



# Lincoln Northeast High School

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January

The Rocket Messenger

2020

## Information from Principal Keri Applebee

Hello Rocket Families,  
Welcome to the start of second semester! It is good to have our students back for what I know will be a great Spring semester. We understand that a new semester can be a busy and exciting time for many of our staff, students and families. It is often seen as an opportunity to “reset” and return to a more normal schedule and pace.

At Lincoln Northeast we always take time in January to re-focus on our school-wide R.I.S.E. (Respect, Inclusive, Safe, Engaged) expectations so we can be sure we are maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for all students. Research shows that re-teaching and reviewing school-wide/classroom expectations creates predictable adult behavior across all

### Additional Student Supports:

Second semester brings with it the opportunity to pilot a school within a school concept. We are calling ours “Launch Pad.” Launch Pad is a school within a school concept where students will have the opportunity to earn credits in an alternate setting within Lincoln Northeast High School. This is an attempt to change the programming for

settings, providing students with a sense of security. Providing this structure reduces stress and reminds students that it is “business as usual.” This decreases the likelihood of problem behavior. Additionally, increasing our specific positive feedback will not only support students to demonstrate positive behavior, but cultivate a safe, successful and positive learning environment for all. We try to acknowledge positive behaviors four times more often than correcting inappropriate behavior. Outside of school, consider using specific positive feedback to shape the behavior you would like to see repeated.

Thank you for your continued support of our great Lincoln Northeast Community! Below you will find this month’s building and district updates.

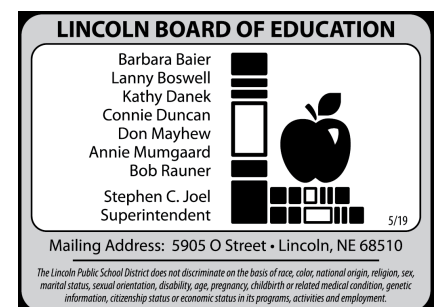
students who may need an alternate setting. Additionally, Launch Pad can operate as a transition for students who may move to Lincoln Northeast at times other than the beginning of the year, or second semester. We will be collaborating with counselors to determine criteria based on the number of credits earned.

## Important Dates

**Jan. 7** Start of Semester 2  
**Jan. 14 & 15** Lincoln Graduation - senior orders during lunch  
**Jan. 20** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – **No School**  
**Jan. 23** Rocket Food Market 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Jan. 23** 2020 LPS Bond Issue 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Jan. 29** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Info Night 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

More activities’ information can be found on the LNE web calendar at

<https://lne.lps.org/calendar/> or on the LNE athletic calendar at <https://www.heartlandathleticconference.org/public/genie/406/school/6/date/2020-01-27/view/week/>



## Reminders about our Quarter 3 Focus:

**Effective Instruction:** A strong continued focus on instruction and learning to provide students the best opportunities to earn credits in their semester 2 classes.

**Community Learning Centers:** CLCs are another great opportunity for students to be involved in after school clubs and activities. More information can be found on our webpage. For your convenience, the link is included:  
<https://lne.lps.org/clc-clubs/>.

**Rocket House:** if your student would like additional academic support, Rocket House is open Monday - Thursday after school until 6:00 p.m. and on Friday until 5:00 p.m.. Thank you to the amazing Rocket House\* staff who is there every day to support our students and their learning.

## **Culture for Learning:** (R.I.S.E. expectations)

We will continue to work on:

- Decreasing hallway traffic and increasing on-time arrival to classes.
- Wearing their IDs
  - Per district policy, students are required to wear an ID. This helps us ensure that proper identification is made and that ALL stakeholders know students we're seeing in the hallways do indeed belong at LNE.
- No blankets
  - Any students who bring blankets to school with them will be asked to keep them in their lockers or backpacks, during the school day, so as to not have them be a distraction to the learning environment.

Begin to work on:

- Students who use profanity.

We appreciate your continued support as we work to shift behaviors that are not school appropriate!

- Cell phone/electronic use.

