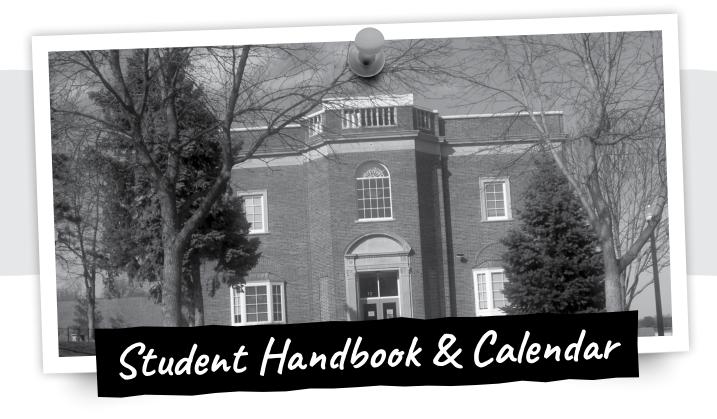


# SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY



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### For Bilingual Liaisons:

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Russian: Если вам требуются услуги переводчика пожалуйста позвоните по телефону: 402-436-1942

Español: Por favor llame a este número de teléfono si necesita servicios de intérpretes: 402-436-1938

Vietnamese: Xin vui lòng gọi về số này nếu qúi vị cần có dịch vụ thông dịch: 402-436-1939

Ukrainian: Будь ласка, зателефонуйте за цим номером, якщо вам потрібні послуги перекладу: 402-436-1786

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#### **Please Note:**

# **LPS Student Calendar**

# **2025-26**

#### **Graduation Dates**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 Independence Academy

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**Bryan Community Focus Program

At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 22-24, 2026

Fri: LSE Sat: LNE, LSW, LNW, LNS Sun: EHS, LHS, LSB

- First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades
- First Day for 1-5, 7-8, & 10-12th Grades
- Last Day for Students
- All Schools Not in Session
- Schools Not in Session (Professional Learning/Planning Day)
- Quarter Start Dates
- Quarter End Dates

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed. Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.

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#### **FEBRUARY** 2026

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### **MARCH** 2026

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### **APRIL** 2026

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#### **JUNE** 2026

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# Welcome

#### Dear Sheridan Elementary School Families,

Welcome! The Sheridan staff is excited about the new school year and we look forward to working with you to support children's learning and growth. This handbook/calendar contains information about policies and procedures specifically for our school. Lincoln Public Schools publishes the Important Information Booklet and Elementary Common Practices. These documents include important information, practices, and procedures for every school with LPS. You can access these documents by visiting lps.org and entering "important" in the search box. Please review this information with your child. The school event calendar was created in the spring and the dates are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 402-436-1167.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ashley Sitzman, Principal
Ms. Ginny Sellenrick, Assistant Principal

Sheridan Community... learning in harmony, lifting achievement and leading the future.



## **Lincoln Public Schools**

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## **Important Dates**

Tuesday, August 12th First Day for K, 6 and 9th Grades

Wednesday, August 13th First Day for 1-5, 7-8 and 10-12th Grades

SUNDAY	MONDAY	<b>TUESDAY</b>	WEDNESDAY	<b>THURSDAY</b>	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# **Sheridan Schedules**

2025 - 2026						
SCHOOL HOURS	FOR STUDENTS					
Kindergarten - 5th Grade	9:00 a.m 3:38 p.m.*					
*Students should not a	rrive prior to 8:50 a.m.,					
as we are not able to provid	as we are not able to provide supervision until this time.					
BREAKFAST (ARRIVAL THROUGH DOOR #1)						
Kindergarten - 5th Grade	8:30 a.m 8:55 a.m.					
LUNCH / RECI	ESS SCHEDULE					
Kindergarten	11:00 a.m 11: 35 a.m.					
1st Grade	11:30 a.m 12:05 p.m.					
2nd Grade	11:15 a.m 11:50 a.m.					
3rd Grade	11:45 a.m 12:20 p.m.					
4th Grade	12:00 p.m 12:35 p.m.					
5th Grade	12:15 p.m 12:50 p.m.					
SPECIALS CLAS	SES SCHEDULE					
Kindergarten	12:55 p.m 1:45 p.m.					
1st Grade	1:50 p.m 2:40 p.m.					
2nd Grade	2:45 p.m 3:35 p.m.					
3rd Grade	10:55 a.m 11:45 a.m.					
4th Grade	10:00 a.m 10:50 a.m.					
5th Grade	9:05 a.m 9:55 a.m.					
STUDENT PI	CTURE DATES					
Picture Day	Wednesday, September 10th					
Retake Picture Day	Wednesday, October 22nd					
PARENT / TEACHER	CONFERENCE DATES					
Fall	Tues, Sept. 30th & Thurs, Oct. 2nd					
Spring	Tues, Feb. 24th & Thurs, Feb. 26th					

