



# Pershing Elementary

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Dear Families,

It has been a great start to the 2019-2020 school year! This year our school wide theme is 'Be Relentless'. The Pershing community is relentless in the pursuit of our personal and/or classroom goals. Teachers are relentless in their teaching and planning to find ways all students can experience success in and out of the classroom. Students are relentless in their learning and engagement in the classroom.

It has been exciting to see students and teachers meeting short term goals even three weeks in. Students have learned and practiced classroom and school wide routines, procedures and expectations. These expectations are important to ensure students understand both behavioral and academic expectations that will help them be successful.

I am proud of our start and excited to see Relentless teaching and learning continue this school year.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cook, Principal

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## Upcoming Events

### September 3

PPTO meeting @ 6:00 in the library

### September 4

After school CLC clubs begin

### September 5

Fundraiser Packets Due

9:15: Mrs. Benson & Mrs. Corbett to Morrill Hall

12:00: Mrs. Heller & Mrs. Emanuel to Morrill Hall

### September 6

9:15: Mrs. Dixon & Ms. Mix to Morrill Hall

12:00: Mrs. Breen & Mrs. Kruse to Morrill Hall

### September 16

Staff & Student photos

### September 17

Grade 5 to Sheldon Art Gallery

### September 18

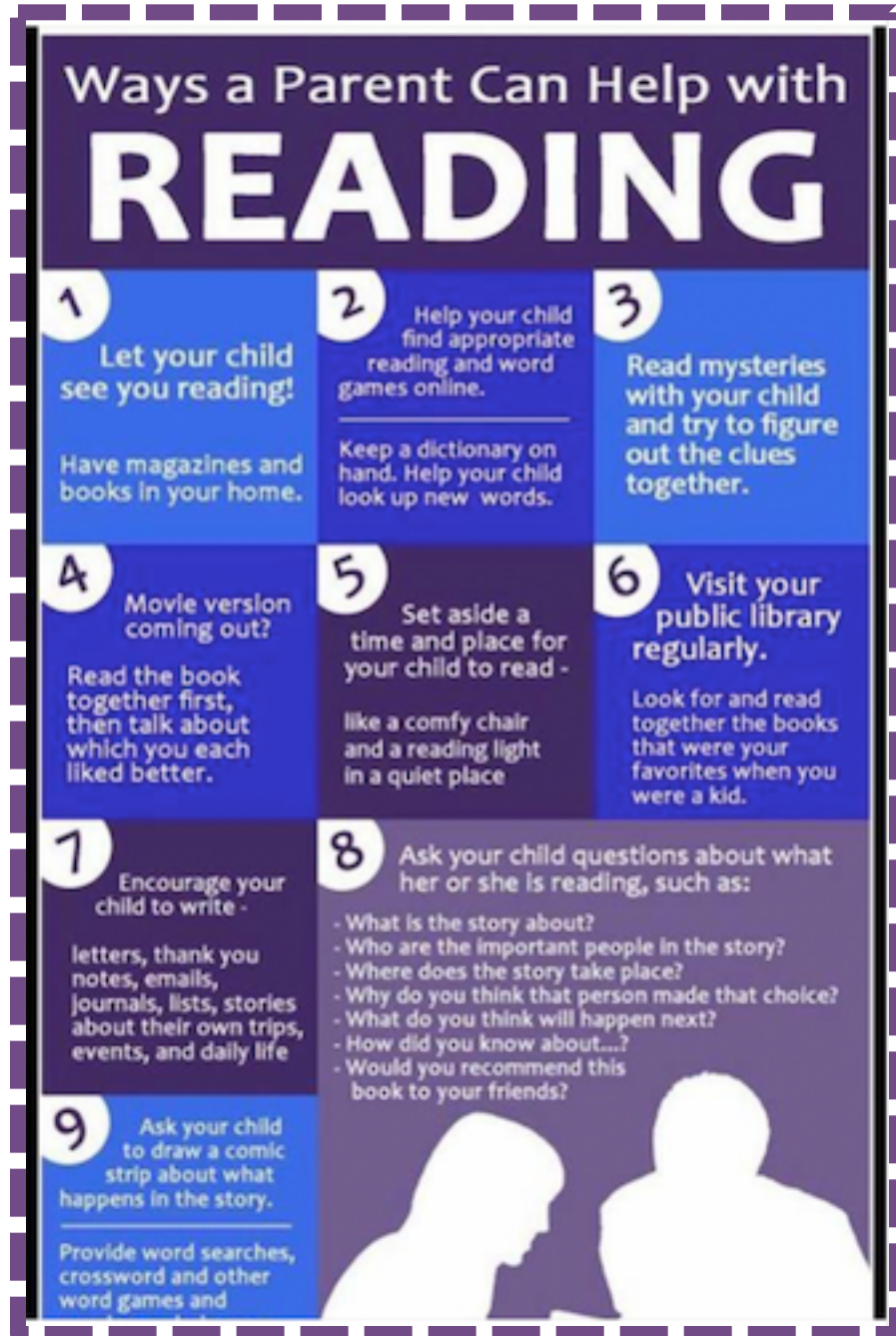
Taco John Night Out

### September 26

PLC Early Dismissal @ 1:33

# Reading at Home:

Below are some tips and ways to incorporate reading at home. It is important for students to be able to practice their pre-reading and reading skills at home. There are many quick and easy ways to include this practice as part of your routine at home.



## IMPORTANT! Arrival Drop off & Dismissal Pick-Up

- For morning drop off please see Pershing's arrival traffic plan located in the Student/Parent Handbook. It is important that you become familiar with this traffic pattern to ensure the safety of all our Pershing students. The south side of Judson Street is not a safe spot to drop students off. This side of the street is a No Parking Zone, please do not drop students off on the south side. Follow the recommended traffic and use the cut-out to temporarily park to drop students off, or the north side of Judson (along the school side) to drop students off.
- At Dismissal, students will only cross at the crosswalks at 64<sup>th</sup> & 63<sup>rd</sup> and Judson. There are certified staff members placed at these locations and will be able to help students safely cross the street. Please do not wave your student across the street. There is no parking signs along the south side of Judson. When you park across the street, it impacts the flow of traffic going east and west down Judson. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding in making sure that our students arrive and get home safely each day.

