



TLA TIMES

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Message From Mrs. El-Amin

Good Evening TLA Family,

What a marvelous week!! The year has started off strong. The first week was filled with so much laughter and so many hugs. Seeing the scholars reunite with their friends and reconnect with their previous teachers and mentors, was beyond amazing. The smiles on their faces are a large part of the reason each of our staff members are invested in education, in TLA. The building is alive again and the culture that is being built is forged in positive relationships and high expectations.

While we celebrate our successes we recognize that we had an opportunity to improve our dismissal procedures. Plans were immediately adjusted which allows us to better ensure the safety of every scholar during dismissal. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions. We were able to decrease dismissal time on day two with our new procedures. We truly appreciate you working with us to ensure a smooth dismissal.

- We encourage parents to stay in their vehicles and pick up scholars through the car line. Scholars will be brought to the car and loaded in.
- Parents who walk up will need to collect their scholar on the side of the building, between the building and playground.
- If you have middle and high school scholars create a routine that designates where you park, so that your scholar can meet you at the car. There is plenty of parking in the larger parking lot and on the side streets.
- Middle and High school scholars will be able to pick up younger scholars inside of the building and then walk out to meet you.

Here are a couple more dismissal topics we need for you to know.

- There will be **NO Boys & Girls Club bus** for scholars **until Wednesday of next week**. All families have been contacted and are aware their scholar will need to be picked up from TLA.
- If your child(ren) ride the bus please be sure to contact the main office and teachers with any changes in transportation by 2:00 pm. Sending a note to school with your child is also very helpful.
- If scholars have a second household or family listed in Skyward that also picks up the scholar, another car pickup sign can be requested from the school office.

Together we can make this the best year yet. GO Lions!!

Priscilla El-Amin, Principal

TLA Staff

Here is the staff that is dedicated to helping scholars have joyous and engaging experiences at school this year. Visit the school website for pictures and brief bios of the leadership teams.

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	SUPPORT SERVICES
K4	6th	Janell Marguia - Psychologist
Nicole Samuelson	Josh Burazin (6th-7th Math)	Jennifer Nitz - Social Worker
Rosie Ramos (EA)	Karyssa Frost (6th-7th ELA)	Alexis Zeilinger - Nurse
Ashley Johnson	7th	Yolanda Carroll-Hendrix - Family & Youth Mentor
Olivia Mitchell (EA)	Dayetoven Raleigh (6th-8th Social Studies)	Flor Finley - EL
K5	Jason Miller (6th-8th Science)	Noeli Lopez (EL EA)
Jayleen King	8th	Kimberly Schneider - SLP
Cesar Aceves-Briones (EA)	Katherine Randall (7th-8th ELA)	SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM
Gabi Olson	Richard Gardner (7th-8th Math)	Priscilla El-Amin - Principal
Jaylaan Clayton (EA)	6-8th EAs	Tavi Riddle - API
1st	Ivan Perez (6-8th Math EA)	Ryan Anderson - DOS K4-5th
Katie Rutledge	Leah Cruz-Morales (6th-8th ELA EA)	Robert Cieplewski - DOS 6th-12th
Kiarra Davies (EA)	Marcus Harris (6-8th SS/SCI EA)	OPERATIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM
Brianne Swanson	HIGH SCHOOL	Anderia Barnett - Office Administrator
Jalin Brown (EA)	9th	Cristina Clothier - Bilingual Office Administrator
2nd	Theresa Wellnitz (English)	Mackenzie Mulligan - HR Manager
Cally Baroni	Hector Gonzalez (9th ELA/Math EA)	Kyle Olson - Facilities Manager
Ayanna Smith (EA)	Stefanie Kintzle (Math)	Orey Merriveather - Custodian
Caitlyn Busse	10th	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM
Cheyenne Ramos (EA)	Shane Davie (Social Studies)	Dr. Kristi Cole - CEO
3rd	Erin Fish (10th SS/SCI EA)	Kari Flitz - CIO
Michelle Nimmer (ELA)	Dawn Sample (Science)	Jamie Merath - CFO
Cierra Nelson (SS/ELA EA)	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM	Laura Benisch - DCPD
Juanita Martinez (SS/SCI/Math)	Heather Wilson - SPED Coordinator	Yolanda Rivera - DSS
Dameon Palmer (Math/SCI EA)	Christian Pulliam SPED Teacher (K4-3rd)	Marc Anderson - DOT
SPECIALS	Kari Noskowiak SPED Teacher (6th-8th)	Jean Marie McKeam - SPM
Hanna Cole - Art Lab	Courtney Ward SPED Teacher (8th-10th)	SECURITY
Julie Palkowski - Music/Theatre Lab	Lesly Kasbohm (SPED EA)	Jieire Vance
Joe Clothier- Gym/Health (Room 308)	Stacie Hudson (SPED EA)	Astin McAllister
Susan Anderson - The Lincoln Library	Kim McIlwain (SPED EA)	Mardie Farr
David Turk - Computer Technology	Hannah Hathaway (SPED EA)	Kenneth Evans
Matt Schultz - CTE		Jade Smith

Academic Rigor with Ms. Riddle

Homework Rollout

Classes are off and rolling! We spent the week getting to know teachers, scholars, routines and procedures, as well as taking our first steps into curriculum content. There was some light homework this week focused on relationship building and learning more about each other, however official subject homework will begin next week.