# **Non School Days**

(School is not in session on the following days)

- September 1 and 2
- October 13 and 14
- November 26, 27 and 28
- December 1
- December 22 January 2

- January 19
- February 16 and 17
- March 9 13
- April 3 and 6

# **Tardies**

Student achievement is impacted by frequent tardies. We would rather have children come to school late than not at all, therefore, we do not discipline tardy students. We will make a plan with them so they get to school on time. Parents/guardians will be notified by a letter and/or phone call to inform them if tardies become a pattern. A parent/guardian conference may be scheduled for students who are repeatedly tardy. Students attending Sheridan School on permit are reminded that punctual attendance is necessary to maintain permit status.

# **Drop Off and Pick Up**

- Follow flow of traffic when dropping off and picking up your child(ren) (map found on page 8 of the Sheridan Student Handbook/Calendar).
- Drop off and pick up your child(ren) on the passenger side only of the car to ensure children do not cross the street.
- Arrange to drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the same place each day.
- Teach your child to use designated crosswalks and crossings when available.

# Pick Up / Lunch

A student can only be picked up or eat lunch with someone if they are listed as a contact during online enrollment verification. If they are not, you must contact the Sheridan office and give them the person's name who will be picking them up or eating lunch with them.

# September 2025

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	DAY 0	DAY 2	DAY 3	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Picture Day			
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	
28	29	Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m 7: 15 p.m.				
	DAY 3	DAY 4				

## Important Dates

Monday, September 1st
- Tuesday, September 2nd
Schools Closed

Wednesday, September 10th Picture Day

Tuesday, September 30th Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m - 7:15 p.m.

# **Arrival at School**

Students are expected to arrive at school between 8:50 - 9:00 a.m. There is no supervision available prior to 8:50 a.m.

Once students enter the building, they will walk to their assigned coat hooks outside their classrooms. Students will hang up their belongings and sit quietly by their coat hook until the 8:55 a.m. bell rings. School staff will be supervising the hallways. At 8:55 a.m., teachers will greet students and welcome them into the classroom to begin the day. Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. must check in with the Security Entrance Monitor at Door #1.

### **Arrival Times**

- Earliest arrival is 8:50 a.m. unless participating in breakfast, band, strings, or before-school childcare, with Family Service.
- Students can arrive at Sheridan at 8:50 a.m. and will walk directly to their coat hooks and wait quietly for the 8:55 a.m. bell.
- Classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- After 9:00 a.m., all students use Door #1 and check in with the Security Entrance Monitor.
- Breakfast is available 8:30 8:55 a.m. through Door #1 (south).
- Before-school childcare is available between 7:00 8:55 a.m. with Family Service. Preregistration is required at 402-441-7949.

# **Dismissal From School**

For safety purposes, students will not be allowed to play on the playground while waiting for rides after school.

#### **Dismissal Times**

- All students are dismissed from the building at 3:38 p.m.
- Teachers will escort students out their designated grade level exit door.
- All students must go directly home or to an after-school activity.

### **Dismissal Areas**

- Students enrolled in after-school activities will be escorted to the appropriate area.
- Parents arrange to pick up their children at the same place daily.

## **Family Service**

• Family Service childcare is available after school until 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required through Family Service, 441-7949.

## Late Pick Up

• Parents/guardians must come to Door #1 to sign out students who are not picked up by 3:45 p.m. Children will not be allowed to wait outside after school or to leave the building without a parent/guardian signature after this time.

# **Releasing Student Early**

Students who leave before the end of the day are required to be signed out by an approved person (a parent or guardian). The school will only release children to adults designated by the parent during online enrollment verification or parent/guardian must call the office prior to release.

