

This is our last Lincoln School 5-8 family update for the 2024-25 year. I'll check back in roughly midway through the summer for all of our returning families. For those graduating families, best of luck with your children's transition to high school, and for anyone moving or moving to a different school, we wish your children and your families great success!

Thank you for your support and your care throughout the year!

Jay Peledge, Principal



Happy Father's Day to all the LPS community dads and the staff members who sometimes sound like dads.

### **School and Community Happenings**

#### **Last Day - Move Up Day, June 16**

Students in grades 5-7 will have "move up day" on Monday, June 16. At this point, they'll get to meet their new core team of teachers. Students in grade 6 will meet our new science teacher, Ms. Ashley Davis and all students will get to adjust to having Mr. David Trant as their new wellness teacher. We thank Mr. Scott Burke for his 35 years of service to Lincoln Public Schools.

After the last day, we'll be sending well wishes to staff who will be moving onto new professional endeavors: Ms. Katie Sia (gr. 5), Ms. Sarah Friedman (STARR), and Ms. Courtney Bleicher (social worker). We wish them well in their new positions.

#### **Grade 8 Promoted**

Congratulations to our 8th graders who had their promotion ceremony on Thursday night and are on their way to high school. Best of luck to all regardless of where you are attending!

### **Summer Hours**

A note that our building will be very busy this summer as more programming will be happening due to the start of construction of the new community center. Our main office will be open for limited hours. It will be open for a few days after students depart and then will reopen July 7 and will run from 8:30-1:00 each day until August 14. It will resume regular hours beginning Aug. 17.

Starting on July 7, the 5-8 side of the office will be taken over by Ms. Carolyn Morrissey who will be replacing Ms. Perez. We wish Ms. Perez well in her next endeavor.

### **Lincoln Public Library**

Happy summer from your friends at the Lincoln Public Library!

School's almost out, and that means it's time for sunshine, stories, and our Summer Reading Program! We'd love your help so we can keep kids engaged with reading, writing, and books all summer long. Here is our [summer reading program information](#).

### **Special Town Meeting and Childcare, June 25**

We have just been told that there will be childcare for the Special Town Meeting so that caregivers can participate in the vote for the Community Center. What is more is that it will be FREE and is open to families even if they do not normally participate in LEAP.



## Opportunity from the State, due June 18

### Ideas Sought for New State Seal, Flag Design, and Motto:

The Massachusetts Seal, Flag, and Motto Advisory Commission was established by [Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024](#) to make recommendations for the adoption of a new design for the seal of the Commonwealth, a new design for the flag of the Commonwealth, and a new motto of the Commonwealth. To identify options for a new seal, flag, and motto, the Advisory Commission has launched a public process to solicit ideas from the general public – including students and individuals under age 18 – before issuing a public request for proposals for a professional designer to assist with the final design of the state emblems. The Advisory Commission will select three final options for a new seal, flag, and motto and will hold public hearings across the state to solicit public input. Following the selection of a final design for a new seal, flag, and motto, the Advisory Commission will submit its final recommendations to the governor. [Learn more and submit ideas online](#) by Wednesday, June 18.

### Student Opportunities

#### Summer Programs:

For Students of Color entering 9th grade:

Dear Scholar and Family,

The LSRHS Mathematics Department and METCO program invite you to participate in [The Calculus Project and Leadership Academy \(TCPLA\)](#) this summer. This is an opportunity to strengthen your math skills in preparation for the next school year. There is more detailed information about the Calculus Project on the next page.

#### Details about the Summer Leadership Academy

There are two sessions for the Summer Leadership Academy. You choose the session that best fits your summer schedule. The 2024 session dates are:

**Session 1:** July 7th - July 25th 9AM-2PM 8th-11th grade, 3-Week Calculus, Statistics

**Session 2:** July 28th - August 16th 9AM-2PM 8th-11th grade, Statistics  
1-week Calculus and/or College Essay



**Sign up:** [use this link to enroll in the Summer Leadership Academy](#)

or scan the QR code. You can contact Spencer Blasdale at TCP if you have questions/issues signing up:: [sblasdale@thecalculusproject.org](mailto:sblasdale@thecalculusproject.org).

