

LES Board Report September 2023

- **Attendance Matters!** Under the leadership of Mr. Chenot and with guidance and support from Mr. Kinmon, we have implemented a new tiered attendance system at Lincoln this school year. The system includes a systematic approach for tracking students with habitual attendance concerns while helping families overcome barriers. We have sent clear communication to our families with the expectation of “*Nine days or less equals success!*”. We have implemented individual and class incentives – ie. Bell Ringing for classroom perfect attendance; Weekly Grade-level Banners; and our first school-wide assemblies will be held next Friday, October 6th with an emphasis on attendance success.
- **On-going Family Engagement Efforts ~**
 - *Family Friendly Schools* Recertification process – submission by October 1, 2023 with the Prichard Committee
 - Continued intentional efforts in increasing our school and family communication and connections
 - Our second of five Family Engagement Conference events for this school year will be held on Wednesday, October 25th from 2 – 6 pm with an emphasis on Academic Achievement
- **Assessing Student Learning ~**
 - **AIMSweb** - All students in grades K-6 have completed their first AIMSweb benchmark test of this school year. Students are assessed on reading and math skills three times a year. This test helps us to determine specific learning gaps for each student. For students identified at-risk, we use this system to monitor their weekly progress to determine if the targeted learning interventions selected for them are making a positive impact. Students performing below the 50% in math and/or reading are receiving interventions through their WIN (“What I Need”) time.
 - **Brigance Kindergarten Readiness** - Our kindergarten students have all completed their state required Brigance testing. The students tested with their kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Ponting and the kindergarten teachers will now work to get all of the information into the database before the deadline.
 - **STAR** - Lincoln students in grades 2 – 6 have also taken their Fall STAR Assessment. The scores will be reviewed with students and the reports shared with families during our upcoming conference day on Wednesday, October 25th.
- Continued work with *The Reading League* is underway!
 - **On-going Professional Learning** - Teachers participated in another professional learning session in August prior to school starting and will have an important follow-up professional learning day in November with Heidi. Our new TRL Coaches, Rachel and Stefany, will also be here on site for Heidi’s training plus two additional days. We are engaged in learning the science of reading and the importance of ensuring our students have the strong foundational reading scores in order to become proficient readers.
 - **Coaching** – Our teachers are currently working with our Reading League Coaches in weekly virtual sessions. During these sessions with their coach the teachers confidentially share their struggles, learning needs, questions, and strategies to use in their classrooms.
 - **The Reading League Conference** – We are excited about our opportunity to attend the Annual TRL Conference in Syracuse, NY next week in which seven DIS teachers and admins will have the chance to be immersed in the SOR for several days together led by national experts in the field.

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- ***Mental Health*** - We continue to implement positive supports in the area of mental health to help our students cope and adjust to life at school and home. When we learn/see/find a student is struggling we work with the student, their family, teachers and the support team to identify individualized ways to support students. This can include: specific behavior modification plans, referral to a mental health specialist, a visit to our in-school health clinic, etc.
- ***Enhanced Welcome Meetings*** – When a new family enrolls at Lincoln we continue to set-up an initial welcome meeting with the student and their family. The purpose of these meetings is to learn more about the student in order to BEST meet the student's needs. This allows us to ensure supports are in place to help the student AND family become acclimated in their new school environment. The meetings are attended by two Lincoln staff members (FRC, School Nurse, School Counselor and/or Principal/Asst. Principal) with follow-up communication being shared with the teachers of the new student.

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