If there is a special circumstance, such as a court order limiting access to a student by a parent or guardian, affecting who a student can be released to, the principal must be informed and provided the copy of that court order to maintain on file at school.

# October 2025

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m 7: 15 p.m.		
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
5	6	7	8	9	<b>10</b> Last Day of Quarter 1	11
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
12	13	14	<b>15</b> First Day of Quarter 2	16	17	18
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
19	20	21	<b>22</b> Picture Retakes	23	24	25
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	

## **Important Dates**

Thursday, October 2nd Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m. - 7: 15p.m.

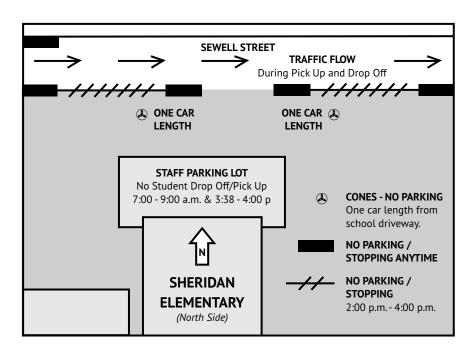
Friday, October 10th Last Day of Quarter 1

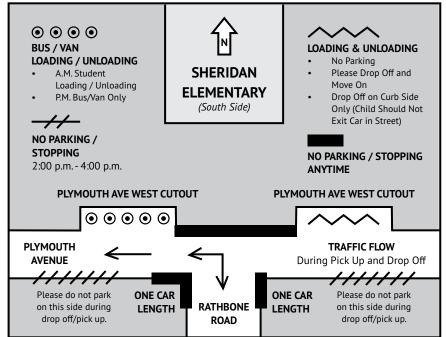
Monday, October 13th - Tuesday, October 14th Schools Closed

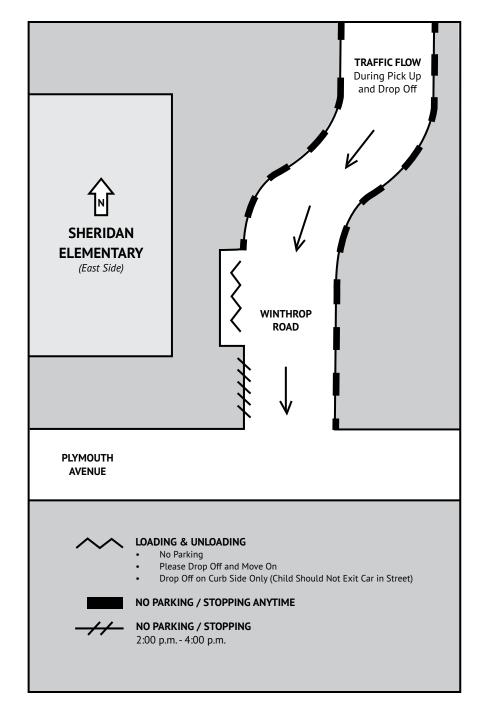
Wednesday, October 15th First Day of Quarter 2

Wednesday, October 22nd Picture Retakes

# **Sheridan Traffic Pattern**







# November 2025

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

<b>Important Dates</b>	$\odot$	<b>Important Dates</b>
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Wednesday, November 26th
- Friday, November 28th
Schools Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	<b>THURSDAY</b>	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	DAY 4	DAY 1	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	

# **Breakfast Program**

- Breakfast is served between 8:30 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. on each school day.
- Students will enter through Door #1 (south side) and walk to the cafeteria.
- All students will be released at 8:50 a.m. to join classmates at their designated grade level arrival area.
- Any students remaining in the cafeteria will be escorted to their rooms at 8:55 a.m.

# PTO Executive Board

2025 - 2026

President	Andrea Sutherland Holly
Vice President	Betsy Chambers
Past President	Brinn Williams
Treasurer	Cole Klinkebiel
Secretary	Kristin Christensen
Principal	Ashley Sitzman

#### **PTO Email**

sheridansharkspto@gmail.com

# **Parent Teacher Organization**

The Sheridan Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a vital part of Sheridan's success with children. As an organization, they represent parents/guardians and organize events and projects that serve children and families. Scheduled PTO meetings are listed on the calendar. All teachers and families are encouraged to attend PTO meetings and activities.

For more information about the PTO, check out their website at <u>sheridanelementary.ptboard.com</u>. Email them at <u>sheridansharkspto@gmail.com</u> or connect through their Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/SheridanPTO</u>.

