



LINCOLN LOG

PARENT NEWSLETTER

LINCOLN LOG is an informational parent bulletin that demonstrates our commitment to meet the needs of our parents.

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Principal's Message

We are back in school, and the return has gone better than many of us feared!

It is great to see the students and the teachers again. Zoom and Microsoft Teams are remarkable, but live instruction and interaction is so much more meaningful and mentally stimulating.

At Lincoln, we are determined that this school year will be "The Year of the Student." We want to put the needs of our students front and center.

This month's "Lincoln Log" focus on some of the ways that we are putting students first at Lincoln.

Ari A. Hoogenboom

What's New At Lincoln

Lincoln Somebodies: We have a saying, "At Lincoln, Everybody has a Somebody." To ensure that this is really true, we have created a new position called (drumroll, please...) "Lincoln Somebodies." There are 5 Lincoln Somebodies assigned to the 9th grade cohort, and 2 Lincoln Somebodies assigned to the 10th grade cohort. Lincoln Somebodies connect with students to be sure that all students feel valued and understood by at least one adult.

College & Career Coordinators: This is another position we have created to have more effective outreach to our 9th and 10th graders. The College Coordinators will be arranging an ongoing rotation of meetings between students and teachers to specifically discuss college and career preparation. If these discussions wait until the 11th grade, many students only find out later about things they should have been doing in the 9th & 10th grade. We want our students to enjoy their time at Lincoln AND prepare for the future.

Social Worker in the Deans Office: This summer, we hired a social worker, Ms. Ketsie Robert, to work exclusively in our Deans Office. Many lower level incidents can be prevented if students are equipped with more effective social/emotional competencies. In addition, 40% of our disciplinary incidents come from repeat offenders. These students need supports, such as work on anger management and other coping strategies. Now they will receive these supports immediately in the Deans office.

In addition to the 3 new initiatives above, we are determined to approach the challenges of this year with fresh eyes and a fresh heart.

In meditation, one is reminded to approach each meditation with a “beginners mind” – pretend you have never done this before, approach it with a fresh attitude.

It is this freshness, this “beginners mind,” that makes young children, kittens, and puppies so appealing.

We want to face this school year with the same freshness and curiosity. All of have been traumatized to some degree by the challenges of the past 18 months, and we must address these challenges with a fresh and open mind. As our namesake, Abraham Lincoln, said in 1862: “The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew.”

We will have a great year.

Important Information to Note

- Utilize the school’s website <https://www.alhs.nyc>
 - News and Announcements
 - Safety & Security
 - Staff Directory
 - Tech Support
 - Forms
 - Senior Activities
 - School Calendar
 - ...and much more
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Remote
Go to the Staff Directory on <https://www.alhs.nyc>, email the teacher and the teacher will send a link to conduct the conference.
 - November 10, 2021 – Evening 6pm to 8pm
 - November 12, 2021 - Afternoon 12:35pm to 2:35pm
- November 12, 2021 – **RED FLAG ATTENDANCE DAY**
***** ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND *****
- School Closed
 - 11/11/21 Veterans Day
 - 11/26, 11/27 Thanksgiving Recess
 - 12/24/21 – 1/1/22 Winter Recess