

PERSHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

News from Mrs. Baker, Principal

August, 2008

We are anxious to start a new school year and welcome all Pershing students and their families back to school. We would like to extend a special welcome to our kindergarten students and others who are new to Pershing. Please know that we want you to be a part of your child's education.



**First Day of School
Wednesday, August 20**



Safe Walk to School Night

Please mark Monday, August 18th on your calendars and plan to attend the Pershing Safe Walk to School Night and Social. Teachers will be in their classrooms to greet students and their families between 7:00 and 7:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to practice coming to school and to prevent some of those first day jitters. This is also a chance to turn in the many important forms included in this mailing. After meeting teachers, the PPTO invites you to a social on the playground. Class lists will be posted at the front entrance to the school so that students can find out which teacher they will work with this year. If you are unable to attend, the lists will remain posted at the front entrance until after the first day of school.

Pershing Safe Walk to School Night Monday, August 18th

7:00 – 8:00 pm

*Please also bring the completed forms included in this mailing.

You will need to check in with your child's teacher in their classroom prior to 7:45 pm.

Arrival/Dismissal Areas

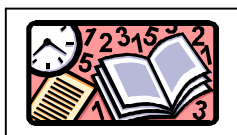
Grades K-1: Southeast Basketball Court

Grades 2-3: Front Entrance

Grades 4-5: North Central Parking Lot
Entrance

Shortened School Hours Early Dismissal Plan Three Days August 20 – August 22

Grades K-5



8:15-1:53

Regular School Hours Beginning August 25th are: 8:15-2:53

See the yellow brochure for additional information regarding arrival and dismissal procedures.

Lunch/Breakfast Accounts

We encourage parents to deposit money into their children's SNAP (lunch/breakfast) account and turn in the forms for free or reduced lunches at Safe Walk Night on the evening of August 18th, if possible. Parents may also stop in the office between 8:00 a.m and 3:00 p.m. on or before August 19th to deposit lunch money or turn in forms. This will save your child time on the first day of school.

Breakfast

Breakfast begins at 7:40 a.m. Students are welcome to check in for breakfast anytime between 7:40 and 8:00 a.m. Students eating breakfast at school should enter the southwest door directly outside the cafeteria and may remain in the cafeteria until the bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Students arriving 7:55-8:00 am will receive a sack breakfast to take with them to class. Supervision is provided in the lunchroom.

(Check on back for important information from Nutrition Services)

Welcome back to school!

**Lincoln Public Schools
Nutrition Services Department
August 2008**

Fill Out a New Free and Reduced Meal Application

Each new school year a free and reduced meal application must be completed. Failure to do so will cause your children to lose meal benefits. Check your letter of “Notification of Receiving Free and Reduced Meal Benefits” closely. Children not listed on the letter will not receive meal benefits. You will need to fill out a free and reduced application with their names on it as well as your other children. Until the free and reduced application is approved you will need to send money or a sack lunch for those children not approved for free or reduced meal benefits. “Notification of Receiving Free and Reduced Meal Benefits” letter must be saved to verify your free or reduced status with other programs. We do not mail a second copy.

Free and Reduced Application Help Session

Need help filling out the free and reduced meal application? Tuesday, August 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in Room E111 at Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5901 O Street, staff will be available to help you fill out the application. Bring your monthly pay stubs and if you receive food stamps, bring your food stamp case number or master number.

Pay for School Meals on the Web

Pay for school meals on-line. Go to lps.org and look on the left side for “Buy Student Meals” and follow the directions. There is a small fee for using this service. You may also use this site to monitor your child’s lunch and breakfast account.

Looking for a Job?

Looking for a fun job that pays over \$10.00 per hour while your children are in school? Be a Food Service Worker. Work four hours per day, school days only. Apply at Lincoln Public Schools District Office at 5901 O Street in the Human Resources Department.

Teach Your Child Their PIN Number

WinSNAP is the name of the district’s computerized point-of-sale (POS) cash register system. Students deposit money into their account which is accessed by entering their PIN number (starts with a “4”) on a PIN pad. Students will have the same number each school year. If your child is new to the Lincoln Public Schools, a number will be assigned. It is very important your child learn their number so they can enter it the first day of school.

Unless your child is on free meals, you will need to deposit money in your their account. A suggestion for the amount of prepayment would be \$38 for elementary, \$42 for middle school students and \$45 for high school students. This would provide lunch meals for four weeks. Money for your child’s meals can be deposited at open house or before school. Any amount of money may be deposited. As long as your child does not owe money, cash may always be used to pay for school food. Money in an account will be transferred from one school to another if a students changes schools within the Lincoln Public Schools. When money is owed on an account (negative balance) the deposit (pre-payment) always pays off the money owed first and deposits into the account the difference. At Pershing, we stamp the hands of students whose accounts are low as a reminder. In addition, we may ask a student to come to the office and call you as a reminder to send lunch money to school.