## **Personal Electronic Devices**

Cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices are considered nuisance items if heard or used during the school day. If personal electronic devices are brought to school, they should be kept in the student's backpack or a location designated by school staff during the school day. Smart watches can be worn as long as they are used as a standard watch. If smart watches are used for any other function, they will be treated the same as other personal electronic devices, and the student will be asked to keep in their backpack or other location designated by school staff. The school is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen devices. Please note that it is unlawful, and therefore prohibited on school grounds, to take a picture or record audio or video of another person without their consent.

# **Student Use of Phones**

Students will be permitted to call home using a school telephone regarding school matters after <u>getting permission</u> from the classroom teacher. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities or going home with a friend before arriving at school. Cell phones may not be used by students at school.

# December 2025

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK					
28	29	30	31			
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## >>> Important Dates

Monday, December 1st Schools Closed

Friday, December 19th Last Day of Quarter 2

Monday, December 22nd
- Wednesday, December 31st
Schools Closed

# **Communicating Student Progress**

Lincoln Board of Education states (Policy 6570) that "student progress will be reported formally to parents/guardians at least four times each year." Information about elementary student progress is reported in four areas:

- 1. Progress through district curriculum objectives.
- 2. Performance in assigned curriculum level.
- 3. Effort.
- 4. Use of effective learning or study skills.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year and sign up will be on ParentVue. The Sheridan Office will communicate when it is time to sign-up for a conference time. Parents with immediate questions about their child's academic progress are encouraged to contact the teacher at any time.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES DATES						
Fall 2025						
Tuesday, September 30th						
Thursday, October 2nd						
Spring 2026						
Tuesday, February 24th						
Thursday, February 26th						

# **Methods of Communication**

**School Newsletter:** Shark News contains announcements, information, school events, etc. This newsletter will be posted monthly on the Sheridan website and emailed to families.

**Weekly Communication Folders:** Typically, school news will be sent home weekly via Friday Folders. Please return the folder the next school day including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family attending Sheridan School.

**Community News:** Community News is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. Community News replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of Community News.

School Website: Information is regularly updated on our website: sheridan.lps.org

**ParentVue:** Parents may access communications, attendance information, grades and more for their child through ParentVue. To activate your ParentVue account or if you have any questions, please call the Sheridan office. A link to ParentVue can be found on our school website.

**School Messenger:** This district-wide communication system sends school and district emails, texts, and phone calls to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address.

# January 2026

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
4	<b>5</b> First Day of Quarter 3	6	7	8	9	10
	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	

## Important Dates

Thursday, January 1st - Friday, January 2nd Schools Closed

Monday, January 5th First Day of Quarter 3

Monday, January 19th Schools Closed

# Standard Response Protocol Emergency Drills

All schools are required to have periodic drills so students are prepared in the event of an emergency. The safety of students is a top priority. Parents should not attempt to come to school during a tornado warning. School officials are not permitted to release students from the school building during a tornado warning.

Parents who do arrive, may join the children in the designated shelter area. Staff will not be available to meet or assist parents during the tornado warning since they will be occupied with the children in their shelter locations.

# Before-&-After School Care

Before-and-after school care is available to families at Sheridan School through Family Service. Please call 441-7949 for registration and fee schedule.

# **Bullying**

If you feel that peers are bullying your child, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Mrs. Sitzman. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child who the adults are in the building they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.

# February 2026

## **Lincoln Public Schools**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	<b>TUESDAY</b>	WEDNESDAY	<b>THURSDAY</b>	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	
22	23	Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m 7:15 p.m.	25	Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m 7:15 p.m.	27	28
	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	

## > Important Dates

Monday, February 16th
- Tuesday, February 17th
Schools Closed

Tuesday, February 24th Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 26th Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

# Creating Success Through Partnership

Students are responsible with the support of our staff, to conduct themselves in a manner that will create a safe learning environment at Sheridan Elementary School. All appropriate behaviors are included in Sheridan's three simple quidelines for success:

### **Be Safe**

We help everyone feel physically and emotionally secure.

## Be Respectful

We value and are considerate of others.

## Be Responsible

We are accountable for all of our actions.

## **Special Permissions**

Students wishing to come early to study or meet with a teacher must have made a plan with the teacher the previous day.

