



August 2021

Dear Lincoln-Hubbard Families:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a very safe and relaxing final days of summer. It is hard to believe that we are only a few days away from the start of the 2021-2022 school year. I am so very excited to welcome our students and families back to Lincoln-Hubbard on Monday, August 30th!

As I am writing this communication to all of you - please know that I am very aware of the many different items, questions and yes - even concerns - that we are generating right now; as parents, as teachers, as students and yes -even as a building principal. As mentioned at our school community Q&A sessions last week - these are the feelings that are commonly experienced prior to the start of any school year, but even more so as we all continue to navigate the current pandemic.

As I also reminded last week, it is equally, if not more so, to reflect on the outstanding accomplishments and challenges we overcame throughout the 2020-2021 school year. As we look ahead, let us not forget to not only celebrate, but demonstrate the same positive and collaborative L-H community investment made last year. It was tangible and evident each day - and we were successful in our endeavors because we have created an amazing school community - students, staff, and families alike. So it should be with a great deal of understanding, empathy, flexibility and collaboration that we continue to resolve ourselves as a L-H Community, our "Pride," that we will do this - that we will be successful once again- ***and that we will lift each other up because our goals are the same***; we want your children to soar and succeed as learners. With that said, let me assure you that we are ready to implement our building plan with resolve, professionalism, and most importantly - with a passion that you expect from L-H. Now...let's begin.

Please take time to read the various items in this Back to School communication - and I appreciate your understanding that in some areas - I may just highlight a "link" in order to ensure some brevity in the overall format of this letter.

[Lincoln-Hubbard 2021-2022 Back To School Plan](#)

[The Lincoln-Hubbard 2021-2022 Back To School Plan](#) was sent on Tuesday, 8/17/2021. There was also a subsequent parent Q&A session to review elements of the plan later in the week. Links to the Back To School Plan and Q&A document are below:

- **[Lincoln-Hubbard 2021-2022 Back To School Plan - CLICK HERE](#)**
- **[Lincoln-Hubbard Back to School Q&A Document](#)**

Lincoln-Hubbard 2021-2022 Teaching Assignments

Grade 1: Mrs. Rosaly Kovach (1K)
Mrs. Kristin Cacicedo (1C)
Miss Nicole Higgins (1H)
Miss Emily Bean (1B)

Miss Emily Bean has joined our L-H Team in a long term substitute teaching position (current timetable is through December) as Mr. Matt Ferry is currently on leave. Miss Bean is a May 2020 graduate from Vanderbilt University with NJ teaching certificates in Early Childhood Education (PreK-3) and Teaching English as a Second Language (K-12). She has experience in early childhood education, ESL education and varied experiences involving community outreach and mentoring.

Grade 2: Miss Alexandra Kelly (2K)
Miss Ann Anderson (2A)
Mrs. Abigail Emerson (2EM)
Miss Julie Reidel / Mrs. Samantha Barrows (2RB)

Miss Julie Reidel joined our L-H Team last May and will continue in a long term substitute teaching position while Mrs. Barrows is on maternity leave (current timetable is September through end of November). Miss Reidel has a B.A. in Family and Child Studies and Elementary Education K-6 from Montclair State University.

Grade 3: Miss Kelly Reynolds (3R)
Mrs. Michelle Ehrich (3E)
Mrs. Caitlin Gabriele (3G)

Grade 4: Miss Cherilyn DeCarlo (4D)
Mrs. Allison Ahearn (4A)
Miss Gabriela Allegra / Mrs. Lori Weller

We are happy to have Miss Gabriela Allegra join our 4th Grade team this year as a long term substitute teacher for Miss Weller (current timetable is September through end of November). Miss Allegra joined our L-H Team last year as a full time inclusion aide. She is a graduate of the University of Scranton with a B.S. in Early and Primary Education.

Grade 5: Miss Carmela Valles (5V)
Mrs. Ashley Fuchs (5F)
Miss Sahar Rimawi (5R)

Miss Rimawi has been employed in the District both as an inclusion aide and most recently, as a long term substitute teacher at Lincoln-Hubbard in 4th grade last spring. She is now in a full time teaching position at L-H as the newest member of our grade 5 team. Prior to coming to Summit, Miss Rimawi also worked at the Union County Educational Services and at Math Academic Intervention Services in Staten Island, where she worked with students individually and in groups to improve fluency and gain knowledge in mathematics. Miss Rimawi holds a Bachelors of Arts degree Bachelor of Arts (CUNY College of Staten Island) where she majored in Childhood Education (1-6). She also holds a Master of Science in Education (CUNY College of Staten Island) where she majored in Special Education Childhood (1-6). She is certified as both a General and Special Education teacher.

Resource Room: Mrs. Emily Cooper
Mrs. Chelsea Jordan
Miss Abigail Fallon

We are happy to welcome Miss Abigail Fallon to our L-H Team as a part time Special Education teacher. Miss Fallon is a graduate of Rutgers University and holds a Master's degree in Elementary and Special Education. She also holds a B.A. in English and is certified as both a K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities teacher.

Learning Workshop: Miss Debbie Yendrick, Mrs. Courtney Nelson

Other New Hires:

ESL: Mrs. Kim Rusert

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Kim Rusert to our L-H Team as our new ESL teacher. Mrs. Rusert's most recent teaching experience was in Roselle Park in both a 4th grade and Basic Skills teaching assignment. She also has experience as an ESL teacher and Gifted and Talented teacher. Mrs. Rusert holds a Master's in Education from Florida Atlantic University and a B.S. in Elementary Education from State University College at Cortland. She is certified as both a K-6 and ESL teacher.

