

LNE Rocket Messenger

March 2021

Hello Rocket Family,

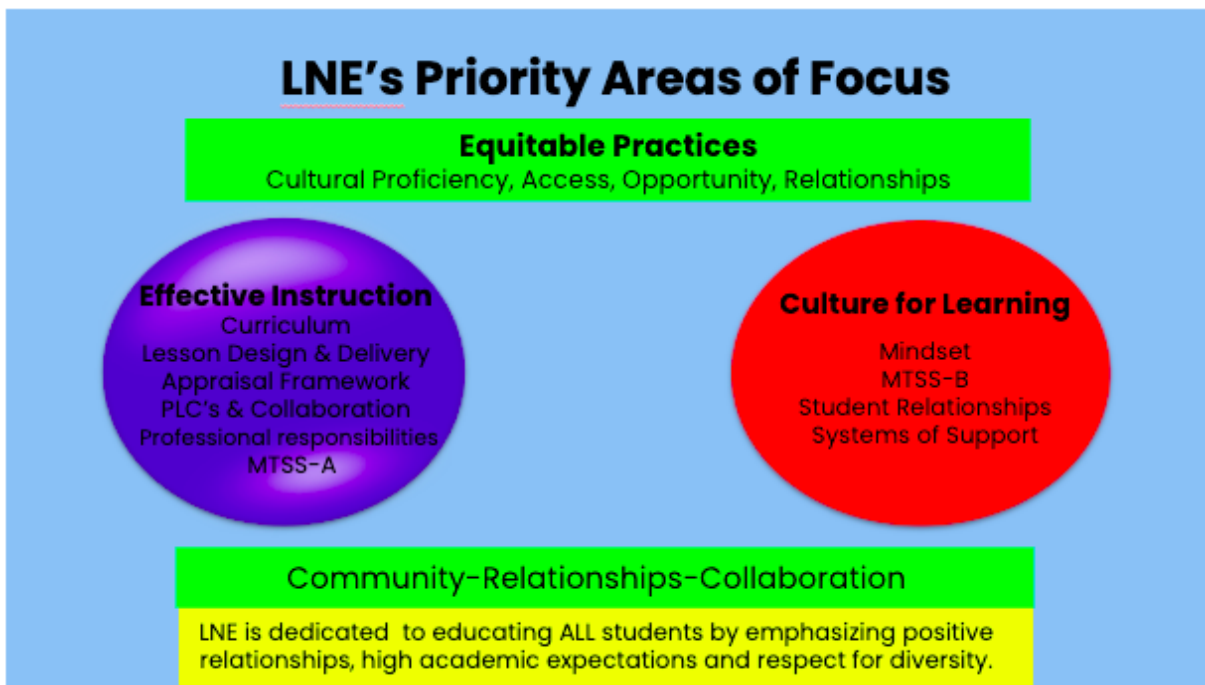
By the time you receive this we will be nearing the end of quarter 3. Since our last newsletter we have now, as you know, invited 9th graders, in addition to 12th graders, to return full time to school. If you have any questions about this, please give us a call!

Additionally, as the end of the quarter is upon us, please encourage your Child to reach out to her/his teacher should they have any questions about assignments, missing work,

etc. It is important for them to ask any questions they may have and receive any support they may need.

I cannot stress enough the importance of wearing our face coverings so we can continue to be in school. Thank you for helping our students understand the importance of this as I have been impressed overall by the diligence with which our students continue to appropriately wear their face coverings.

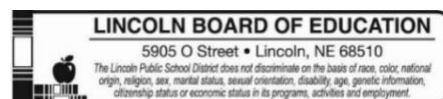
Our continued areas of focus for the 2020-2021 school year will again be: Effective Instruction, Culture for Learning and Equity.



March News and Notes

-Equity: February 15th provided another opportunity for our staff to learn and work together on the topic of Equity. Dr. McEntarffer, from the District Assessment Department, was with us and lead professional learning around implicit biases, which included the challenge to think through how these biases influence our practices. We look forward to continued learning in this area.

-Spring Break: March 8-12th: I hope you will take an opportunity to recharge a little during the week away from school. It's hard to believe that Spring Break signifies the end of quarter 3 and the start of Spring Sports.



-Gradebook codes: A reminder regarding what the codes in the gradebook mean.

