

# Lincoln K-8 School



# Lincoln History

- Lincoln at Mann (K-6) established in 1975
- First “choice” school in Rochester
- Result of grassroots effort by families and teachers looking for an alternative education within the public school system
- Lincoln K-8 created in 1994 - added Uppers Program (middle school/6-8)
- Lincoln is the only K-8 school in Rochester Public School district

# Kindergarten Facts

- Kindergarten sessions
  - Three sections of all-day K
  - 9:10am – 3:35pm
  - Art, Music, PE, Media with specialists
- Transitioning incoming kindergartners
  - Kindergarten Screening and Parent Event in Spring
  - Meet the Teacher Day and PPT Family Social
  - Kindergarten starts two days after the rest of the students – “Mini Sessions”
  - Parent of K Info Day during Mini Sessions
- Transportation
- School Aged Child Care (SACC)

# Uppers Facts = Middle School = Grades 6,7,8

- 5 Multi-age Homerooms (includes electives/health)
- Language Arts and Social Studies
  - Multi-age classrooms, Looped curriculum
- Science and Math
  - Taught by grade-level with grade-level curriculum
- Music and PE
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, every other day all year
- Art
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades – 1 quarter each year
- STEM
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade/1 quarter
- Communication Arts, Project Lead the Way, Spanish
  - 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades/1 quarter each year



# Lincoln K-8 School Mission

To *educate* and  
*empower* our children in a  
*family-oriented* and  
*creative* community  
by cultivating excellence.



# We empower our children...

Lincoln creates a ***positive environment*** for learning and growing.

- Community
- Respect
- Responsibility

# Community

“Lincoln was such a good experience for me. Teachers want to help you and there are a lot of kind people. I am going to miss Lincoln because we are like a family, and no one wants to leave their family.”

- Sammy, Class of 2010

## Small School Setting

- Staff gets to know all of the students

## Relationship Building

- Big Buddies/Little Buddies
- Multi-Age Experiences

## Examples of Multi-Age Experiences

Grade	Experience	How Often
1	Thematic lessons (with K and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	1 time a week
2 and 3	Language Arts	2 times a cycle
2 and 3	InSciEd Out Modules	2 modules a year
4 and 5	Thematic Lessons Reading Buddies	45 minutes a day
6,7,8	Multi-age homerooms, language arts and social studies	Every day



# Community

## Big Buddies/Little Buddies



## Respect

*Students respect teachers.*

*Teachers respect students.*

*Students respect each other.*

## Responsibility

*We teach our students to accept accountability for their own learning and their own actions.*

- Goal setting
- Classroom behavior goals are established by teachers and students together
- Older students expected to be role models for younger students



# ***We educate* our children...**

Lincoln provides a student-centered and student-driven environment where learning is a constant collaboration between students and teachers.

- Lincoln innovates to meet the learning needs of today's students
- Lincoln students prepare for their futures using cutting-edge tools and innovative curriculum



# Lincoln uses *teaching methods* that best support the individual *learning styles* of the whole child

- Multiple Intelligences
  - Teachers look for each student’s individual “smarts”
  - Opportunities to develop all intelligences
- Reading
  - Lincoln Leveled Library (Lynx Program)
- Social Studies
  - Collaborative projects (Westward Expansion/Mayflower)
- Math
  - Flexible, small groups allow for individualized instruction
  - K-5 Math Teacher
  - Accelerated math opportunities are available
- PE
  - Focus on strength in body and character
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

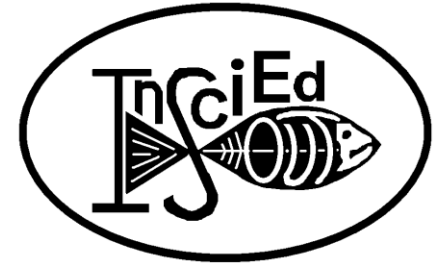
## Technology

***We focus on the skills our children will need in a technology –driven future through a technology-integrated curriculum.***

- Lincoln is a leader in using technology in education - SMART boards, netbooks, iPads
- Technology enhances all subjects through both software and lessons specifically integrated with classroom themes
- Lincoln is the only elementary school with a full-time Technology specialist that works with each classroom to integrate technology into the curriculum – starting in kindergarten.
- Lincoln is a pilot site for the District one-to-one iPad program – every student will receive an iPad for educational use.