We appreciate your continued support as we work to remind, teach, and re-teach proper use/timing of when cell phone/electronic use is appropriate.

## **Student Pick-up Update:**

We continue to ask that all students who are not staying after school for CLCs, to receive help from teachers or to attend school practices or activities, to leave the building by 3:30 p.m.. The reason for this is to decrease the number of unsupervised students.

For students needing to wait for rides after 3:30 p.m., we ask that students attend a CLC or Rocket House\* (see paragraph to the right) located in the media center. Another option is for students to join the opportunities provided by Lighthouse, once this program is up and running.

On Tuesdays, which is our PLC early release day for teacher meetings, students can either attend Rocket House, Lighthouse opportunities, or stay in the commons area until after school practices/activities begin. All students will still be asked to leave the building by 3:30 p.m..

LNE Mission Statement: Lincoln Northeast High School is dedicated to educating all students by emphasizing positive relationships, high academic expectations and respect for diversity.

## **Lincoln Public Schools 2020 Bond Issue**

Informational presentations about the Lincoln Public Schools upcoming bond issue will be held throughout the community during the month of January. The district is asking voters to approve a \$290 million bond issue to address building needs

throughout the school district identified in the updated LPS 10-year Facility and Infrastructure Plan. There will be a presentation in the LNE commons from 6:00 –7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, enter through door 35.

### **Rocket Food Market on Thursday, January 23**

The Rocket Food Market will be open 3:00 - 3:30 pm for students and their families to pick up some extra groceries. You can pick them up on in the commons on Thursday, January 23, enter through door 35. Income verification and ID are not required to participate though you will be asked to sign in when you pick up your grocery bag.

### **Access Amazing Library Resources from Home!**

Did you know many of our fabulous library resources can be accessed from home? If your student is looking for online resources to complete a research paper or speech for Oral Comm. class, we encourage them to check out the many library resources at home! The library provides access to multiple database sites for students for free. To do this, go to the Lincoln Northeast library website and click on "Home Access" to get the database login information. Many of the library's resources can also be accessed by logging into the portal from home. Go to [portal.lps.org](http://portal.lps.org) and type in your student's LPS ID number and password to see what is available for your student to access from home!

### **Digital Citizenship Tips**

LPS teachers instruct students about digital law when they help students explore how terms of service agreements and privacy policies are important and have real-world implications. Topics for a family discussion might include:

- What are terms of service agreements? (Rules you must follow when using an app or digital tool.)
- Why should you be aware of terms of service agreements? What are the consequences of using apps not intended for students your age? (Many terms of service agreements include age requirements for the app or digital tool. If you use a tool that you are not old enough to use, your account may be canceled, your safety may be compromised, and you may see inappropriate content.)

LPS has procedures in place to ensure the apps and websites students are using adhere to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

**Tell your Friends and Neighbors!**

**ALL Future Rockets!**

**Wednesday**

**January 29, 2020**

**LNE 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**



**Become part of the Rocket tradition!**

### **Student Data Privacy**

LPS cares deeply about protecting students DIGITALLY. We go to great lengths to ensure that your child's digital interactions are safe and appropriate, that the data we collect about them is secure, and that we are guiding them to make good digital decisions. Because these efforts are less visible than our physical security efforts, we have assembled this resource to shine light on these important measures that are happening in LPS every day: [https://home.lps.org/cs/?page\\_id=18083](https://home.lps.org/cs/?page_id=18083)

### **Instructional Technology Tools (ITTs) in LPS**

LPS believes that high-quality curriculum and instruction can and should include instructional technology for improving student achievement and preparing learners for adult success. To that end, a District Instructional Technology Tool (ITT) Committee works to identify those ITTs that are safe for student use, support district learning goals, and encourage innovative teaching and learning.

All reviewed ITTs are cataloged in the LPS ITT Matrix [<https://www.lps.org/apps/matrix/>].

The most frequently used, approved ITTs are made available to students and staff in the LPS Portal [<https://home.lps.org/cs/2016/08/08/the-lps-portal/>].

