

# Pershing Elementary

## May Newsletter

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### Pershing Families:

I can't believe May is here and we are planning all our end of the year celebrations. It has definitely been a year to remember!

I am so incredibly thankful for such an amazing school community that has never wavered in the support of our teachers and staff. Although different, it has been an amazing year serving the Pershing students, staff and families. I continue to learn and grow and I am so proud of our students; they have worked so hard this year (both in person and remote) and it excites me to see all their growth.

Thank you for every opportunity to learn, grow, smile and laugh. Pershing is a wonderful community and I am happy to continue our partnership in developing and educating life-long learners!

Sincerely,  
Jamie Cook

### Upcoming Events

#### **May 3-7**

K-1 MAP Testing

#### **May 14**

Last Day of CLC Clubs

#### **May 17**

Grade 5 Omaha Zoo Virtual Tour

#### **May 19**

Field Day (Following LPS COVID guidelines)

#### **May 20**

Last Day of School

1:35: 5th Grade Recognition  
(students only)

1:55: Introduction of 5th grade  
graduates (Families invited outside  
Door 1)

# A Message From.....

**Mr. Koenig, Assistant Principal**

## **NCAS Testing**

Last week was supposed to be NSCAS Math Testing (state achievement tests) for grades 3-5 at Pershing. Due to technical difficulties with the NWEA Testing System, we were not able to test last week. We plan to pick up testing this week.

The new testing dates for NSCAS Math will be on the following dates/times :

- **Wednesday, May 5th**
  - 3rd Grade - 8:45-9:45
  - 4th Grade - 10:15-11:15
  - 5th Grade - 12:30-1:30
- **Thursday, May 6th**
  - 3rd Grade - 8:45-9:45
  - 4th Grade - 10:15-11:15
  - 5th Grade - 12:30-1:30

## **Remote Learning Info.**

### **Remote Learning Material Pick Up Dates:**

- **Friday, Apr. 30: 9:00-2:30 & 3-4**
- **Friday, May 14th: 9:00-2:30 & 3-4** (please make sure all assessments are returned so teachers can provide accurate grading on the quarter 4 report card)



### **District Remote Learning Deadline**

- **May 7** will be the last day students can switch between remote learning or in-person learning for this school year. The only exception will be for students who have been directed to self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.
- Each year, our schools plan many different activities to celebrate the year that requires extensive planning. To remain consistent with our current COVID-19 safety protocols, students who are 100% remote learning will not be permitted to come to school during the school day just for these activities and end of the year celebrations. Every effort will be made by our schools to provide end of the year experiences for remote learners.

### **Enrollment Period Open: 2021-22 Remote Learning Program**

- On **May 3**, we will open enrollment again for the 2021-22 Remote Learning Program to allow families to select the remote learning option for the next fall. The deadline to enroll will be **Friday, May 7**. Please check your inbox on **Monday, May 3**.

# YEARBOOKS!

- Yearbooks are in! For those of you that have purchased online or through Lifetouch, these will be sent home with students. If you have not purchased a Yearbook yet, we have a limited number available for purchase.
- Yearbooks are \$15, if you are interested in a Yearbook(s), please call or email Melissa ([mbeaudet@lps.org](mailto:mbeaudet@lps.org)), she will take your name and the number of Yearbooks you are requesting. You can send Yearbook money to the main office and we will send home your requested yearbook once we have received your payment. If you have any questions, please contact the main office, 402-436-1160. Thank you!

## CLC Club Enrollment Information



**Second Semester CLC Clubs:** Feb. 1st- May 14th

## ATTENTION 5th Grade Families!

### 5th Grade Student Recognition

Due to the current LPS guidelines, we will not be able to have families inside the building for our traditional 5th grade recognition ceremony. However, we are planning to celebrate and recognize our 5th graders with a variety of special events on the last day of school.

Students will enjoy a pizza luncheon on this day, provided by our PPTO. Additionally, we plan to hold a modified ceremony in the gym with students and staff only, but we invite families to join us outside Door 1 for the Recognition of Students. Detailed information about the Recognition of Students will be shared with 5th grade families this week.

We are still planning our traditional 'early dismissal' for 5th grade students on the last day of school. 5th graders will be dismissed at 2:00, if you would like siblings to be dismissed at that time as well, please contact Pershing's main office so we can have siblings outside by 2:00.

## Middle School Virtual Tours for 5th grade students

- Each middle school has created transition information videos welcoming fifth grade students to their new building. This will give students the best introduction possible to their new surroundings for the next three years. You can access these videos by going to the [website of your new school](#). We encourage you to sit down with your student to watch and review it together.
- The first day of school for students next fall is [Monday, August 16, 2021](#). This will be just for sixth grade students at the middle school so they can get acclimated to the new building without the 7th and 8th graders in attendance.