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## Pets on Property:

Lincoln Public Schools require animals to be certified to be on property at school. There are few circumstances where animals are tied to a curricular area and may gain permission from the building to be on property. All family pets must remain off property during student hours which includes family events, arrival, and dismissal times. This helps us reach our number one goal of keeping students safe.



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## Volunteering at Pershing:

You can make a difference in the life of a student by serving in variety of volunteering opportunities: reading to a child, shelving books in the library, and much more. Each and every volunteer helps our students learn, grow and succeed. We are grateful to you for sharing valuable time with Pershing and LPS.

We have established several volunteer “levels”, based on contact with students and supervision by LPS staff. Please see below to determine which level applies to your volunteer interest.

Level 1: If you are interest in a Level 1 volunteer activity, simply contact Pershing. You are not required to fill out a volunteer form. (Examples may include but are not limited to: helping with a school mailing or helping in the media center shelving books.)

Level 2 or 3: If you are interested in a Level 2 or 3 volunteer activities, please fill out the volunteer form located on our volunteer webpage. Make sure you fill out all the application fields completely and accurately. The link is also located on the front of the LPS website ([www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org)), under Popular Pages.

You will be asked to provide basic information, as well as sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct and a Personal Disclosure. This information is necessary in our continuing effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff.

Link: <https://wapp.lps.org/gold/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>

### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) at Pershing:

Multi-tiered System of Supports for Behavior (MTSS-B) is a research-based framework for teaching and supporting positive behaviors for ALL students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. The benefits of implementing MTSS-B include:

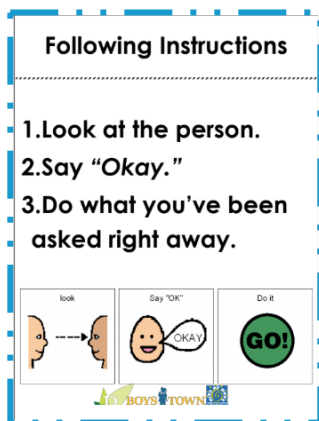
- fewer behavior issues
- more instructional time
- increased attendance for student success.

The foundation of MTSS-B in Lincoln Public Schools lies in the fundamental expectations developed by each of our schools. At Pershing school, our expectations are Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Responsible.

