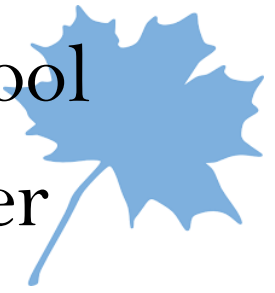




# Lincoln Elementary School

## January 2021 Newsletter



### A Letter From Mr. Skeels

Hello, Lincoln families!

Happy New Year and Welcome Back from winter break. I hope your time off was restful, and I'm wishing all of you a healthy and happy 2021.

We are in the thick of cold weather, and I'm sure the worst is still to come. If you aren't receiving APS notices, make sure you have the correct phone number on file in the office in case of a snow day or delay.

Please send your child to school with winter gear and continue to be vigilant in monitoring for COVID symptoms. Working together to reduce the risk of spread is a huge reason we have been so successful in keeping our classrooms open.

We now have less than 100 days left of school, and are gearing up for our busiest time of year. Conferences, Math and Reading Nights and some other special programming are all in the works for the upcoming months. We can't wait for some fun opportunities to connect virtually with all of you!

*-Mr. Skeels*

### Winter Weather

Should APS need to close, the announcement will be made by 5:30 am (earlier if possible). Closings will be announced through Blackboard, WLEN 103.9 FM, WQTE 95.3 FM and WABJ 1490 AM, WTOL Channel 11, WTVG Channel 13 and WNWO Channel 24. School may be closed because of poor road conditions due to amount of snowfall, ice or freezing rain; downed power lines; storm timing and duration; dangerous temperatures; or loss of heat, power, or water service.

### What's Happening in January

#### January 4

School Resumes

#### January 18

No school

MLK Day

#### January 20-21

Parent Teacher  
Conferences

#### January 22

1/2 Day

12:10 pm dismissal

#### January 28

6:00 pm Virtual Math Night



## Math Night is Coming!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 28, at 6:00 pm. This year's Math Night will feature several of our Lincoln teachers sharing how math is taught at school along with resources and activities that you can do at home. Have your questions ready, and watch for more information to come home soon. This event will take place virtually.



## MSU Extension Cooking Classes

Would you be interested in a cooking class hosted by MSU Extension? We are exploring the idea of offering a virtual class in February.



This would be a 5 week (1 hr/week) series covering shopping, budgeting, kids in the kitchen,

recipes and snack ideas, and more! Go to [bit.ly/MSUcookLincoln](https://bit.ly/MSUcookLincoln) to let us know what your availability is, so we can try to schedule the class at the best possible time.

## January Reading Tip

Reading and writing skills are linked, and working on one improves the other. Find opportunities for you child to practice their writing at home. Ask them to write a grocery list or thank you cards. Or fold pieces of paper in half and staple them to make a book that you can write and illustrate together.

## Adrian Public Schools Elementary Attendance Procedures

**Welcome back from break! As we start out the new year, we want to give you a quick reminder of our attendance policy and encourage you to make sure your child is in school when they are healthy.**

Each day classroom teachers enter attendance and the office verifies the teacher entries. The office updates information to excuse absences. In alignment with the Lenawee Intermediate School District's Truancy Officer's recommendations, the elementary attendance procedures are as follows:

- At five full day equivalent counted absences within a semester, a letter or a phone call will be made to notify the parent.
- At nine full day equivalent absences within a semester, the school administrator should, if appropriate, request a meeting with the student and parent. The goal of the meeting should be to address the root cause of the absences.
- If the attendance expectations from the meeting are not being met, a referral form **will be** sent to the Truancy Prevention Specialist.

Opening bell when doors open at the elementary buildings starting at 8:25 AM.

Students are expected to be in their classroom at or before 8:35 AM.

Students arriving between 8:36 and 9:00 AM will be marked tardy.

Morning absence begins at 9:01 AM.

Afternoon absence begins at 12:01 PM.

Students signed out after 1:30 PM will be marked S.O.E. (Signed Out Early). This is equivalent to a student being marked tardy.