## Wealth Building & Financial Management Students earn National Certification



The following students enrolled in the Wealth Building & Financial Management class during first semester recently took the W!SE Financial Literacy Certification exam and demonstrated proficiency in personal finance by achieving a passing score on the nationally standardized Financial Literacy Certification Test.

Subjects mastered by these students include Money, Budgeting, the Cost of Money, Banking, Credit, Insurance, Investing, Retirement Planning, and Financial Planning and Management.

Great job to these students: Kali Burnham, Jesston Howard, Sophia Mirabella, Dean Wiegert, Alexi Williams, and Kaleb Woodward.

## NBHS Coat Drive Nets 100 Pounds of Coats!

Lincoln Northeast's National Business Honor Society (NBHS) held a coat drive for the People's City Mission in December. Barrels for coats were placed in the commons, media center, the main entrance and all of the business classrooms.

Thanks to the student body, community, and LNE staff, 100 pounds of coats were collected and picked up by the volunteers at the People's City Mission. The volunteers at the Mission indicated that all of these coats were to be given away that very same day to help members in our community.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate!

*Pictured on the right are NBHS officers Hannah Schilz, Luke Buettner, Logan Gronewold, and Alexi Williams with coats collected for the People's City Mission in December, 2019.*



## Cap and Gown Orders for Seniors

For seniors who have not yet ordered cap, gown and tassel for graduation, representatives from Lincoln Graduation will be in the commons during lunch on Tuesday, January 14 and Wednesday, January 15 to take orders one more time; order forms are available in the main office. Orders can also be placed online at [www.LincolnGraduation.com](http://www.LincolnGraduation.com). The cost of the basic cap, gown and tassel is \$20.00 including tax. Prices on all items will increase and some items will not be available after representatives visit LNE in January so order now. Please make checks payable to Lincoln Graduation.



## TEAMMATES Mentors Needed

Would you be willing to invest in one child's life? Become a mentor with the TEAMMATES Mentoring Program at LNE. Meet with a student (grades 9-12) at school during school hours once a week for 30-60 minutes. Build a caring relationship while playing games and sharing interests. Focus on the student's strengths and foster their hopes and vision for their future.

Take the next step. All it takes is an application, which can be filled out online (say that you saw this in the LNE newsletter) at [lincolnteammates.org](http://lincolnteammates.org); a background check and a training session are required. For more information, contact Mrs. Kristin Skorupa at [kskorup@lps.org](mailto:kskorup@lps.org) or 436-1303, option 2.





## Northeast Community Learning Center (CLC)

The CLC provides students with academic support via Rocket House, opportunities to participate in clubs and activities, and an after school snack served between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m..

All students are welcome to be part of Northeast's CLC by joining us in the media center after school and participating in LNE clubs.

### Current Club Opportunities:

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                       | Friday                    |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| Key Club<br>Anime Club<br>Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)<br>Math Club | Engineering Club<br>Psychology Club<br>Card Masters<br>Kaleidoscope | Slam Poetry<br>Dungeons & Dragons<br>Art Club<br>Photo Club<br>LNE Cares (Anti-Bullying)<br>Cooking Club | Yoga Club<br>Latinos Unidos<br>Video Game Club | LNE Cares (Anti-Bullying) |

For more information regarding club dates, times, locations, and sponsors, visit the LNE website at [www.lne.lps.org](http://www.lne.lps.org) and click on CLC Clubs under "Activities", or contact CLC site director Erin Voichoski at [erin.voichoski@lps.org](mailto:erin.voichoski@lps.org) or 402.436.1340.

### Information from the LNE Counseling Center

Don't ever pay for *scholarship searches*! Use free resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](http://ScholarshipQuest) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships, or free national sites like [Cappex](http://Cappex), [GoodCall](http://GoodCall), and [Chegg](http://Chegg).