Codes:

Synergy Code	Comment Type	What it means
EX	Exclude	Excused. No effect on grade – does not need to be completed.
M	Missing	Calculates as a ZERO – can still be turned in for credit.
INC	Incomplete	Does not affect grade unless the teacher enters the INC with a score. Remove the code once the assignment is revised and enter the new grade.
Grade [space] L	Late Assignment	To communicate timeliness / work habits, while still maintaining accurate representation of skill / objective.
Blank	Not Yet Graded	An assignment / assessment still needs to be graded / entered.
0 (Zero)	No credit	Calculates as a ZERO – cannot be made up.

Important March Dates for Northeast High School

- March 2 Dr. Joel's Annual Visit to LNE
- March 3 Wednesday PLC - B Day
- March 5 Girls State Basketball @ LNE, non-school day for *LNE students*
- March 8 – 12 Spring Break – No School
- March 14 Daylights Savings Time – turn clocks ahead 1 hour
- March 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences (more info to come) **3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**
- March 18 *CLC After School Activities will close at 4:30 p.m.*
- April 1 No School - Teacher Work Day
- April 2 No School



Lincoln Northeast 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/we>.

Graduation Information for Seniors

Seniors who have ordered their cap, gown and tassel and other senior products on-line will be receiving their graduation items by U.S. mail in March. If you ordered clothing items other than cap and gown, you will receive two separate deliveries.

Students who applied for financial assistance to pay for their cap, gown and tassel will pick their order up at school in early May.

The Senior Class of 2021 will graduate on Saturday, May 29th at 12:30 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena. LPS will send out more information regarding attendance at the commencement program as it becomes available.

LNE Rockets 2021!

LNE Literary Magazine

LNE's literary magazine *Havelock* is accepting submissions from now until March 19. Submissions can include but are not limited to: poems, short stories, comics, original song lyrics, photographs, paintings, sketches, and pictures of artwork (like ceramics or 3D models).

Students can submit their work by using jump code **YNOI**, e-mailing Ms. Reda (kreda@lps.org), bringing it to room 110

or by giving it to their Art or English teacher. To see last year's magazine, go to the LNE website and select "Students." On the drop-down menu, you will see a link to the literary magazine. We're excited to showcase all of the different skills, creative ideas, and unique voices that our Rocket students have!

Information from the LNE Counseling Center

Grades 9 - 12: Educational Talent Search

Educational Talent Search (ETS) serves young people who are low-income, first-generation students in grades 9 through 12. ETS provides participants information about college admission requirements, scholarships, ACT test preparation,

Juniors: Campus Visits & ACT Prep

It's time to start your campus visits! Check with the colleges you are interested in to see if they are having in-person or virtual campus tours this spring.

Start looking at colleges your junior year so you can narrow your choices by the time you're a senior. If your school has a spring break, that's a perfect time to schedule a campus visit. Here is a [LINK](#) for virtual tours of Nebraska colleges.

Schedule in-person campus visits at least two weeks in advance while colleges are in session. Be prepared with

Virtual College Fairs

EducationQuest Virtual College Fair is Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd.

EducationQuest will host a Virtual College Fair March 2-3 to help seniors finalize their college decision – and to help juniors get started. It will also be helpful for adults wishing to pursue a college degree. This free event will feature college booths and live college-prep presentations.

Registration:

Students and family members can register for and attend the fair at eqf.org/collegefair.

Wednesday, March 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m. CST. Students and parents are encouraged to visit college booths and view this live presentation:

FAFSA FAQs for Seniors and Parents - 6:00-6:30 p.m.

CST - This session will address common questions from those who haven't yet completed the FAFSA, and those who already have.

All college-prep presentations will be recorded for later viewing.

\$500 Scholarship

Students who visit at least 5 booths between March 2-3 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship.

Seniors & Juniors: Accuplacer Testing & SCC Applications - April 8, 1 - 3 p.m.

LNE Juniors and Seniors are invited to take the Accuplacer Test if they are planning to attend Southeast Community College following high school. SCC uses Accuplacer scores to determine course placement. This can be a great option for students as the Accuplacer is untimed and is FREE! Following

and various student financial aid programs, as well as supporting students to be college ready. If you or your student would like to be contacted for more information, you can complete the following [LINK](#).

questions to ask (check EducationQuest.org for helpful information).

