



Kindergarten Play Date

August 22, 2019

Red Playground

**In case of inclement weather, the Play Date will be held in the Smith Gym.*

9:00-10:00 am

Come to the kindergarten playground (a.k.a. the red playground) for a fun "Stay and Play" play date to meet the 2019-2020 kindergarteners! It's a fun time for students to see who will be in their class, and for families to mingle. Refreshments will be provided by the PTO.

Kindergarten Visiting Day

August 28, 2019

10:00-11:30

Kindergarteners and their parent(s)/ guardian(s) are invited to come meet their teacher, visit their classroom, take a ride around Ballfield Road on a school bus, and play on the playground!

School Information

The Lincoln School does as much 'paperless' communication as possible. The principal sends a weekly *Family Updates Newsletter* and Classroom communications include emails, blogs and hard copy notices.

You must register and subscribe to view content on the *Families/Caregivers Start Page*, to see Teacher Websites, and view other parts of the website. Directions are under "Start Pages" then "Families/Caregivers".

Visit the Lincoln Public Schools Website!

www.lincnet.org

- ❖ School & District Calendars
- ❖ Curriculum / Learning Expectations
- ❖ School Handbook and District Handbook
- ❖ Parent Groups



LINCOLN SCHOOL

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Smith School, K-4
Ballfield Road, Lincoln, MA
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Sarah Collmer
Principal

Lateefah Franck
METCO Director

Beth McGuire
Administrative Assistant

Audra Maria
School Nurse

Naomi Konikoff
Student Services Coordinator

Shelley Moeller
Social Worker

Orientation

May 2, 2018

6:30 p.m., Smith Gym

Come learn about the Lincoln School kindergarten program. Presenters include the Principal, the METCO Director, the Student Services Coordinator and the Kindergarten Teachers.

Registration and health forms will be available along with the sign-ups for screening in May.



Lincoln School CARES



Cooperate Ask Respect Empathy Safety

- *We work well together.*
- *We speak up for ourselves and others.*
- *We know and show that our school and everyone in it is important.*
- *We consider the feelings of others.*
- *We use our bodies, words and materials carefully so nobody gets hurt.*

Screening & School Tours

May 28 & 30, 2019

by appointment

Children entering Kindergarten are required, by state regulations, to complete the Kindergarten screening process. The purpose of this regulation is to identify children who are in need of further evaluation or special services. However, we view screening as our first step in getting to know you and your child!

On screening day, your child will have a short interview with an educator to learn about his/her language concepts, speech, visual-motor, small motor, large motor and body awareness. Parent(s)/caregiver(s) will meet briefly with the school nurse, social worker and English Language Learner educator.

The screening program also includes a parent questionnaire, vision and hearing tests (to be completed at school in September), and a review of the physical examination report from your child's pediatrician.

Lincoln School PTO volunteers will be available to guide incoming Kindergarteners and their families on a tour of the building either before or after screening appointments.



Class Placement

The Kindergarten teachers, school social worker, METCO Director and principal will review the screening information (including the parent questionnaire) to determine your child's class placement. We want to ensure there is a balance in each classroom of academic proficiencies, emotional maturity, behavioral dynamics, peer relationships and services received.

Families have the opportunity to share input to be considered for class placement by sending a letter to the principal no later than June 1, 2019. It is not required to write a letter in order for your child's placement to be carefully considered. Please use the following guidelines for information you can include:

- Your child's personality and learning style
- The type of environment in which your child tends to be most successful
- Family issues that impact learning
- Previous school experiences
- Please do not request a specific teacher by name

If you choose to write a letter, you can email it to scollmer@lincnet.org or mail a hard copy to the Lincoln School, ATTN: Sarah Collmer, Ballfield Road, Lincoln, MA 01773.

Class lists will be distributed via e-mail in August. This timeline will allow us to maintain balanced classrooms in the event that new students join us or students leave us over the summer months.