**Susan Buffett Scholarship** – [LINK](#) Application Deadline: February 1, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

**Susan Buffett Scholarship Help Sessions:** Help will be available for Essay revision, navigating the on-line application, and uploading the SAR on January 8th after school in Room 150 and again on January 23<sup>rd</sup> after school in Room 150.

**Ken Jones Engineering Scholarship** – Application Due January 15, 2020 to LNE Counseling Center: Application available in EducationQuest's

ScholarshipQuest, Google Classroom 2020 Scholarship Document, or LNE Counseling Website under "Scholarships."

**Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools Scholarships** [LINK](#) - Deadline February 24, 2020.

**Lincoln Community Foundation Scholarships** – [LINK](#) - Deadline March 15, 2020.

**Dual Credit Courses** – Registration for Second Semester Dual Credit Courses will begin during the first weeks of the semester in January. Students will be given information from Southeast Community College (SCC) and Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) to bring home. Additional information will be available on the LNE Counseling Website. Students with financial need can use the

Learn To Dream or ACE Scholarships to help with tuition costs. Learn To Dream Scholarship applications are available in the LNE Counseling Center. ACE Scholarship deadlines for **Spring term classes:** Applications can be submitted now through May 15, 2020. [LINK](#). Funds are limited - DO NOT wait to apply!

**Course Registration for the 2020-2021** school year will begin the last week of January and continue into the month of February. Registration Resources will be available on the LNE Counseling Website. Students will register through Synergy, and parents will be able to help with course selection and view their student's registration choices during the week of their registration.

## 2020-2021 LNE Registration

### dates:

9 to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration:

January 27 - 30

10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration:

February 3 - 7

11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration:

February 10 - 14

8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration:

February 10 - 27

## ACT National Test dates:

Test: February 8, 2020

Registration Deadline:

January 10

(the last ACT Test accepted by  
UNL for scholarships)

Test: April 4, 2020

Registration Deadline:

February 28

Test: June 13, 2020

Registration Deadline:

May 8

Test: July 18, 2020

Registration Deadline:

June 19

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All juniors will take the ACT Test for the Nebraska State Assessment on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. This test will be paid for by the district and students will register for the test at school.



## Community Awareness Series: Promoting Healthy Behaviors

### Looking ahead to February:

Schools, parents, caregivers and communities all play a role in providing supportive pathways for our youth as they navigate childhood and adolescence. SCIP (School Community Intervention and Prevention) is partnering with Lincoln Public Schools, Bryan Independence Center and the Lancaster Prevention Leadership Team to put on a series of valuable presentations about how to support the health and well-being of our community's youth. Please join us on:

**February 27, 2020 - Youth Anxiety and Depression**  
**Lincoln High School/Media Center**  
**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

### Presentation:

Anxiety and depression continue to be two of the most common mental health issues that arise in today's youth. Knowing how to recognize early warnings signs of anxiety and depression and how to support youth who may be struggling, are two important factors in early intervention. Melissa Tucci is licensed as an Independent Mental Health Practitioner and an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. She has worked in various settings with children, adolescents, and families experiencing trauma,

out-of-home placement, reunification, and mental health and/or alcohol use problems. Melissa Tucci has been a SCIP provider since 2014. James Tucci is a Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP) in the state of Nebraska. James has worked in residential, acute care (hospital), in-home, day treatment, and outpatient settings. He has assisted children, adolescents, families, couples, and individuals with issues related to abuse and trauma, depression, anxiety, resolving problems and increasing skills, and optimizing parenting effectiveness. Together Melissa and James will discuss:

- What is anxiety and depression and how might it look in children and adolescents?
- Misconceptions about anxiety and depression
- Treatment of anxiety and depression: shifting from a "control strategies" approach to a values-based, committed action approach
- Effective, flexible parenting responses for parents of children and adolescents experiencing anxiety and/or depression.

Please contact Abbe Edgecombe, SCIP Coordinator for Lincoln-Lancaster County, for questions or additional information: (402) 327-6841 or [aedgecombe@lmep.com](mailto:aedgecombe@lmep.com)



Bryan Independence Center

