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Hi Parents,

Soon our classrooms will be filled with the sound of children laughing and learning, giggling and growing, playing and yes, personalizing their own learning. The staff at Lincoln are preparing for your child to join us soon. Here's a few of the ways you can help us get off to a great start. It's going to be a great year... because this is where greatness begins!

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**Online Registration—** The [online registration](#) in [Infinite Campus](#) is open. All families must complete the registration process online. If you have other students enrolled in the School District of Janesville, you will use the same login information for all of them. If you do not know your password, you can call the district support at 608-743-5087 during summer or the Lincoln office at 743-6700 starting August 15 for assistance in generating a new password. Please note: Only the primary household is given access to fulfill this responsibility.

**Fee Payment—**The registration fee for students in Kindergarten through grade 5 may be paid online via electronic check or debit/credit card on the PAYMENT tab in [Infinite Campus](#). (The transaction fee for online payments has been waived for this school year.) If you prefer to pay in cash or paper check, please come to the school on our special Registration Day Wednesday, August 17. Extra staff will be available to accept payments that day between 8-11am and again 3-6pm. (No snack milk payments or lunch payments this year, as you'll read on page 2. Also, no assignment books or pocket lockers needed to purchase.)

**Registration Day, August 17** - If you need access to our computer lab, or simply prefer to register online with a Lincoln staff member nearby to assist, please be our guest at the school on our special Registration Day Wednesday, August 17 between 8-11am and again 3-6pm. Extra staff will also be available to accept payments that day.

**Portrait Day, August 17—**Our main portrait day this year is before school begins. Portraits will be taken during our Registration Day on Wednesday, August 17 between 8-11am and again 3-6pm. If your family is on vacation or not available this day, there will be a make-up day during the school day on Monday, September 26.

**PTA, August 17—** Our Parent/Teacher Association will be available at Registration Day on Wednesday, August 17 between 8-11am and again 3-6pm with some new features that give us a jump start on the school year. They will have a sample t-shirt of our newest



spirit wear and order forms ready to complete that day if desired. The PTA will also offer early popcorn sales (you can purchase the whole year's worth of monthly popcorn at once if you wish). For the first time, they will offer yearbook sales at the start of the year. Finally, they will share membership information with parents; please consider joining this fabulous team that generously supports our students. Please note: PTA staff is also coordinating the portrait day on 8/17.

**“Who’s my child’s teacher?”** - One of the number one questions of a child’s summer is in regard to who their homeroom teacher will be. Class lists will be posted on our Registration Day August 17. Parents will be able to view the student’s teacher on the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) after this day as well.

**Back to School Night, August 31** - The whole family is invited to meet the teacher and see the classroom in an open house Wednesday, August 31 from 5:00-6:30 pm. On this back-to-school eve, your child can bring his/her school supplies to put away in a locker, cubby and/or desk.

**The FIRST DAY of School, Sept 1**—By mid August, everyone, child and parent alike, asks, “When does school start?” This year, the first full day for students in Grades 1-5 is Thursday, September 1. Our school day is from 8:20-3:08. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:05 to line up outside their respective grade-level door. Entrance is allowed into the building when the 8:15 bell rings. Teachers will assign kindergarten students a staggered start, attending either 9/1 or 9/2.

**Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)** - We’re excited to offer a new universal program at no charge to all Lincoln students called [Breakfast in the Classroom](#) (BIC). Starting on September 1, we will no longer offer a breakfast club here at Lincoln before the school day begins. Instead, BIC will be served at 8:15 am as students enter the classroom. Read more details and learn the benefits at the above link. Please note that students will not be allowed on campus until 8:05 am.

**Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch**—The School District of Janesville is offering the Community Eligibility Provision in the 2016-17 school year at Lincoln. All enrolled students at Lincoln Elementary are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast (in the classroom) and a lunch at school at no charge. This is great news! Your child(ren) will be able to participate in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program without having to pay any fees! Please note: Cold lunch milk (35-cents) is not free under the Community Eligibility Provision.

**Classroom Websites** - There is a new [Classroom Websites](#) tab on our website. Many Lincoln teachers and clubs, as well as groups associated with Lincoln, have a website, Google site, Facebook page, blog, or other form of social media. We’ll continue to collect the sites and list them together on this tab for easy access.

**Quick Links**— Be sure to check out the important Quick Link tools on page 1.

*See you soon!*

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