**Cost:** **\$100 registration fee** to be paid by check to LSRHS Metco Program.

This fee is **refundable** upon successful completion of the Session.

There are no additional costs for L-S METCO students.

Tuition for the Summer Leadership Academy is fully funded by L-S METCO Grant.

### **Special Offerings**

1.

**Peer Teaching:** IF you live in Boston you can apply to become a Peer Teacher and be paid \$15/hr for first learning math in Session I and then supporting other students in Session II. You need to commit to the full six weeks and go through an interview process. You can [sign up for this opportunity here](#).

2.

**Rising Seniors:** There are special opportunities only for soon-to-be seniors on the last page.

We are happy to be able to offer these opportunities to you at minimal cost. We hope you all will take advantage of these amazing chances to build your skills. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact us at the emails below.

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**Free Digital Wellbeing Summer Workshops**



There are two free digital wellbeing workshops this summer for middle school girls and allies with girls (ages 11-15) about designing healthier social media experiences, hosted by researchers from the Youth, Media & Wellbeing Research Lab and Wellesley College students and alumni. Participants are welcome to sign up for one or both workshops below.

**Virtual: June 23-27, 1pm-3pm ET**

A week-long virtual workshop on Zoom for rising 6th-9th grade girls and allies of girls. This year's theme is Building Self-esteem/Self-Confidence. Participants will learn about empowering oneself to be a respectful digital citizen, gaining confidence in media literacy skills, app design, AI, & prototyping. Priority enrollment ends June 9; applications are accepted until June 20. Register here: [bit.ly/YMW2025virtual](https://bit.ly/YMW2025virtual)

**In Person: July 21, 10am-3pm ET @ Wellesley College**

A one-day workshop at Wellesley College. Join small group teams to learn about positive digital communities and healthy social media use through interactive learning experiences. Open to rising 6th-9th grade girls and allies of girls. Priority enrollment ends July 14. Register here: [bit.ly/YMW2025inperson](https://bit.ly/YMW2025inperson)

All participants will receive \$20 in gift cards for workshop evaluation activities and are eligible for community service credits by completing either workshop.

All middle school girls and allies with girls are encouraged to apply on a first-come, first-serve basis. We are especially interested in reaching under-resourced girls in the Metrowest area.

Thank you for your time and for partnering with us to support our youth. Please feel free to reach out using this email, [youthmediawellbeing@wcwonline.org](mailto:youthmediawellbeing@wcwonline.org) with any questions.

### **Teen Exec**

Teen Exec--a nonprofit founded and led by a Weston High School student--is offering two free summer workshop series in July for middle schoolers. These workshops focus on developing executive functioning skills like time management, organization, and goal-setting, and are designed to be engaging and age-appropriate.

#### **Teen Exec Offers Free Summer Workshops for Middle Schoolers**

Building on its successful winter pilot, Teen Exec will host two free workshop series this July at the Weston Public Library for students aged 12-15. Each series includes three one-hour evening sessions, led by a Weston High School student. Through interactive, hands-on activities, students will strengthen executive functioning skills such as time management, organization, and goal setting. Content is identical in both series, and each is limited to eight participants. Learn more and register at [teenexec.com](http://teenexec.com)

### **Summit STEM Fellowship**

The Summit STEM Fellowship is a virtual summer program identifying top middle and high school students passionate about STEM. Students learn from mentors from top institutions, including Harvard, Stanford, and MIT, and are equipped with the skills and connections to excel in STEM. The fellowship is a flexible 10-15 hour weekly commitment, and students may participate alongside other summer commitments.

Applications are rolling, and students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. For more information and the program application, please visit [www.summitstemfellowship.org](http://www.summitstemfellowship.org). For questions, please email [info@summitstemfellowship.org](mailto:info@summitstemfellowship.org).

### **Calendar Looks Ahead**

June 16: Last Day of School for 2024-25 School Year; Move Up Day for students in grades 5-7

Aug. 28: First Day of School for the 2025-26 School Year