



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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HELLO Lincoln/SOTA II/Coulee Montessori Families:

It seems I begin writing this welcome letter each year on a VERY HOT day in the summer! Perhaps because I wish for days like these to stay forever in perpetual sunshine and vacation! As much as I love these summer days, I look forward each year to the start of school and meeting all the students and families. We are very excited to begin a new year with our families. This note lists some of the upcoming summer dates for you as you plan for the beginning of the year.

- August 20, 2019 12:00 – 4:00 PM - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade AKA** (orientation). Please pre-register. You can still do that, and we would appreciate it. Your child will have a GREAT time at AKA.
  - August 20, 2019 4:00 – 5:30 PM – **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House**. 4:00 **Family meeting** in the auditorium. Self-guided open house 4:30 – 5:30. Bring your school supplies for your locker and medication for the school nurse.
  - August 26, 2019 8:00 – 3:00 **School Pictures**. Enter on Ferry Street. Forms included in the summer mailing. Purchases can be made online or use the envelope included with the form. **Retake photos**, October 4, 2019 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM.
  - August 28, 2019 4:00 – 5:30 **General Open House** (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and new students). Self-guided open house. Bring your school supplies for your locker and medication for the school nurse. **\*\*6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers may not be available during this general open house.**
  - September 3, 2019 – **First day of school!** School day is 7:35 – 2:45. All students enter on Ferry Street. Breakfast offered beginning at 7:10 AM.
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- 1) **School iPad technology** is provided for every student. We strongly recommend the \$20/year insurance. Your child's ipad needs to be charged daily. Contact us right away if you cannot locate the ipad. Generally, YouTube videos are NOT part of curriculum, except for short videos. Watch for parent training coming during the year.
  - 2) **Cell Phones** are a distraction in the classroom when not used for school purposes. Be sure you and your child understand that cell phones should stay in the locker on silent. Sometimes we ask parents to come and collect the phone at school. This is inconvenient for busy parents. Be sure your child understands this.
  - 3) Please follow these **Drop-Off and Pick-Up directions**. **BUSES ONLY ON FERRY STREET.**
    - Children should exit vehicles **DIRECTLY** on the sidewalk or into crosswalks.
    - Pull up as far as possible on 9th Street, drop off your student(s) and then exit back onto 9th Street slowly, watching for children.
    - **DO NOT** block intersections or cross walks. **DO NOT** double park to drop off or pick up. **THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR STUDENTS WALKING BETWEEN VEHICLES!**

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- DO NOT PARK or STOP on 9th Street in front of the school during the morning after 7:00 AM for any reason longer than to drop off your student. Please park elsewhere and come into school for business.

\*Note that traffic is most congested between 7:25 – 7:33. If you come during these times, be patient.

- 4) **MEAL OPTIONS for health or religious needs** can be accommodated through our nutrition services. Please let us know if your child has a specific need and we will do our absolute best to meet that need. We will also take those needs into consideration when planning classroom parties or other activities involving food at school. **Free & Reduced lunch forms** are included in the mailing and need to be completed each year.

If you have any questions, please let us know by contacting the school office, or stopping in before school starts. If you are uncertain about any of the information you received in the summer mailing, please give us a call. 789-7780

Take care and enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation.

Sincerely,



Melissa Murray, Principal