

Lincoln Families,

Happy Tuesday! I hope your week is off to a good start. As we head into the home stretch of the school year, teachers are engaged in various behind-the-scenes, end-of-the-year tasks. One of these tasks of particular interest to students and parents is the development of class placement lists for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Class placement is a lengthy process which will involve not only your child's current classroom teacher but other school personnel as well. Input will be sought from art, music, physical education, and resource teachers and personnel, as they are in the unique position of working with a great number of students at Lincoln. I will facilitate this process with the team, but the ultimate decision on placement will be my responsibility. Our intent is always to create class composites that are conducive to learning and promote student success.

As always, we will strive to create classes that are as equitable as possible in terms of class size, instructional supports, and gender. Please trust that we have your child's best interests at the heart of all of our decisions.

It is a time-honored tradition for parents to wish to advocate for their child's placement with a particular teacher. This is completely understandable; however, this has the potential for creating classrooms that are unbalanced and not necessarily in the best interests of all students.

Families have the distinct advantage of knowing their children in ways that are not always evident to school personnel, so your input is essential to this process. I encourage you to share any information you believe the school should consider as we begin the process of developing class lists. Please put your thoughts in writing and forward to me. In an effort to be more "green," please feel free to email any letters. Most specifically, your comments concerning your child's learning, social/emotional characteristics and needs will be most helpful. However, please understand that for obvious reasons it is not possible to honor specific teacher requests. **Please know this is an optional courtesy, and it is not required for you to formalize your thoughts via a letter. If you plan to send a letter, please do so by May 2, 2015.**

**\*\*\* Please note that a reply to this e-mail is acceptable.**

If your family will be moving, changing address, or not attending Lincoln for the 2016-17 school year, please communicate with Maribeth in the office.

Thank you for helping to making my first year at Lincoln such a memorable one. I am so happy and proud to be a Lincoln Eagle. Should you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your continued support of our Fine, Fine School! Have a great week.

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