to work intensively with our grade level groups of students each day to teach all of the important safety measures that students need to follow for the overall safety of everyone at school. We also were able to fully teach classroom and school-wide procedures and expectations that intertwine with the above mentioned safety parameters. Of particular importance is our safety protocols and drills in case of fire, tornado, evacuation, and intruders. These are important trainings that require in-depth discussion and practice, so we are grateful for the time and staffing to do this, which is afforded by our staggered start. Of course, we will continue to reteach and practice all of our behavior and safety procedures, and positively reinforce those that are able to perform those procedures appropriately as we continue through the school year. Thank you for your flexibility and support as we continue this process.

Attendance Awareness Month

The School District of New London has designated September as Attendance Awareness Month. Please see the following proclamation from the New London School Board:

Proclamation of September 2025 as Attendance Awareness Month

WHEREAS the nation is experiencing a school absenteeism crisis, making good attendance more essential than ever to student well-being, achievement and graduation,

WHEREAS students and families are more likely to show up and engage when there are positive conditions for learning at school, including physical and emotional health and safety; a sense of belonging, connection and support; academic challenges and engagement; and adults and peers with social emotional competency,

WHEREAS reducing chronic absence requires a comprehensive approach that starts with prevention and early intervention, including developing routines and trusting relationships that create a sense of belonging, as

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well as good enforcement of State Truancy Laws.

WHEREAS improving attendance and engagement takes schools, families, elected leaders, law enforcement and other community partners working together to rebuild regular and trusting communications and to identify and address barriers to being in school, and barriers to student achievement.

WHEREAS taking attendance daily in a caring, consistent manner is essential to identifying when students begin to be tardy or to miss too much school in order to engage students and families with needed support and resources, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that New London School District recognizes September as "Attendance Awareness Month." We hereby commit to focusing on reducing absenteeism and addressing the factors that cause students to miss school in order to ensure all children an opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. We recognize that we must work together at all levels of local government and law enforcement to build a school environment that motivates attendance and sends the message that learning can and must continue.

Specifically, we will work to increase parent and family engagement on the topic of the need for basic skills such as reading and mathematics, and the importance of attendance to help students become proficient and excel.

During September, we will be focusing closely on School Attendance with informational materials and assistance regarding school attendance. Next week, I will provide information on excused versus unexcused absences.

Bulldog Way Positive Behavior Incentive

Our first Bulldog Positive Behavior Incentive is Wednesday, September 17th, where students will be in the running to win four silent auction prizes. Students have the opportunity to win these prizes based on where they place their Bulldog Bucks earned for positive behavior. Then on Tuesday, September 30th, our next incentive, will be Chalk and Chew. Students with no office referrals September 2-30 will be able to create sidewalk art with chalk while enjoying a stick of chewing gum. Continue to remind your child to follow the Bulldog Way by being Respectful, Responsible and Wise!

Picture Day

Picture Day is coming up for all Lincoln students on Tuesday, September 30th. We will proceed by grade throughout the morning from youngest to oldest and finally finish up with afternoon 4K and EC students in the early afternoon. Pictures will be taken and your child will come home with two proofs along with ordering information to order online. Picture Day is a fun time to capture your child's growth on a yearly basis.

Registration/Registration Fees

If you haven't done so already, please register your child on Skyward. If you need your login information, please contact the Lincoln Office for assistance with login information or information on how to complete the process. We are happy to help. Likewise, if you have not paid registration fees for your child, please do so as soon as possible. We will be making contact with parents next week who have not registered their child and/or paid registration fees.

i-Ready Diagnostics

Fall i-Ready Diagnostics for students in Grades 1-4 will begin next week, September 8-12. Please encourage your child to do well on these diagnostic tests in reading and math (Each test will take 45 minutes on average). Also ensure that they get a good night's rest

and have a good breakfast to help them do well.

Breakfast with Families

We look forward to hosting parents and family members of our students for Breakfast With Families on Thursday, September 25th from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Please come to enjoy breakfast with your child during this time. The cost of breakfast for adults is \$2.60 and can be paid either from your child's lunch account or by cash at the door.



Calendar



Lincoln Calendar of Events:

September 8-12

-i-Ready Testing for Grades 1-4 (days/times vary by classroom)

September 10

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

September 11

-Observance Day-September 11 Observance Day Commemorates those who lost their lives during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and hijacked aircraft on September 11, 2001.

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

September 16

-Mildred Fish Harnack Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Commemorates the only native-born American known to have been executed by the Gestapo in Nazi Germany. Mildred Fish Harnack was born in Milwaukee in 1902.

.-Lincoln PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m. in the Art Room

September 17

-Wisconsin Observance Day- -U.S.Constitution

Day -Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Representatives of 12 of the 13 original states signed the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The Constitution, with its 27 amendments, defines the federal system of government and embodies the principles on which this country was founded. When an observance day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it should be observed on the preceding Friday or the following Monday

-Wisconsin Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Commemorates the assets that make Wisconsin a desirable place to live and work. Falls on the Wednesday of the third week of September, which by gubernatorial proclamation is Wonderful Wisconsin Week (Sept. 15-21, 2019).

