

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL !!!

A very special welcome to Principal Janice Spearman, and our other new faces this year: Erin Tenorio who is not quite a new face, but joins Martha Vincent, as the new Lower Montessori teachers.

## Help Support Lincoln & Join PTSA today!

Membership costs \$10 annually per person, and membership form/envelopes are available in the school lobby. Everyone who joins between August 25 and September 8 will be entered into a drawing to win a Lucky Strikes (@Belmar) bowling party for 6! In addition to your support of Lincoln, your membership entitles you to membership in the national PTA, which provides numerous resources to parents and schools plus discounts on Sharp Electronics, Southwest Airlines Vacations, T-Mobile, Parenting Magazine, and MetLife Auto & Home. ([www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)) For more information, please contact Suzy at [susanbavolasabol@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbavolasabol@yahoo.com).

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- **September 7: Lincoln Restaurant Night.** The PTSA has joined with local restaurants to raise money for Lincoln Elementary, every first Tuesday of the month. By eating out at the selected restaurant, you help to support our school! September's restaurant is the Pajama Baking Company (1595 S. Pearl Street) from 5pm to close. Come for the spaghetti and meatballs - stay for the ice cream!
- **September 8: PTSA General Meeting.** 6pm to 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! College Invest will be presenting information on 529 Savings plans. Upcoming events and fundraisers will also be discussed. Free childcare provided with RSVPs (to RSVP email Sarah at [SarahMarieB@yahoo.com](mailto:SarahMarieB@yahoo.com) or 303.949.5555).
- **September 11: West Washington Park Home Tour.** 10 am to 4pm. See next page for details.
- **September 14: Catalog, Gold C/Entertainment Book, Cookie Dough Sale:** September 14 marks the start of our first fundraiser of the year. Proceeds help support the school.
- **September 24: Movie Night.** 5:30 - 8pm at Lincoln playground. Pizza, water and ice cream available for purchase. Free popcorn. Come in your PJ's and bring blankets and folding chairs.

## PTSA?

*What is it?*

The mission of PTSA is three-fold: • To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; • To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and • To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Our particular Mission. This year, the Lincoln Elementary PTSA is dedicated to raising funds to support para professionals in the classrooms and to building a stronger Lincoln community.

Para Funding: Due to DPS budget cuts, we have already seen a dramatic reduction in Para staffing. Last year, each of the 1st - 5th Grade classrooms had 3 hours of para time per day. This year, they only have 40 minutes. Our goal is to get us back to last years staffing as quickly as possible. To accomplish this, we need to raise over \$50,000 - which is more than twice the amount we made last year. We need everyone's help to achieve this goal.

Lincoln Community: The PTSA will be holding more than half a dozen events this year to help build a closer community. The goal of these events is to get to know each other better and to provide free, fun entertainment for Lincoln students, parents, teachers, and neighborhood businesses. Come find out more at:

<http://www.mylincolnptsa.org/>

**\*YOUTH FARMERS MARKETS**

The Youth Farmers Market program brings fruits and vegetables from local farms to schools and provides them for sale to the school and local community. The profits go to the garden program. The end dates will depend on weather and availability of produce.

**DATES FOR YOUTH FARMERS MARKETS**

September 10 and 11  
 September 16  
 September 24  
 October 1  
 October 8  
 October 15

**\*WEST WASHINGTON PARK HOME TOUR**

The West Washington Park Home Tour will occur on September 11, 2010 and directly helps support Lincoln Elementary. There will be a bake sale and Youth Farmers Market at Lincoln during the Home Tour. Come out and Support Our Neighborhood!

Tickets are on sale now at Lincoln for \$15, with \$3 from each ticket going directly to our school. If you would like to volunteer for a 1-2 hour shift between 10am and 4pm to bake, sell, or staff the tour homes, please contact Suzy Sabol at [susanbavolasabol@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbavolasabol@yahoo.com).

**\*LINCS Initiative.**

As mentioned above, the PTSA hopes to raise over \$50,000 this year to increase Paraprofessionals in all 1st through 5th grade classrooms (both Montessori and Traditional). To help with this, we are introducing a new campaign this year called the **L**incoln **I**nitiative for **C**lassroom **S**taffing. LINCS is a direct donation program which provides Lincoln parents, grandparents, friends, businesses, etc. a simple means of donating directly to our school. 100% of the money received from the LINCS Campaign will go directly to para staffing. In addition, your donation is tax deductible and in some cases will be matched by your employer.

Many other DPS schools already have similar programs (Bromwell, Cory, Lowry, University Park to name a few) and use them to hire teachers and paras. Our hope is that this will be the first year of many that the LINCS Program will be around.

For more information, please visit our webpage: [http://www.mylincolnptsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=145&Itemid=75](http://www.mylincolnptsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=145&Itemid=75)

**Thank You!**

**We are looking forward to a great school year !**

**Other Important Dates & Events****October 22**

Fall Festival

**November 5**

Lincoln Walk-a-thon

**November 16**

Math Night

*Please contact the PTSA if you would like to volunteer for any of our listed events, and look for our next newsletters for future events !*