# **Important Information Needed**

Starting July 14th, parents and guardians will verify their child(ren)'s enrollment information through the online parent portal, ParentVUE. This annual process was formerly completed on a paper census form, which parents/guardians had to review, update and return to the office. For the safety of your child, it is necessary to provide an emergency contact name and phone number while verifying your child's enrollment information online, in case you cannot be reached.

It is very important that parents/guardians notify the school office of any change in address and/or telephone number throughout the school year. The office must have a current telephone number on file in case we must contact you in the event of an emergency.

# **Sheridan Volunteers**

If you want to be a volunteer at Sheridan, go to LPS.org and type in "volunteer" in the upper right search box. Fill out the online volunteer form and click "apply" to be a Level 2 volunteer. To become a Level 3 volunteer, you must contact the Sheridan office after completing the online Level 2 application. Additional information will be requested in order to run a background check to become a Level 3 volunteer.

Level 2 – Can work in the classroom with students, but under direct supervision of the teacher. This includes but is not limited to: Room Parent, Classroom readers, Friday folder helpers, etc.

Level 3 – Can work with students, but may not be under the direct supervision of the teacher. This includes but is not limited to: FIELD TRIPS, helping students in the hall, etc.

\*\*\*IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ANY FIELD TRIP(S), YOU MUST BE A LEVEL 3 VOLUNTEER PRIOR TO THE TRIP DATE. \*\*\*

#### STAY CONNECTED

Follow Sheridan Elementary on Facebook, Instagram, and X for what is happening at school!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	<b>THURSDAY</b>	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Last Day of Quarter 3	7
	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
15	<b>16</b> First Day of Quarter 4	17	18	19	20	21
	DAY 4	DAY 0	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
29	30	31				
	DAY 1	DAY 2				

## **Important Dates**

Friday, March 6th Last Day of Quarter 3

Monday, March 9th - Friday, March 13th Schools Closed

Monday, March 16th First Day of Quarter 4

# Lincoln Public Schools Important Information Handbook

Lincoln Public Schools has developed an important information handbook intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Lincoln Public Schools. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable School District policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations. The information provided in this book is subject to change without notice. On the right you will find the table of contents from this informative handbook.

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## **Important Dates**

Friday, April 3rd
- Monday, April 6th
Schools Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			DAY 3	DAY 4	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1		

## **Positive Reinforcers**

Sheridan uses verbal and physical signals to support positive behavior. We draw attention to students doing the expected behaviors to encourage everyone and strengthen a positive environment. Sheridan uses a "Shining Shark Ticket" to recognize positive behavior for individuals and groups. The "Sharks" go into their class shark tank and grade levels celebrate in ways determined by the students when their tank is full. Our classroom goal is a ratio of 4 positive reinforcements to 1 correction. At Sheridan, teachers meet or exceed that ratio.

# **School / Classroom Parties and Celebrations**

Parties and classroom celebrations (e.g., Fall, Holiday, Friendship) are at the discretion of the building principal aligned with LPS Guidelines. Any food that is associated with classroom parties/celebrations will be provided by the school or parent organization with the approval of the principal. Students or families should not bring food for their class for any occasion. We request that only non-edible treats are included in Valentine cards. Edible treats will be sent home and will not be eaten at school due to possible allergies and food sensitivities.

# Field Trips

Field trips are connected to the LPS curriculum and are intended for the students at that grade level to have a focused learning experience. School busses are often used to transport students on field trips.

Parents acting as volunteers on field trips, may not bring other children so their full attention can be given to active supervision. The school determines the number of adult volunteers needed for a field trip and may need to limit adult participation due to cost, supervision, space, security and other considerations. Parents will be notified before each field trip as to the destination, date, and time of the trip. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate conduct, as a basis for participation on field trips.



## **Mental and Behavioral Health Point of Contact**

Your student's mental health is important to their academic success. If you have concerns about your student's mental or behavioral health, you can contact the social worker at your student's school/program. LPS social workers are licensed mental health practitioners and can help connect you to appropriate mental health or behavioral supports.



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## **Important Dates**

Thursday, May 21st Last Day of School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	DAY 2 <b>8</b>	9
	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	DAY 4	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 0	
17	18	19	20	Last Day of School 21	22	23
	DAY 4	DAY 0	DAY 0	DAY 0		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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