-Bulldog Way Positive Behavior Silent Auction (Student can win prizes with Bulldog Bucks they have earned)

September 19

-POW-MIA Recognition Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Established to recognize those who suffered or suffer captivity in foreign countries while in active service with the U.S. arm19served the Friday of the third week in September.

September 24

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

September 26

-Breakfast with Families, 7:15-8:00 a.m.

-Harvest of the Month Sample Distribution in the afternoon-Broccoli

September 29

-Frances Willard Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Commemorates the Janesville teacher and lecturer who was influential in the early women's movement and was president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union from 1879 until her death in 1898.

September 30

-Fall Picture Day! Smile!

-Bulldog Way Behavior Incentive for those students without an office referral (Sept 3-30) -Sidewalk Chalk Art/Chew Gum October 1

-Character Assembly, 2:30 p.m. in the gym

October 3

-Little Bulldogs Community Connections, 9:00 a.m. at the New London Library

October 8

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

October 9

-Lief Erikson Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Leif Erikson was born in Iceland and raised in Greenland. Norse sagas written 300 years after his death describe his explorations, around 1000 CE, of a land he called "Vinland." The location of Vinland remains uncertain, but it is widely believed to be on the North American continent.

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office October 13-17

-i-Ready Testing for Grade K (days/times vary by classroom) October 13

-Christopher Columbus Day-Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. The first expedition led by Christopher Columbus sighted land somewhere in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. Columbus' voyages are recognized as the start of sustained contact between peoples in the eastern and western hemispheres. The process of colonization that he began brought new forms of wealth to Europe, expanded the market for African slaves, and led to loss of land and lifeways for the indigenous peoples of the Americas. The federal holiday, Discoverers' Day, is celebrated the second Monday in October.

-October 21

- -Lincoln Health Day in the AM
- -Lincoln PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m. in the Art Room

October 22

-School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

October 23

-No School for Students-Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

October 24

- -No School for Students-Professional Development Day October 29
- -Picture Retake Day in AM

October 31

- -Happy Halloween!
- -End of 1st Quarter
- -Bulldog Way Positive Behavior Incentive for those students without an office referral (October 1-31) -Costume Parade

Principal's Pride



COMING SOON...

Birthdays



Talina Lee - Sept 1st Berklee Sweedy - Sept 1st Zoey Kratzke - Sept 3rd Jace Harvey - Sept 3rd Aubrey Montgomery - Sept 4th Major Roberts - Sept 7th

From Our Specialists



Art:

In art, we are just starting up the school year with some fun activities to get us back in the groove. We are going over expectations and classroom procedures to remind us how the art room operates. We are hoping to make this art year inspiring for everyone!

Guidance:

Welcome back! It was great seeing many of you at our Open House and seeing our students excited to come back to school. During the month of September students in all grades will be learning and discussing ways to be successful at school. Some topics include: organization, using time wisely, listening and following directions, working together, and staying focused.

Physical Education

Welcome back everyone! Students in third and fourth grade will begin with the overhand throwing unit. They will be participating in a variety of different activities to demonstrate this skill. Students in kindergarten, first grade and second grade will begin by improving their locomotor skills. Learning a variety of

different ways to move and incorporating them into different activities. It's shaping up to be a very exciting year!

Library

This month we will reintroduce the Library routine by reviewing Library expectations and book care guidelines.

Make sure you are aware of your child's Library checkout day to assist them in returning borrowed books on time. Students are required to return books in order to borrow new ones.

A fine will be charged to replace any lost or damaged books and added to your child's Skyward account. Payment of fees is required before borrowing any new books.

I look forward to assisting your child in their reading journey. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year you may contact me at:

sherzfel@newlondon.k12.wi.us

Happy Reading!

Ms. Herzfeldt

Library Aide

Tech Time

Techtime gives Kindergarten through 4th-grade students an early foundation in navigating today's digital world. In this class, students learn the importance of being safe and responsible online—protecting their privacy, communicating respectfully, and making thoughtful digital choices.

More than just screen time, Techtime nurtures curiosity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills that will serve students well beyond the classroom. With the guidance of Mr. Techlin and Mr. Hallman, children gain the confidence and wisdom to use technology in positive, ethical ways—preparing them to be savvy digital citizens, ready for the opportunities of the future.

Music

Hello Everyone and Welcome Back to MUSIC CLASS! I'm Mr. Hallman. We start off this year with reviewing what we learned last year. First and Second Grade start with a heavy dose of steady beat. Third and Fourth Grade will start with singing, rhythm, and our new music history unit "The History of Disney". Kindergarten will be learning some new singing games and starting to march, tap, and clap to the beat. Soon enough though, everyone will have some sort of instrument in their hands whether that be: rhythm sticks, tambourines, or boomwhackers.

Community Corner

