

Lincoln Elementary School Profile – April 4, 2020

Lincoln Elementary School fosters a culture of family between students, parents and the community. Welcome to our Lincoln Black Tiger Family! We are committed to provide opportunities for students to achieve at their greatest potential and to gain leadership skills during their elementary years that will last throughout adulthood. We strive to provide an education that is differentiated to each and every learner through individualized goals and interest-based learning. The staff of Lincoln Elementary school provides a nurturing environment that supports the needs of all learners on their continuum of progress.

Leadership

Students of all ages are considered leaders at Lincoln. We provide opportunities for every student to be a leader and encourage students to lead by example. Every homeroom teacher has specific leadership jobs for their students. Fifth grade students interview for specific jobs each year. These duties include peacemakers, flag handlers, library helpers, video announcers, student helpers in the autism classrooms, letter/sound and sight word helpers in Kindergarten and first grade, and photographers. Fourth grade students can gain first-hand experience of leadership and responsibility by being a cafeteria helper. Students in fourth and fifth grade also participate in applying and interviewing to be a student council member. The council meets monthly with the principal and spearheads various service learning projects throughout the year.

Service Learning

At Lincoln, we believe that students can demonstrate a greater understanding of the world that they live in by helping others. With this concept of service above self, every homeroom or grade level participates in a class service-learning project. Here are a few of our projects:

- the beautification and upkeep of three flowering gardens
- donations to our local animal shelters and organizations
- raking leaves at a local park
- the Thanks a Million campaign for veterans

- participating in Special Olympics
- a toy and book drive for an area hospital NICU
- donating supplies to create literacy bags for a local women's shelter
- Lincoln Lemonade Day

Lincoln students and staff also participate in various school wide service-learning projects. These projects include:

- raising money for Project Ed Bear, a local children's cancer foundation
- food and supply drive for our local food bank twice per year
- Lincoln share table, food pantry, and weekend Tiger food bags
- Lincoln community closet

We also collaborate with community partners for providing gift cards, food, and clothing for needy Lincoln families during the holidays. Lincoln Elementary is a proud Relay for Life school raising thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society through our own relay recess and lip sync change wars. Relay recess is a huge community event. The Lincoln Family Team also participates in the Cuyahoga Falls Relay for Life every year.

Differentiated Learning

Teachers strive to provide individualized learning to all students. The staff of Lincoln provides engaging learning experiences to meet each student's needs. This learning is provided through small group instruction, setting and tracking of individualized learning goals, intensive interventions, cluster grouping of gifted students, and enrichment based upon interests and social/emotional needs. All students have intervention and enrichment for both reading and math areas.

Lincoln students also participate in a wide variety of authentic learning experiences or challenges. These design challenges provide meaningful avenues for students to gain skills working as a team and solving real world problems. Students participate in field trips that are fun, educational and provide real world experiences.

The staff of Lincoln Elementary School represents over 715 years of experience working with students. Staff members work together in teams to analyze test data, plan lessons together, and collaborate across subject areas for engaging

lessons and projects. Teachers work in teacher based teams to create interventions based upon student needs and develop lessons based upon student assessments.

Lincoln Elementary School believes that all students are to be included with their typical age peers. We believe in the co-teaching philosophy and provide students with services and interventions in the general education environment as much as possible. Students work with a variety of general education teachers and intervention specialists throughout the day.

Lincoln also supports the needs of students with autism and other identified disabilities through two classrooms dedicated to their social, emotional and academic needs. These two resource rooms have very caring teachers and support staff that are specifically trained in meeting students' needs. We also have a well-equipped sensory room that provides motor movement and light stimulation.

Lincoln Elementary has a diverse and increasing population of English Learners with students speaking many languages. These languages include Nepali, Arabic, Spanish, Kurdish, Uzbek, Pashto, Tagalog, and Urdu. Our two EL teachers provide instruction to students with English language acquisition and cultural learning aspects. We also celebrate these cultures through specific events at our school and a district culture fair.

Parent and Community Engagement

The Lincoln Elementary School engages parents through effective communication and collaboration. Parents participate in conferences, parent informational nights regarding curriculum and assessments, math, science and literacy nights, and through student events such as concerts and special events. All staff members communicate with parents through sharing student progress and social-emotional needs. We have 90% of our parents involved in parent-teacher conferences.

The Lincoln Parent Teacher Association has over 200 members and are an integral part of our Lincoln family. The Lincoln PTA helps supports various school initiatives regarding curriculum and special events. Lincoln PTA provides students and staff with unique events that foster our family environment. These events include a back to school social, breakfasts with our heroes, literacy nights, book

fairs, Veteran's Day, fifth grade recognition, dances, field day, staff appreciation week, and our Relay for Life event. Parent volunteers run our library program, help with special celebrations, and help with reading and math fluency. We are very grateful for our partnership with our PTA and our parent volunteers.

Personalized Student Goal Setting and Student-Led Conferences

All students participate in developing and analyzing their own goals for academics, behavior and leadership skills. These goals are included in every student's data binder. Students mark progress towards attaining goals in the areas of reading fluency, reading comprehension, math fluency, math reasoning, writing skills, and through district and teacher assessments. Students also document their leadership skills through participation in various service learning projects and leadership jobs. Students use these leadership notebooks as a driving force to improve their learning and citizenship goals. During student-led conferences, students explain to their parents their own analysis and attainment of their goals, their strengths, and areas for improvement. Personalized goal setting provides the opportunity for students to be in charge of their learning and decision-making.

Black Tiger Pride

Black Tiger Pride is our district-wide positive behavior support system. Black Tiger Pride encourages students to be leaders, model citizens, problem solvers, and to be a proud member of our Black Tiger family. Black Tiger Pride represents these three behavior expectations: Be Respectful, Take Responsibility, and Practice Safety. Students display their Black Tiger Pride daily and earn specific incentives and recognitions for their efforts. Students, staff and community members participate in spirit days and/or weeks and special recognition events. Black Tiger Pride is evident throughout Lincoln and our entire Cuyahoga Falls family!