## Library News:

### Library Books are Due by the End of the Year

The end of the school year is approaching and that means that it is time to return books to the school library. To see the titles that your child needs to return before the end of the year follow these steps:

- Begin at [portal.lps.org](http://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 enter your student's ID and password once again.
  - In the upper left-hand corner of the Destiny Discover page select the icon of the three parallel lines.
  - Select "Checkout" from the dropdown menu to see the books that are currently checked out.
- ★ For Pershing, **books will be due [May 4-7th](#)**, with no new checkout that week! Please start looking for late or misplaced books. Any questions, email Mrs. Hein for help! [dhein@lps.org](mailto:dhein@lps.org)

## Reading at Home

### Summer Reading Opportunities

- Pershing is excited to share a couple fun summer learning opportunities in our district! We know students experience a slight learning loss when they are not engaged in direct instruction over the summer. Pershing would like to assist families by providing these fun avenues of learning exposure throughout your summer break. Please see the [Read At Home Plan](#) for tips and activities. The [PBS Learning website](#) also has engaging videos and activities for students. This can be found by keyword search 'REACH' on LPS.org.

### Summer Reading Book

- All students will bring home a summer reading book on the last day of school. Each book will have a bookmark with the times the public library will be open.
- Additionally, Pershing will have a summer library program at school. Mrs. Hein will be sending dates out of when our Pershing Library will be open this summer for check out!  
**Please encourage your child to read this summer!**

# **\*\*Additional Information\*\***

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

Educators commit to a culture of respect because they want to have relationships with students that are built on mutual concern and respect. Essential to these practices is building a school culture that values an equal voice, empathetic listening, and redefines conflict. Schools work to include the restorative mindset into practices to support a positive environment for students and staff.

**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.

### **Listening to Others**

1. Look at the person.
2. Stay quiet.
3. Wait until the person is finished taking before you speak.

### **Accepting Feedback**

1. Look at the person.
2. Say "okay".
3. Stay calm.
4. Make a good choice

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## **\*\*More News & Important Information\*\***

### **Note From the Health Office:**

#### **Unused Medication at School**

If your child has medication at school, please remember to pick it up by the last day of school. If you need to bring any medication these last weeks of school, count the pills and bring only what will be needed so there will not be extra. Any medications left at school will be disposed of unless we have different instructions. If you would like medication sent home with students on the last day of school, please let us know. We will also be sending home inhalers and PRN medications the last few days of school. If you have any questions, please call the health office.

Thank you for your help

#### **Summer is a great time for Health Check-Ups!**

Though Nebraska law requires proof of a school physical for only the kindergarten and 7th grade years, summer is the perfect time to get into the habit of a yearly wellness check-up from your child's medical provider. During that time the child and parent can discuss the current health of their child, update vaccinations, as well as physical, emotional, and mental milestones to prepare for in the coming year of growth. Further, summer is a great time to see your child's dentist as children are required to see the dentist at least once annually and report these dates to the school's health office.

It is also a great opportunity to update Emergency Action Plans with your Primary Care Provider or Specialist. If your child has a health condition such as asthma, seizures, diabetes, anaphylactic allergies, or any other health condition that warrants an Individualized Health Plan, please contact your school nurse. An updated health plan for all serious health conditions is necessary prior to school each fall so that the nurse and school staff with educational needs to know are prepared for the child's first day of school. A blank copy of most action plans can be found on the LPS website under "Health Services".

Summer is also a great time for a vision evaluation if your health care plan allows. Though Nebraska law only requires proof of a professional vision evaluation to enter the kindergarten year, eyes can change as children grow. The Nebraska Optometric Association recommends that a child visit an optometrist at age 3, before starting kindergarten, and then at least every two years after that, or more frequently, if specific problems or risk factors exist. The school nurse has vision vouchers for children if your insurance plan does not cover

vision evaluations or glasses.

Parents of Incoming Kindergarten and Preschool students: **PLEASE BRING THESE COMPLETED REPORTS TO THE SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL OR COMPLETE ONLINE:**

- *Complete Immunization Record (including kindergarten shots)*
- *Physical Exam Report (must be no earlier than 6 months from start of school year)*
- *Vision Evaluation Report*
- *Dental Exam Report*
- *Health History Inventory*
- *Action Plans for Asthma/Anaphylaxis/Diabetes/Seizure Disorder/Other*

*Health Conditions*

- *Medical Statement for Special Nutritional Needs found under Nutrition in forms for food allergies and intolerances*

\*All above forms can be found on the LPS website, [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org), under the "Parent" tab LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HEALTH SERVICES GUIDELINES HEALTH SCREENING AT SCHOOL.