## STEM - InSciEd Out

Partnered with Mayo Clinic and Winona State University to develop an innovative science curriculum for K-8.



- Hands-on modules at each grade level:
  - K: “What is a Scientist”, “My Body & Senses”
  - 1: “A Good Environment”, “Adaptation”
  - 2-3: “Camouflage”, “Development and Life Cycles”
  - 4-5: “Adaptations”, “Water Treatment”
  - 6-8: “Effects of Chemicals”
- Children engage in their own research and experiments using cutting-edge technology.
  - \$20,000 fluorescent microscope
  - Two in-school fish habitats
- Science is linked to other subject areas



## STEM – Project Lead the Way

The Project Lead The Way curriculum includes physics, engineering, biomedical science and computer programming.

Through activity-, project-, and problem-based curriculum, PLTW gives students a chance to apply what they know, identify problems, find unique solutions, and lead their own learning.

- PLTW Launch (Grades K-5)
  - Only school in Rochester to have PLTW in elementary grades
- PLTW Gateway (Grades 6-8)





# **We are a *creative* community...**

- Visual Arts
- Music
- Performing Arts



# **Visual Arts and Music**

- All students, grades K-8, have art and music in their schedule.
- Visual arts and music lessons are linked to the thematic learning in the classroom.
- Uppers music options: band, orchestra, or uppers music

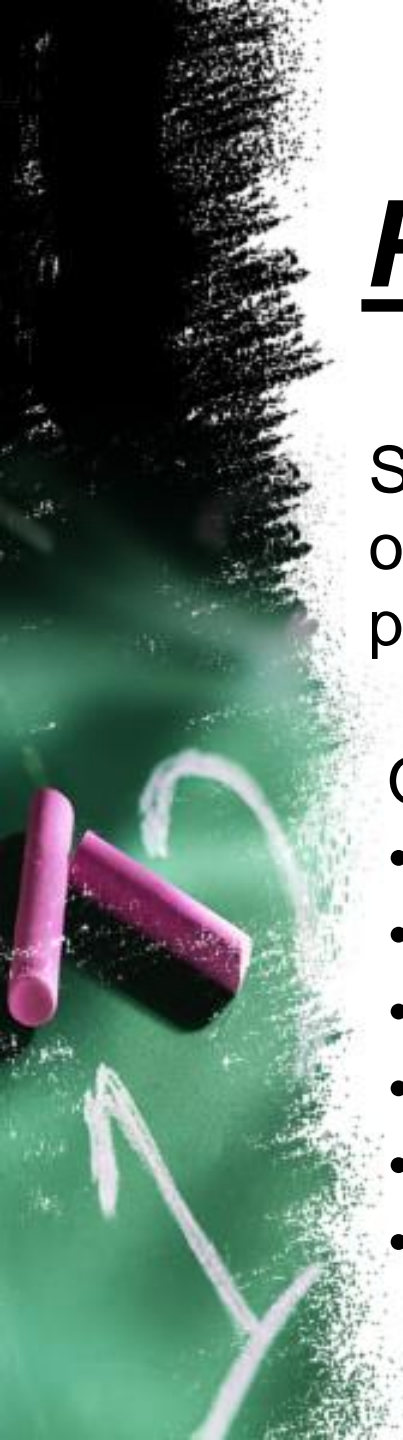


# *Performing Arts*

Students are provided with an array of opportunities to perform, present and perfect their public speaking and communication skills.

Opportunities include:

- Play/Musical
- Poetry and Punch
- Academic Showcase
- Speeches
- Project Presentations
- Rocktown Tour





# **We are a *family-oriented* community...**

*The foundation of Lincoln's success is family involvement. Lincoln families are asked to volunteer in the school community and in your child's classroom.*

- **School decision-making**
  - PPT (Program Planning Team)
  - PPT Committees
- **Fundraising - the Lincoln Auction**
- **Volunteers**
  - Volunteers are always welcome
  - Opportunities are available in the classroom or at home, and before, during and after school



# Application to Lincoln

Information on the application and selection process are available on our website and the district website.

- Applications are due January 2017.
- If selected, you will be notified in January 2017.

[District-Wide School Application Process](#)