Don't forget to check and sign your scholars homework log and agenda/planner.

Homework Reflection



When scholars in Grades 1st-10th do not complete their homework, they will be assigned Homework Reflection held the next school day from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. to complete the missing homework assignment. Parents will be notified before 3:15 p.m. on the day of the missing assignment by an administrator if the scholar needs to remain after school the

following day to complete their missing assignments. They will also receive an infraction that needs to be signed and returned the following morning. Any scholar participating in sports or clubs will be required to attend the session of Homework Reflection before attending the club meeting, practice, or game for that evening. Please note this could result in a scholar missing transportation to a game or home if they rely on the school bus. Parents will be responsible for providing alternate transportation for their scholar immediately following Homework Reflection.

Homework reflection time for scholars in K5 will take place during their EL Labs, which is integrated into normal school hours.

MAP Reading Fluency



MAP Reading Fluency is fast approaching! K5-3rd scholars will have a chance to exercise their current reading skills to establish a baseline for learning September 6th-9th. K4 scholars will be assessed later in the month after they have fully settled into their classroom routines.

Developing Character with the DOS

Preparing for Day

School is off to a great start this week. We want to continue to support you and your scholar being prepared and getting to school on time, everyday. So here are some helpful tips:

- Set a scheduled time for your scholar to turn off electronics and prepare for the next day of school. As we know, it is important for scholars to be well rested so they will be ready to engage in learning.

- Make sure scholars pack their bags and get out their uniform the night before. Being organized helps decrease the likelihood of forgetting Chromebooks, folders, and other key items.

If you are struggling with finding belts for smaller scholars that can be unfasted quickly click on [this link](#).

Healthy Snacks and Classroom Celebrations



What an amazing first week of school. As we are preparing for week two please remember that The Lincoln Academy is dedicated to the health and well-being of all scholars. We adhere to our Wellness Plan, which can be found in the Family Handbook. We want to reiterate the importance of providing scholars with healthy snacks. Healthy snacks include: pretzels, nuts, trail mix, fruit, and crackers.

When bringing in classroom treats it is important to consult with the classroom teacher and/or school office in order to respect all health concerns related to food allergies. Snacks that pose health concerns to scholars within the class may be sent back home.

Consider these birthday celebration ideas in place of treats:

- Bookmarks
- Pencils
- Trinket bags
- Donate a book to the scholar's classroom in their name.

Thank you for understanding and helping us to promote healthy eating and making healthy choices. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Career Chat with Mrs. Benisch

At TLA career exploration starts in K4. Our career focus for the month of September is Construction. During the month scholars will learn about different construction career paths through guest speakers, Xello (our college and career readiness platform), career chats, job shadows, panels, and industry field trips. All scholars in grades 6-10 are required to complete two panels, an industry field trip, and a college visit each year. Scholars will also complete a career chat or job shadow. All career experiences are tied to scholar career interest.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

To wrap up of Construction Career Focus Month Check out CareerTek's Dare to Dream Community Construction Zone Event on Saturday, October 1 from 10-2 at the Ironworks Campus.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1paJorcbKsSwGNeUHUo8eRj-RSPpFAGmD/view?usp=sharing>

Schedule Changes

Tuesday is the last day to request a schedule change for quarter 1 middle school exploratory courses and semester 1 high school courses. If you have questions or concerns regarding your scholar's schedule please email laura.benisch@tlabeloit.com.

Athletic Update with Mr. Clothier

The Fall sports season for high school scholars is underway here at TLA . Practices are in full swing and we are seeing so much growth and progress. Our high school team competed this Thursday in our first Cross Country meet of the year.

- Special shoutout to athlete Theresa N. in her 13th place finish.

See the practice schedule below for this upcoming week. Remember, no school Monday means no practice. All athletes will meet in the TLA Library immediately after school for athletic study tables.

HS - Cross Country

9/5 - No Practice

9/6 - Practice 4:30-6:00

9/8 - Practice 4:30-6:00

9/9 - Practice 4:30-6:00

HS - Volleyball

9/5 - No Practice

9/6 - Practice 4:30-6:00

9/8 - Practice 4:30-6:00

9/9 - Practice 4:30-6:00

9/10 - Faith Christian Invitational - First game starts at 8:00am

6th-8th grade Fall athletics start September 12th.

- Reminder, all athletes need an up-to-date physical and all required forms (Skyward) to be eligible to participate in athletics. Contact Athletic Director Mr. Clothier joe.clothier@tlabeloit.com for questions about registration.
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September Calendar Events

Career Focus - Construction

9/5 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

9/6 - 9/8 - K4 (Last Name M-Z)

9/9 - ALL K4 Scholars report moving forward

9/6 - 9/9 - K5-3rd MAP Reading Fluency Assessment

9/12 - Start of middle school Fall Sports

9/12 - 9/16 - K5 – 10th MAP Growth Assessment

9/16 - Third Friday Count AND Picture Day

9/19 - 9/23 - SRP Presentations

9/19 - 9/30 - WIDA Screening

9/20 - PLC Meeting (4:30 – 5:30 pm)

9/26 - 9/29 - SEAL-A-SMIILE

9/28 - Virtual Learning Day

9/29 - Dress Down Day



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