



# Pershing Elementary

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## Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Students will be having classroom parties with healthy snacks on February 14 at 2:15. At Pershing, we have students with nut allergies and possible other health conditions that would not allow them to eat sugar. Stickers, pencils, or erasers are great options if families want to give something in the valentine. If candy is brought, students will not be allowed to eat candy during the school day. Candy will be reserved for home only.

### Important: Arrival

\*Students may arrive at 7:45 a.m. for breakfast

\*Students not eating breakfast should arrive at 8:00 a.m.

**Students should not arrive prior to 7:45 as there is no supervision before then.**

## Upcoming Events

### February 14

Valentine Classroom Parties @ 2:15 p.m.

### February 18

No Elementary School, Plan Day

### February 19

Pershing 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair @ 2:00 p.m.

### February 26

PLC Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m.  
No Preschool

### February 28

Grade 5 District Science Fair

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### SAVE THE DATE:

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:00-7:20  
Around the World in 80  
Minutes

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## Student Supports @ Pershing:

Research indicates that you can improve behavior by 80% just by pointing out what someone is doing correctly. Acknowledgement is paying attention to and recognizing appropriate behaviors. There are many ways that you can acknowledge appropriate behaviors that you see.

At Pershing school we provide specific positive feedback to let the child know exactly what they have done correctly. Giving specific positive feedback increases the likelihood of appropriate behavior happening again. We try to acknowledge positive behaviors four times more often than correcting inappropriate behavior. Outside of school consider using specific positive feedback to shape the behavior you would like to see more of.

### Pershing Family Engagement:

Science Fair for 5<sup>th</sup> grade on February 19<sup>th</sup>

This year at Pershing we will have a “practice” science fair on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Students, who are interested in this opportunity, will be asked to work independently or in partners to present their science project and display to their peers in the school cafeteria at 2:00 pm. Parents are invited to come see these displays from 2:20-2:50 pm. At 2:50, students will cleanup and be dismissed, following their usual dismissal plans.

Those who participate at the Pershing Science Fair will receive a participation ribbon. There will not be judges at the Pershing fair. Students will be given the opportunity to share information about their project with their peers and parents who attend the Pershing fair. Those students, who choose to take their project to the LPS Science Fair on February 28<sup>th</sup>, will have their projects judged and ribbons will be awarded based upon their scores.

### Scholastic Book Fair – March 4-7

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! The Book Fair will be open after school until 3:15pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. It will be open after school until 7:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday throughout Parent Teacher Conferences. Be on the lookout for the Spring Wish List!



### Boys Town Social Skills:

Below are the following social skills we have been teaching, practicing, and reinforcing. These are great skills you can teach, practice, and reinforce at home as well

#### Accepting “No” for an Answer

1. Look at the person.
2. Say “Okay”
3. Stay calm.
4. If you disagree, ask later

#### Greeting Others

1. Look at the person
2. Use a pleasant voice
3. Say “Hi” or “Hello”

### Need Assistance?



The MyLNK app connects you to every service and nonprofit in Lincoln.

It's free to use and does not require an internet connection after it's downloaded.



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## School-Home Connection

Social Emotional Learning at Home: Tips, Reminders, & Activities for Families

### Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make in their future? Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes per day score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your child will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Please mark your calendars to visit our Book Fair and discover your child's next favorite book!

### Save the date!

Book Fair dates: March 4th and 6th.

Shopping hours: During Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:15-7:00 pm

Special activities: Drawings/Games for prizes.

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](https://www.scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from February 25th to March 8th.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Happy reading!

**READ 20**  
A student who reads

**20:00**

minutes per day

typically scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



### Safety Reminder

We are working really hard to teach students how to be safe when they come to school and leave school. Please help us by reminding your children to use the crosswalks at all times. Crosswalks signal drivers that adults and children may be crossing, so they are more aware in these areas. With cars coming up and down Judson and the pull up lane, it is important students have distance between themselves and the moving traffic. Thank you for your participation in keeping all students safe!

## **\*\*Additional News\*\***

### **LPS Important Information Booklet:**

#### **The LPS Portal**

The LPS Portal contains a list of approved Instructional Technology Tools (web applications and services) that LPS teachers may be using with their classes. Students access the LPS Portal by clicking the 'HOME' button on their Chromebook. More information about tools found in the LPS Portal can be found on the Tech Tool Matrix (<http://lps.org/go/matrix>). Note: An upgrade applied during Winter Break introduced an updated interface and a more seamless sign-on experience.

Students can follow these steps to add an application to the "My Favorites" tab on their portal to make sign in even more efficient:

1. Hover the mouse over the application
2. Control+click on the application
3. Select **Add (tool) to Favorites**

#### **Safe Searching Tools**

The LPS Key Concepts in Digital Citizenship emphasize students' ability to "**Apply strategies for effective and efficient searches for information**" and "**Evaluate and select appropriate sources to answer questions.**" LPS Educators work hard to help students understand not every search should be a "Google" search. Students have access to high quality digital content, both from school or home, linked from our library web page. These resources include: eBooks, encyclopedias in multiple languages, databases of periodicals and reference resource, streaming media, and more!

For more information, visit the library web page found on our school's website.



#### **2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration ONLINE**

Parents of incoming Kindergartners will be required to register their students online for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment can be found on the Lincoln Public Schools homepage, LPS.org. Enrollment will open Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>!

Kindergarten registration booklets will not be mailed home as done in years past. All information can be found on the LPS home page.

Your child must be five years old by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Families who wish to have their child enroll at an LPS school outside of their attendance area must fill out a Special Attendance Permit.

If you know of families that are new to the Pershing area and have a child who will be attending kindergarten, please have them go to [LPS.org](http://LPS.org) to register their child. If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to call our office 402-436-1160 or email [mbeaudet@lps.org](mailto:mbeaudet@lps.org) (registrar) with questions.