Juniors are allowed **two** College Visit days. Parents, contact the LNE Attendance Office to excuse your student for the day of the campus visit. Juniors, the day following your campus visit, provide the LNE Attendance Office an itinerary, or other confirmation of your campus visit, to have your absence coded as a "Student Activity."

ACT Prep - District approved ACT Prep resources - [LINK](#)

College Board BigFuture Days

- You can register for any event and more than one.
- You can attend all or part of the event.
- **WHO:** This event is meant for high school sophomores and juniors, but younger and older students are welcome. Parents/guardians are welcome to join along with their students.
- **WHEN:** Click the events below to learn more about the colleges and states included in that region.
- [BigFuture Days Northeast](#) - Sunday, March 7, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- [BigFuture Days Midwest](#) - Thursday, March 11, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- [Sign Me Up Now](#) - Registration is for students only. Parents will receive separate log-in information when their student registers.

the test, students will visit with SCC Advisors who will explain the results, then students will be able to apply for admission to SCC and receive information about financial aid and scholarships. Students are asked to sign up in the LNE Counseling Center by April 1st.

Seniors & Juniors - UNL Admissions Representative for LNE

UNL Admissions representative CJ Kracl has office hours specifically for LNE students. CJ will help with admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and any other questions you have about UNL. Office Hours: Tuesdays 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

UNL Office Hours link: <https://calendly.com/cj-kracl/unl-admissions-office-hours>

Seniors – FAFSA Completion

Seniors needing to complete the FAFSA for college financial aid can schedule a virtual appointment with our EducationQuest College Planning Specialist, Cecilia

March 2021 “To Do” List

Seniors:

Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

- **Complete the financial aid process.** By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, complete and file the form at fafsa.gov. If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, you must submit required documents before the school will award financial aid.
- **Watch your student portal and e-mail closely.** Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.
- **Keep your grades up.** If you slack off and get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.
- **Apply for scholarships.** See [ScholarshipQuest](https://www.educationquest.org) at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved.
- **Make your final college selection.** Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.
- **Be aware of deadlines** to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

The following video resources have been provided to assist students who have applied to UNL.

How to Apply to UNL - [LINK](#)

How to use MyRed to accept financial aid & scholarship offers and other steps to become a student - [LINK](#)

Hernandez-Chavez. Use the following link to schedule an appointment - [LINK](#). Use this [LINK](#) to find a list of materials needed to complete the FAFSA.

Juniors:

Juniors...it's time to consider your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

- **ACT Test.** When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.
- **Completion of the FAFSA** early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.
- **College applications.** Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. You'll get help next October at LNE during our annual [Apply2College](#) event.
- **Campus visits will help you narrow your choices**
 - Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the [“Selecting a College”](#) section at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org).
- These resources at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) will also help with your college search:
 - [“Nebraska College Costs”](#) breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
 - [College Profiles](#) has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

More Semester 2 Test Information

ACT Online Prep for Juniors (Class of 2022)

Although students are already preparing to take the ACT with what they are learning in school, the state is providing the class of 2022 (this year's 11th graders) with the opportunity for additional practice using ACT Online Prep (AOP).

AOP course content is organized into 16 Study Plan Steps, starting with the most-tested (foundational) materials on the ACT and ending with the least-tested (advanced) materials on the ACT. Each Study Plan Step includes lessons and practice question sets for each of the four subject areas: English, math, reading, and science. The study plans are self-paced and will focus on students' gaps in knowledge. Teachers will work to provide opportunities during the school day to work

ACT: 11th grade students will take the ACT on **April 6, 2021**. Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. Students are asked to bring a photo ID (student ID), #2 pencil and a calculator. Please do NOT bring electronic devices (cell phone, iPod, smartwatch etc.). Food, drinks, and electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom.

MAP Reading: (Measure of Academic Progress in Reading): Students who have not met the Reading Demonstration Graduation Requirement will be taking the MAP Reading test in their reading classes during the month of March. Students who have not met the requirement and are not in a reading class will also be taking this exam and will be notified in advance.

For more Information/Questions:

Contact Angela Bates (abates2@lps.org) in the main office.

Library News

No Fines at the Lincoln City Libraries!

