

# Lincoln Park Elementary School Newsletter

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m., LPMS Media Center  
Monday, January 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m., LPMS APR—Reorganization

## BOONTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Boonton High School Auditorium, 306 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, N.J.  
Monday, December 16, 2019, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, January 6, 2020, 7:30 p.m.—Reorganization

The Lincoln Park BOE Office will be open during Winter Recess on December 26, 27, 30, and 31.

Thank you to all who voted in the School Board Election. Congratulations to Patrick Antonetti, Frank Raffa, and Sandra Vucenovic for winning the open seats.

Also, thank you to Jack Gibbons, Rob Stager, and Dina Stoel for their many years of service and dedication to the children and staff of the Lincoln Park Schools!



December, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BAMMER

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! After a busy November, I definitely enjoyed cooking a nice meal and spending time with my family. Now we are in the full swing of the holiday season!

On Friday our third and fourth graders participated in the *Jump Rope for Heart* program in the afternoon. They practiced hard in their physical education classes and were ready to go!

Have you heard some singing at home? Our *winter concerts* are right around the corner and the children have been singing up a storm! Mr. Foster has been teaching the children the songs, movements, and music for our concerts, and I can't wait for you to see them all on stage! You will definitely be impressed.

On Wednesday, *December 18th*, the **FIRST and THIRD** grade concert will be at **9:30 a.m.** in the gym, and the **SECOND and FOURTH** grade concert will be at **1:30 p.m.** in the gym.

I know everyone would like a front row seat, but concert guests will not be allowed to enter the building until **15 minutes prior** to the start of the concert. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Please plan (and dress) accordingly, as guests will have to wait outside until the doors open.

**A Reminder that every guest, regardless of age, who wishes to enter our school to see the concerts must have a ticket!**

Please make sure that each person's name is clearly written on the ticket. We will collect tickets while you are waiting on line.

Upon the conclusion of the concert, we ask that you exit via the main lobby doors in an expeditious manner.

Please refrain from bringing any items for the students (flowers, etc.), as the children will not be able to keep them in their classrooms.

A reminder that parking next door in the Pine Brook Village parking lots is at your own risk—cars will be towed at your expense. Also, if you choose to park on our grass, please use caution; wet ground and heavy cars are not a good combination!

Winter weather can be unpredictable. When the need arises for early dismissals, delayed openings, or school closings, we use our emergency broadcast system. Please make sure that we have updated contact numbers (home phones and cell phones) and email addresses. The emergency alert system is only as effective and accurate as the information you have provided to us.

Please remember to send your children to school with coats, hats, and gloves—we try to go outside as much as possible.

I know that this weather makes us not want to get out from under those covers, but please remember that *school begins at 9:00 a.m.*

Congratulations to our *December Students of the Month*. December's theme is helpfulness.

*Kindergarten—Mia C. and Evan V.*

*First grade—Caroline E. and Chase P.*

*Second grade—Ariana H. and Cameron K.*

*Third grade—Anthony G. and Ariana L.*

*Fourth grade—Jack A. and Julia M.*

**Drop off and pick up reminders—** Please remember that cars cannot park along any yellow curbs and all vehicles must follow the traffic patterns. This means that if an arrow goes to the left, you must go to the left. Those who do not follow the traffic pattern in an effort to "not get stuck in the pick up line" can cause an accident.

*On behalf of the entire Lincoln Park Elementary School family, Mrs. Ficker, Mrs. Sorrentino, and I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a joyous and healthy New Year.*



It is no secret that parents make a BIG difference in their child's education. Children with parents who are involved in their education are more likely to do better in school. From preschool to graduation, you, as parents, have a lot to offer to your children! Here are 15 ways you can support school success...

**1 – Show you value school.** School is more likely to be important to your child if s/he knows it matters to you. Talk about why doing well in school matters. Discuss school and teachers in a positive way. Ask about what your child is learning every day. Only allow missed school days for serious reasons, such as illness or a family emergency.

**2 – Encourage daily reading.** Reading is the single most important thing you can do for school success. If you have a young child, read to him/her. If your child is older, have him/her read to you or sit and read your own materials while s/he is reading. Find some time to go to the library together and encourage your son/daughter to pick out materials s/he is interested in.

**3 – Use everyday opportunities to practice skills.** Having your child help you with a recipe lets him/her practice reading, math, and following instructions. Do you need to make a shopping list? Writing. Do you need to compare prices and make change? Math. Discussing current events and/or visiting museums? Social studies and history. Even discussing a television show can exercise your child's critical thinking skills!

**4 – Have a healthy breakfast.** Breakfast provides the energy and focus needed to learn. We all know it's hard to concentrate when you're hungry. Ensure that your child has three healthy meals, plus healthy snacks, each day. And, remember that our breakfast program runs from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

**5 – Make sure your child gets enough sleep.** Being tired can hurt school performance. Regular bedtimes and morning routines will help your child get off to a good start.

**6 – Help your child set goals for school and the future.** Also, plan the steps needed to reach those goals.

**7 – Teach discipline and responsibility.** Set clear rules and expectations for behavior and schoolwork; follow through on consequences; give your child chores and other responsibilities at home; discuss hard work, respect, and other values; be a role model; know where your child is, who s/he is with, and what s/he is doing; and encourage involvement in positive activities.

**8 – Promote good study habits.** Set up a regular routine for schoolwork; let your child do his/her own work, but be ready to help; set up a study space that is well lit and free from distractions (TV, phone, computer); have school supplies on hand; and have your child sit at a desk or table.

**9 – Limit "screen time."** Allow no more than two hours a day for television, video games, and computer use – unless it is for school! Limiting "screen time" will allow more time for schoolwork and physical activity. Also, be sure your child knows what is and is not okay to listen to, watch, and read.

**10 – Monitor progress.** Help your child organize himself/herself; keep track of assignments; and review graded work, tests, and report cards. If your child is struggling, talk to his/her teacher. Together, make a plan to help your child get back on track.

**11 – Encourage.** Praise good efforts and display art work and good test grades.

**12 – Team up with teachers.** Go to parent-teacher meetings to see how your child is doing, how you can support lessons, and how you can help your child prepare for testing. Discuss your child's strengths and weaknesses and any situations at home that could affect schoolwork. Ask how you can stay in touch regularly.

**13 – Learn about the school.** Attend Back to School night each year. Read the parent and student handbook to help your child understand school policies. Visit the school website frequently.

**14 – Attend school events whenever you can.** This shows you care about your child and the school. It is also a great way to meet teachers and other parents!

**15 – Volunteer.** Teachers and schools appreciate help! Ask how you can put your skills to good use. The PTO is always looking for good volunteers!

**WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED!**