Greetings!!

The first month of school has come and gone! As a whole, I think the school year has gotten off to a very good start. Staff and students are finally settling back into the school mode and familiar routines. Like in most schools, the first month of school is about establishing and reestablishing new and old relationships. As the principal, I understand the importance of establishing positive relationships with all stakeholders in our community. It is vital that our parents, students, and teachers establish solid but preferably great connections with each other. Studies also show that all students perform better in and out of the classroom, when a positive relationship is built with their teachers. Furthermore, that relationship is even more strengthened when parents and teachers are on the same page. Here at LMS, we welcome all parents to get involved in educating their child.

Additionally, the first month of school for middle schoolers is a time where we assess a student’s academic levels. This is accomplished through a number of ways. At Lincoln Middle School, students take the NWEA test, which is an international standardized testing protocol that gives educators the ability to ascertain a student’s academic level in comparison to their peers locally and nationwide. Students are tested in mathematics, English/language arts-ELA, and science. Students receive a RIT score which identifies a student’s academic level, his or her area of strength and where further development is needed. Students are also given a pretest in some content and elective classes to determine how much they know, so that teachers will have a good starting point on where to start instruction for their classroom. Please ask your student what his or her RIT score is in these three content areas and from that you can teach them how to set an academic goal other than a letter grade.

Likewise, the month of October will be a busy and fun month at Lincoln. In September, many of our fall sports programs have started and gotten off to a great start. Our team sports participation levels have increased this year and during this month more extra curricular activities will begin. I appreciate all the support that our coaches and parents give to help our students become well rounded citizens and in the process learn the importance of team and community! Please review our weekly calendar on the school’s website for all the exciting things we are doing daily in the middle school. We also do weekly school messaging as a reminder of all events.

**Importance Dates in October:**

1. **PS3 meeting - Thursday, Oct 3rd - 5:30pm Media Center**
   - Parent Teacher Conference - October 23rd and 24th
   - Early Release Day - October 31st
   - Middle School Spirit Week - October 21st- 25th
   - Trunk and Treat - October 31st
   - Masquerade Dance - November 1st

**Food for thought:** “Rarely can a response make something better, but what makes something better is connection”. Dr. Brene’ Brown

Sincerely,

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