



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

"As the English Department goes, so goes the school." Years ago, an old-timer said this to me, and those words remain true today. The skills used in every class – reading, writing, talking, and listening – are skills that are taught and honed in English Language Arts. At Lincoln, we are blessed with a tremendous English Language Arts Department dating back to the time of our first principal, Gabriel Mason, who loved poetry and drama. In this issue of the "Lincoln Log," we will highlight the English Department, Assistant Principal Jennifer Baumfeld, and teacher Jason Wicke.

Ari A. Hoogenboom

English, ENL & the Arts Department

The English Department at Lincoln actually isn't just the "English" Department: it is the "English, ENL, and Arts Department." Assistant Principal Jen Baumfeld's vision is a broad one, which can best be demonstrated by her development of our Performing Arts Program. Combining the talents of our theater, music, and art teachers, our students performed the musical *Fame* in 2015, and Ms. Baumfeld and her department haven't missed a year since (2020 and 2021 have been virtual/remote musicals)!

One can only build sets and perform complex musicals through collaboration, and Ms. Baumfeld is the Queen of Collaboration; her department's great strength is a result of the collaboration among teachers with curriculum planning, vertical alignment, and student support.

Three things in Ms. Baumfeld's background taught her the value of the arts and a multi-pronged approach to education. First, Ms. Baumfeld attended La Guardia High School, a NYC public high school that celebrates creativity and the arts. Second, for years Ms. Baumfeld attended and worked at her dad's summer camp. Good summer camps (Adam Levine attended before getting all his tattoos and forming Maroon 5) are cauldrons of creativity, fun and learning. Ms. Baumfeld learned first-hand how effective teaching and learning can be when it is well organized AND fun. Third, as a teacher at South Shore, Ms. Baumfeld was a coach, the senior advisor, and the Arista coordinator. She learned the value of teaching outside the classroom and of collaboration. She has been an Assistant Principal for the last 13 years, and we are very fortunate to have her at Lincoln.

Teacher Profile: Jason Wicke

Mr. Jason Wicke grew up in North London. As a boy, he dreamed of someday playing soccer for Arsenal, a legendary Premier League team located in his neighborhood. After an injury in high school, Mr. Wicke discovered books, and he started to read everything he could get his hands on. When he graduated from high school, he took a gap year at a Kibbutz in Israel. Mr. Wicke then attended college, majoring in English and Philosophy. He went on to graduate school, where his professor told him to go to New York and do research. He stayed in New York and came to Lincoln four years

ago. Although Mr. Wicke loves Lincoln, he is still waiting for that phone call from Arsenal. Once he gets that call, he's out of here!

Important Information to Note

- ❖ **ATTENDANCE:** *To ensure we capture accurate attendance at the start of the new term, we ask every student to complete the supplemental attendance form linked [here](#) AND check in with every class at 8:30 on Teams.*
- ❖ **Teacher Office Hours/Tutoring:** All teachers have office hours every day, listed on the bell schedule (T-F 2:00 – 2:20, M 12:30 – 12:50). This time can be utilized by students for tutoring purposes or any needed support.
- ❖ **Working Papers:** Request must be emailed to Mrs. Ebeid at REbeid@schools.nyc.gov
- ❖ **Senior Dues:** Make an appointment to drop off your senior dues by emailing
 - Mrs. Ebeid at REbeid@schools.nyc.gov
 - Mr. Molina at CMolina2@schools.nyc.gov
- ❖ **Transcript/Record Request:** All request should go through <https://needmytranscript.com/NY/Brooklyn/abraham-lincoln-high-school/2800-ocean-pky>
- ❖ **Important Dates to remember:**
 - 5/13 School Closed – Eid Al-Fitr
 - 5/15 PTA Meeting
 - 5/30 Report Card Distribution
 - 5/31 School Closed – Memorial Day
- ❖ **Lunch Forms:** If you have not filled out the Lunch Form, please do so. If you need help completing, reach out to the parent coordinator, Mrs. Sara Mohamed (SMohamed5@schools.nyc.gov). Lunch Form Link: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>