World Language: Mrs. Mariana Salerno

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Mariana Salerno as our new World Language teacher. Mrs. Salerno comes to L-H with prior experience as a 3rd grade bilingual teacher in Newark, in addition to other experience working at diverse grade levels. Mrs. Salerno holds a B.A. in Elementary/Bilingual Education K-6/5-8 from Kean University.

Physical Education : Miss Megan Durkin

Miss Megan Durkin will be joining "team L-H" as our new Physical Education teacher! Miss Durkin actually worked previously at Lincoln-Hubbard a few years ago as a PE aide. She then moved onto a PE teaching position in Verona where she taught students with autism in grades PreK-9. Additionally she coaches both softball and ice hockey. Miss Durkin holds a Master's degree in Special Education and a B.S. in Physical Education from Montclair University.

Aides/Support Personnel:

I am very pleased to welcome the following aide/support staff as well to our 2021-2022 L-H Team:

Mrs. Zoe Zevlikaris (inclusion aide), Mrs. Arshia Javed (Cafeteria Supervisor), Mrs. Bindiya Patel (Playground Aide)

Class Placements/Homeroom Assignments

- All parents should be registered for their Genesis account
- It is expected that parents should be able to login to view their child's homeroom/teaching assignment as of 3:00 P.M. today, Monday 8/23/2021.

Important Reminders About Class Placements:

- ☐ Class placements have been finalized
- ☐ A great deal of time and investment has gone into developing class lists, including all parent input that was collected last spring.

Your teachers will be working hard to get to know each of your children. They will be taking time to build a community, nurture each child's social and emotional well being, as well as getting to know their strengths and needs as learners throughout the first weeks of school. I greatly appreciate your understanding of this need and allowing your teachers to have some time to make the transition into this new school year - one in which they are bringing their expertise to the table, while also taking on new challenges at the same time. Your patience and support is appreciated.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES -

- Families who ordered School Supply Kits through the PTO should have received their supply kits already - as they were delivered to homes.
- If you need to purchase supplies, here is the current supply list by grade:

[GRADE LEVEL SUPPLY LISTS - CLICK HERE](#)

- NOTE - PLACE ALL SUPPLIES IN A GALLON STORAGE BAG(S), which should then be placed in backpacks.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY: The Lincoln-Hubbard Safety Team has developed a comprehensive approach to addressing issues surrounding the drop-off / pick-up of students around our building. Our goals are to keep our children safe, improve behavior of drivers, observance of the law, and ensure collaboration with the Board of Education/City officials. The manual in its entirety can be accessed via the Lincoln Hubbard website. **IMPORTANT POINTS AS WE START THE YEAR AND FOLLOW THE LAW:**

- Parents/Caregivers should never encourage children to walk between cars
- Parents/Caregivers should never double/triple park vehicles-i.e. Crescent Ave.
- There is no student drop-off or student pick-up in the Staff Parking Lot - as well as no usage of the parking lot for U-turn purposes. As indicated by signage - the lot is for employee use only -violators/vehicle information will be sent to the Summit PD.
- Always use the crosswalks.
- Parents should directly speak with their caregivers prior to August 30th in order to turnkey this information as well.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday 8/24/2021: 9:00-12:00: NEW FAMILY/GRADE 1 ORIENTATION

MONDAY 8/30/2021: WELCOME BACK, WELCOME HOME! 1st DAY OF SCHOOL!

Monday 9/6/2021: OFF LABOR DAY

Tuesday 9/7/2021: OFF ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday 9/14/2021: Lincoln-Hubbard Back To School Night 7:00 P.M.! *More Info. To Follow

Thursday 9/16/2021: OFF Yom Kippur

Finally, as I enter into my 27th year in Summit - I think about the past sixteen- going on seventeen- years that have been spent as the principal of Lincoln-Hubbard. I feel very fortunate and blessed in so many ways. I am grateful for the community we have at our school - staff, students and parents-and what we have created over time. People often ask me - "Why is L-H so successful?" My response is always, "We have "something special" going on at L-H."

As we prepare to enter into the 2021-2022 school year, let's continue to work together and set the example for your children - our students - by continuing to embrace and demonstrate the following qualities that have assured that "specialness" that is "L-H":

- Embrace a positive/growth mindset
- Take care of each other (students, teachers, parents, and principal all invested to show empathy and take care of each other)...because navigating a global pandemic is hard enough.
- Engage as a community - regularly, with transparency and sincerity
- Support for our teachers and staff who are making it happen by celebrating them and taking time to let them know you see their efforts. In the same respect, teachers and principal supporting and celebrating the achievements and efforts of our students and parents.
- Look at this year as a homecoming - our school community is back together again - first time really since March 13th, 2020. A homecoming is a celebration - so welcome your fellow parents, say hi, ask "How are you?," remind your children to do the same for their classmates, in the same respect.

Who says you can't go home? WELCOME HOME, L-H PRIDE!



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- Matt

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"MR.C'S WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL VIDEO: REMINDERS & TIPS FOR STUDENTS"

**Mr. C's Welcome Back To School
- Reminders and Tips for Students!**

***Click on the lion to watch
the video!**