Finally, thank you so very much and have a very healthy, fun and safe summer. If you have any questions, please contact the health office at 402-436-1160 (Ext.2)

The Pershing Health Office  
Nicole Fuller RN, MSN, School Nurse  
Nicole Delong, Health Technician

## Summer Camps and Learning Opportunities

### Athletics

- Summer Athletic Clinics are offered through all 6 LPS High Schools and are conducted by the individual sport coaches at their respective locations. Clinics are offered in various sports and are available for students entering grades 3-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Summer Technology Program

- The Lincoln Public Schools Summer Technology Program is provided for students entering grades 4 through 9 in the fall of 2021. The goal of the program is to provide upper elementary and middle level students a fun, exciting, and challenging opportunity to explore their interest in computers and technology. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Support for families

We know this year has been unlike any other. It is important to know that there are people who can help if you or a family member is struggling. Here are some resources you can contact any time of the day or night, any day of the year:

- CenterPointe Helpline (Lincoln): 402-475-6695; Youth and Family Services 402-475-5161 ext. 547; email: [youthandfamily@centerpointe.org](mailto:youthandfamily@centerpointe.org); walk-in services at 1000 S. 13th Street.
- Bryan Health: [bryanhealth.com](http://bryanhealth.com) - search Counseling
- Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- Your Life Your Voice (Boys Town) 1-800-448-3000 or text VOICE to 20121 (text charges from your phone carrier may apply)
- Lincoln Police Department: Emergency: 911; Non-Emergency: 402-441-6000
- MyLink is a website (<https://mylnk.app>) and a mobile app (for Apple and Android - search MyLink) that has information about community resources. It can be downloaded in a wi-fi environment and then used when wi-fi is not available. Translations are provided in Arabic, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Mental Health 101 recordings from Blue Valley Behavioral Health - [accessible by clicking this link.](#)

There is a great deal of information online. As you search for topics of interest, remember to consider the source and make sure you are getting information that is accurate and reliable.

## Backpack Food Program:

- The Food Bank is currently operating Backpack and Food Market Programs in rural communities, but not in Lincoln. Daily mobile distributions have continued to be their main method for serving families



in Lincoln and this will remain the path followed through the school year in May. The LPS Emergency Pantry will remain closed as well.

- Please visit <https://www.lincolnfoodbank.org/get-food/food-distribution-schedule/> to see their Food Distribution Schedule.

## Community Helpers:

- Just a friendly reminder that we are good stewards of our community. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our neighbors during high traffic times each work day. Please be mindful when waiting for your student(s), walking home or to cars to respect our neighbors property. Please use sidewalks and crosswalks as much as possible as to not walk through yards, and dispose of trash in appropriate receptacles and not on the ground or in yards. Thanks for making a positive impact on our neighborhood and community and being positive role models for our students.

## Handicap Parking Stalls:

- We want our environment accessible to all. Please do not park in, block, or drop off at the handicap parking stalls at the front of the building. This can make it very difficult for families needing these spaces to get in and out.



## 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!



# IMPORTANT! Arrival Drop off and Dismissal Pick-Up

When dropping your student off at arrival time you have several options for a safe drop off.

1. Pull up to the curb in the drop off spot leading to door #2. Please have your child ready to exit the curbside of the car. There is NO PARKING in this area
2. If you are dropping your child off at Door #1, please make sure your child is ready to exit and exit by the cones. When students are dropped off by the cones, they do not have to walk between cars parked in the cut out.
3. Pull in the cutout in front of the school and park. This is a good option if your child is not ready to get out of the car, you are early for drop off, or you want to watch/walk your child up to Door 2.
4. Along 63rd Street. Please be mindful of how far away from the corner you are. Stopping in the middle of the crosswalk is not safe and will create a major back up.
5. Please help us make sure that your child is NOT dropped off across the street and waved across Judson. This is very dangerous. You are welcome to drop your child off close to one of the crosswalks (63rd & Judson or 64th & Judson) so they can safely cross the street and walk up to the building.

Your help with the following procedures will help students start their day in a safe and efficient manner.

- **Students should arrive between 7:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m. if they are eating breakfast at school.** We must stop breakfast at 8:00 a.m. to get students to class on time and begin preparation for lunch.
- Students **not eating at Pershing should arrive between 8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.** School start time is 8:15 a.m.
- **There is NO SUPERVISION outside prior to 7:45 a.m. Please follow these guidelines for arrival time to best support your student(s) at Pershing.**