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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2021-2022 school year at Lincoln Avenue School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Please be reminded that students report for the first day of school on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice. It is going to be a great school year for not only the school level staff but for each of you as well. For the last 15 months, we were immersed in a remote and/or hybrid model. Please be advised that we are returning to all buildings on September 7th. Governor Murphy shared in Executive Order #175 that remote learning would be ending as of June 30, 2021. As shared by Superintendent Dr. Fitzhugh, the end of the remote option provided the district the opportunity to plan accordingly for the safe return for all students and staff. What did the district do? We maintained our mask mandate throughout the summer, continued our temperature checks, and social distancing.

Throughout SY 21-22, as we did during the spring and summer, COVID testing will continue at every school building throughout the school year. We will continue the daily COVID-19 questionnaire that you completed each day last school year in Genesis. The district's mask mandate will help to ensure the continued health and safety of all staff and students.

All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must:

- ✓ Be made with at least 2 layers of breathable materials
- ✓ Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin
- ✓ Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- ✓ Be secured with ties or ear loops and allow the user to remain hands-free

In our reopening plan, the following are symptoms of COVID-19 where your child/children should be tested.

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or greater
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Repeated shaking with chills
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ Nausea or vomiting
- ✓ Diarrhea

Please see the information below regarding school procedures:

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS

- Students are to be dropped off at the following locations for temperature & COVID-19 form verification:
 - Kindergarten – Students will line up by teacher on the playground annex, next to the kindergarten doors.
 - 1st & 2nd Grade will line up in the quad outside of the cafeteria
 - 3rd & 4th Grade – Students will line up on the playground and utilize the side door.
 - 5th Grade – Students will line up by the double glass doors near the gymnasium.
 - 6th & 7th Grade – Students will line up along Jackson Street and utilize the side door entrance (adjacent to the main lobby doors).
- Breakfast will take form in the classroom this school year.
- Students must arrive to school by 8:30 a.m. Attendance is vital to instructional supports for our students. We need our students on time and present each day.

DISMISSAL

- All students are dismissed at 3:20 p.m.
- Please arrive promptly at that time to pick up your child.
- In the event you are unable to pick up your child on a certain day, please provide prompt, written notification to the main office. Please include the name of the person who will serve in your capacity.
- Students will be dismissed via the aforementioned doors above (see morning routine)

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students should dress appropriately for a school setting. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education classes. Uniforms should be worn daily. It is the expectation of the following in terms of dress:

Uniform Policy

K – 4	5 – 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or blue collared shirts (long or short sleeves) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared shirts (long or short sleeves)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy Blue pants • Bermuda shorts, skirts, or skorts (all at knee length) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki (tan) pants • Bermuda shorts, skirts, or skorts (all at knee length)
Physical Education Uniform	
Solid navy blue or grey sweatpants or shorts, white t-shirt, and sneakers	
Inclement/Cold Weather	
Navy sweater/sweater vest may be worn over the uniform shirt No hooded sweatshirts are permitted at any time	

Parents who have gently used uniforms and are willing to donate to our school closet, is greatly appreciated. We will donate these uniforms to students who are in need.

NOTE:|

- Safe footwear (preferably rubber soles) must be worn. No flip flops, sandals, or open backed shoes are acceptable. Sneakers must be worn on physical education days. District wide skirts should be no shorter than 3 finger lengths above the knee.
- Clothing must be clean, in good condition, and worn as intended and designed. Good judgment should be executed in dressing. Skintight clothing, along with other inappropriate dress that is distracting and interferes with the educational process is not acceptable.
- Students who are not in compliance with our uniform policies will be handled according to the district code of conduct.

The following items of clothing are considered to be inappropriate and are not to be worn:

- Blouses or sweaters that show a bare midriff, halter tops, bandanas, tank tops, tops with thin straps, short shorts, short mini-skirts, clinging or form fitting spandex leggings (*without the appropriate length skorts, shorts, skirt, or dress*), pants/jeans worn below the waist, and pants/jeans with rips 4" above the knee (including any rip that shows through to skin, undergarments, or fabric.). All flannel-type pants and sleepwear are not permitted.
- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times. Specifically, no flip-flops or “sliders” are not to be worn due to the safety factor when using stairs. All sandals must be secured at the toes and ankle for safety.

SCHEDULES KIOSK: We are passing out schedules on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM and Friday, August 27, 2021 from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES: For information regarding classroom supplies, please visit <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/958> for a comprehensive list of required school supplies.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to Lincoln Avenue School secretaries, at 973-677-4130. The district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

FORMS

Students will receive the emergency contact form on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 13, 2021. It is important that these forms are returned so we are able to have active communication with you throughout SY 21-22.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

- Afterschool clubs will be held on Fridays, beginning October 15th through May 20th from 3:30PM – 4:30PM for students in grades 2 – 7. The following are tentative clubs for the upcoming school year:

Board Game Club	Cheerleading	Dance Club	Debate Club
Game 24	Geography Bee	Girls Who Code	Homework Club
Instrumental Club	JR National Honor Society	Panther Pride	Robotics Team
Spelling Bee	Student Government	Vocal Club (Choir)	Wellness Club

- Afterschool enrichment programs (in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts) will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, beginning October 19th through May 19th from 3:30PM – 4:30PM for students in grades 1 – 7

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are to bring their district issued Chromebook to school on a daily basis; full charged.

COMMUNICATION

- All teachers and staff will be connected to our students and families using “Class Dojo.” Please ensure you have connected with your child’s classroom teacher on this platform and check the “school story” daily for any announcements.
- E-mail & phone blasts will also be used to communicate with families. Please ensure you have updated your contact information in genesis. It is imperative that all school personnel have the most update information for your household.
- Being able to communicate with our parents is extremely important. Please ensure that all your information is updated. You will receive calls from our secretaries to check and update your information in Genesis.

- Parent Portal will be the means of accessing all your student’s important information, his/her progress/grades, missing assignments, and other concerns that might impact your student’s performance or well-being. If you have not done so, please ensure that you sign up for parent portal.
- Please listen to phone blasts sent by the school and/or District. They include important information and guidance. This is even more important in these uncertain times.
- If you have not signed up for the Orange App, you can download on your Android or Apple iPhone.
- The School District & Lincoln Avenue’s social media platforms are a great source for posting updates & important information as well as celebrating and sharing photos of our fun activities. You can also follow our school on the following social media platform below:
 - **Twitter:**
 - Orange Public School District
 - Lincoln Ave Panthers (@LincolnAve216)
 - **Instagram:**
 - Orange Public School District
 - LASPanthers
 - **Facebook:** Orange Public School District

LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

- We believe in the innate ability of students to grow intellectually and to develop positive character traits through robust learning experiences which consistently increases the level of instructional rigor.
- We believe that Lincoln Avenue administration, instructional and support staff possess the knowledge and skills to assist students in meeting the expectations of the Common Core State Standards.
- We believe that mutual trust, respect and open communication between staff and families are critical for maximizing student achievement.

Looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Educationally yours,

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