LPS students can check out up to four items from the Lincoln City Libraries and not incur any fines. It's super simple! Just give the city librarian your student ID number when checking out items.



Digital Citizenship Tips:

Password security is one of the key components of Digital Citizenship instruction in LPS. Students learn strategies to create strong passwords, and how to avoid having their password stolen. Create a plan to manage passwords and discuss what makes a password hard for others to guess.

on some AOP content, but students have the additional flexibility to work on their own.

[HERE](#) is more detailed information about AOP for students. To access the system from an internet browser (other than Internet Explorer), students can take the following steps to sign in and get started:

- ✓ Go to <https://onlineprep.act.org/>
- ✓ Select the Sign In button
- ✓ Enter your LPS Email address (#####@class.lps.org)
- ✓ Enter "lpsstudent" for the Password.
- ✓ Select the Sign In button

Junior Families: Consent is required to have your student's ACT information from the April 6th exam to be sent to colleges, universities, and financial aid programs. If shared, scores from the ACT can be used as part of the college admission process for most colleges and universities, and for scholarship and other financial aid applications. On Feb 8, 2021, an e-mail was sent to all families that had not completed the consent form. The consent form is available on-line using the jump code **OFYF** in the keyword box on the LPS homepage. Forms are also available in the main office.

LPA: (English Language Proficiency Assessment): Students who qualify for the ELL program will be taking the ELPA during the month of February and **beginning of March**.

Homework HelpNow!

at <http://lincolnlibraries.org/teens/homework-help/>

Login with your **city** library card

Need Help with Homework? [Homework HelpNow](#) powered by *Brainfuse* provides free homework help and online tutoring. **Chat with a tutor through instant messaging from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week** for grades 3-12 in the areas of **math, English, science, and social studies**. *Spanish-speaking tutors are also available.*

News from the LNE Athletic/Activities Office

Spring Sports Tryouts:

The first day of spring sports tryouts is Monday, March 1. Students interested in participating in Baseball, Boys Golf, Soccer, Girls Tennis or Track should complete a participation packet prior to the start of the season. This can be done online at <https://home.lps.org/athletics/packet/> or you can pick up a hard copy of the packet in the Activities Office. If you choose to do your packet online, please wait until you have your physical examination form completed so you have it to upload. If you have one on file from the fall or winter season, you do not need to complete it again.

Role of Parents in Athletics:

Parents new to Northeast Athletics who have not attended the LNE Athletic Dept/Role of Parents in Athletics meeting must watch the slide presentation prior to an athlete starting participation. Those who have previously attended this mandatory meeting have met this requirement and do not need to attend further meetings.

Instructions for the 2020-21 school year are: The in-person Role of Parent meeting has been cancelled for spring sports. A slide presentation is available for viewing on our Athletic Website <https://lincolnnortheasths.schoolteams.com/> at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MDHhJscM9dXZErw_Hi_wHGr9IPUB0DM2-/view under Quick Links. Once you have viewed the slide show, go to the Role of Parent Meeting Verification link

at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4-yhioJzL9Y0K8ueSkH_ISK6h-cnajjGisySYa-kuPQajmQ/viewform

Parents will still be expected to attend individual sports pre-season parents' meetings conducted by head coaches.

Rocket Store:

The Rocket Store now has new inventory in stock. If you are interested in some new Rocket Gear, contact the Athletic Office at (402) 436-1337 and we will make arrangements to open the store for you to shop. As part of our inventory reduction, there are also many discounted items.

High school 3/2 schedule for 4th quarter

The following is the planned 3/2 schedule for high schools while we are operating at 50% capacity (each group gets 21 days of in-person instruction):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (PLC Day)	Thursday	Friday
March 1st	A	A	B	B	B
March 8th	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Join us Virtually!

Region V Systems is excited to offer two more 1-hour webinars on various topics concerning youth. Webinars will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join one, or both! All are welcome! Webinars are FREE! Please register to attend.

**Marijuana Trends,
 Concentrates, Dabs**
with Jermaine Galloway
March 18, 2021; 6:30pm
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pw7qdxzab&oeidk=a07ehi7ney90b536a69>

**Supporting our Kids in a
 Time of Stress**
with Nigel Wrangham
April 15, 2021; 6:30pm
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pw7qdxzab&oeidk=a07ehi7nf0p1d9a457e>