**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.

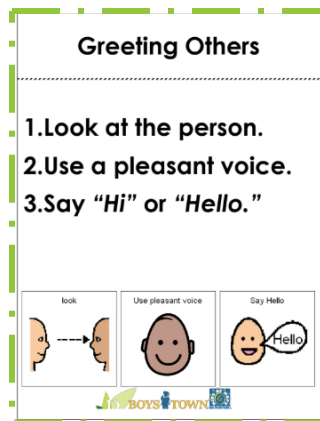
#### Following Instructions

1. Look at the person
2. Say "okay" or nod your head
3. Do what was asked, right away



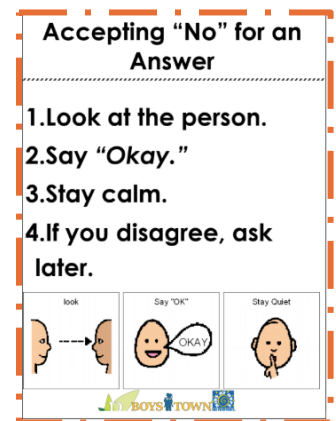
#### Greeting Others

1. Look at the Person
2. Use a pleasant voice
3. Say "Hi" or "Hello"



#### Accepting 'No' for an Answer

1. Look at the person
2. Say "okay" or not your head
3. Stay calm
4. If you disagree, ask later



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

### **Library News**

#### **Keeping Track of Library Books**

Would you like to help your student keep track of the books they have checked out from the school library? Here's how:

- Begin at portal.lps.org
  - Enter your student's ID and password (If you don't have this information, the school office can provide it for you).
  - Select "Destiny Discover" from the alphabetical listing in the portal.
  - From the upper right hand corner of the screen, select login and select Log in using your account with New LPS Portal.
  - In the upper left-hand corner of the Destiny Discover page select the icon with the three parallel lines.
  - Select "Checkout" from the dropdown menu to see the books that are currently checked out.

#### **Digital Citizenship Tips**

At the beginning of the school year all LPS students review Chromebook expectations and the Responsible Use Agreement (RUA) for Chromebook use. Click [here](#) to learn more about Chromebook use in LPS and to review the expectations outlined in the RUA. Here are some questions to start a conversation at home about Chromebook expectations:

- How do you take care of your Chromebook?
- When can you use your Chromebook?
- What settings can you change on your Chromebook?



### **Reminders**

#### **IMPORTANT: Arrival Times**

- ✓ Students may arrive @ 7:45 for breakfast
- ✓ Students who are not eating breakfast should arrive @ 8:00

**\*\*No supervision prior to 7:45**

#### **Community Spirit Day**

Every Friday is Community Spirit Day!

Students can wear their Pershing shirt or **purple**

**OR**

Students can wear their Husker shirt or **red**.

#### **Cherry Dale**

Fundraiser Kick-off: Aug. 22

Fundraiser Packets Due: Sept. 5

Fundraiser Pick up: Oct. 3

\*3:00-6:00 in the cafeteria

#### **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.



MyLNK is made possible by the Center for People in Need, Leadership Lincoln, and Don't Panic Labs.



# Pumpkin Run 2019

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 18th annual Pumpkin Run is a 1-mile youth cross-country fun run, the largest run of its kind in the nation!

**DATE:** Saturday, October 5, 2019

**LOCATION:** TBD

**TIMES:**

**Session 1 – Small Schools/Non-LPS Schools:** Heat 1 starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Session 2 – Large Schools:** Heat 1 starts at 11:30 a.m.

Runner order will start with oldest grades proceeding down to the youngest grades.

Please plan to arrive shortly before your scheduled run time. **You DO NOT have to arrive at the beginning of your session.** Carpooling is HIGHLY recommended as parking congestion is likely with over 3,500 runners and families.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### ENTRY FEES:

\$12 Per Runner: June 1 - September 20

\$15 Per Runner: September 21 - October 4

### ENTRY DEADLINES:

Runners registering through their school must have their completed entry form to their P.E. teacher by **Friday, September 20**. Registrations WILL NOT be accepted through the schools after September 20.

***On-site entries WILL be accepted.***

**NOTE:** Runners are encouraged to run without an adult/sibling. However, an adult/sibling is allowed to run with their child free of charge. If the adult/sibling wants to receive a Pumpkin Run t-shirt with the run, they need to register online and pay the entry fee. **PARENTS, GUARDIANS, TEACHERS AND/OR SIBLINGS OF REGISTERED RUNNERS MAY RUN AT THEIR OWN RISK OF LIABILITY.**

Online Registration at Nebraska Sports Council:

[http://www.nebraskasportscouncil.com/PumpkinRun\\_Lincoln](http://www.nebraskasportscouncil.com/PumpkinRun_Lincoln)

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Wendelin ([dwendel@lps.org](mailto:dwendel@lps.org))