

Lincoln Public Schools

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Dear Lincoln Public Schools Families,

Apologies for the late message this week, but it does allow me to sneak in a little greeting for our Star Wars fans (May the Fourth be with you!). As we head into the final months of the school year, I wanted to share with you some examples of our efforts around welcoming family members into our buildings. That has been an area of priority at both the Hanscom and Lincoln Schools this year, and it has been wonderful to see so many families joining us for different events and celebrations. I also wanted to share information about an upcoming speaker sponsored by the SEPAC, and a reminder about the upcoming parent information session around the three K-8 literacy programs that we have been piloting.

Welcoming families into the schools

We are fortunate to have two wonderful school facilities with large, welcoming spaces that allow us to bring families into the buildings. As a parent myself, I know how much it means to have the opportunity to visit the schools, participate in community-building activities, and learn first-hand about the wonderful work that students are doing.

While there are far too many examples for me to mention all of them, I wanted to highlight a few. The Lincoln School has been holding elementary community meetings for students and staff this year, and I had the opportunity to attend the fourth grade meeting back in early April. The meeting was run entirely by students, and parents and caregivers were invited to attend. The students did an amazing job highlighting work they have been doing in poetry, and there was also a fantastic performance by the Unity in Motion student dance group.

The Hanscom School recently hosted an art show open to the Base community, and the quality of work done by students of all ages was impressive. The Lincoln School will be hosting an art show near the end of May, which coincides with spring concerts. Finally, the Hanscom School held its annual pasta dinner last Wednesday night as a culminating event for the Month of the Military Child. It was <u>wonderful to see hundreds of family members</u> join together to recognize our students.

Special Education Speaker Joel Ristuccia

There is an opportunity to join the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) for the spring speaker event featuring Joel Restuccia on May 13th at 6pm in the Lincoln School Learning Commons. Joel will lead a collaborative discussion on how social,

emotional, and behavioral difficulties and/or trauma impact students' learning, and how families can partner with the school to support their children.

K-8 literacy information session

Finally, a reminder that we are offering an opportunity for parents and caregivers to learn about the three literacy programs that Lincoln has been piloting as part of our K-8 Literacy Curriculum Review. The informational sessions will be on Thursday, May 15 from 6pm to 7pm in the Donaldson Auditorium at the Lincoln School. At the informational session, parents and caregivers will receive brief overviews of the three programs, as well as have the opportunity to view program materials and to fill out an input survey.

Thank you!

Parry Graham

Superintendent