

Lux News Flash

July 2017

Staffing Changes

Listed below are staffing changes as well as new staff members to Lux for the 2017-2018 school year:

7B Social Studies – Jennifer Weisser 7C Social Studies/LACA – Jill Dorff 8A Science – Jack Sunderman 8C Science – Brianna Paswaters Art – Riley Sigler STS/ITE – Matt Laird PE/Health – Jacob Kuesel 7 Resource – Amy Pickerill ISP – Melissa Behne ISP/6 Resource – Indra Brockman BI Tech – Adam Christiansen ISP Para – Jodie Bjorkman ISP Para – Pamela Aden ISP Para – Henry Winsley Social Worker – Tami Rembolt Nurse – Ashley DeBrie

Safety and Security



Lincoln Public Schools and Lux Middle School continue to work on ways to keep our schools safe.

Again this year each of our schools will have a secured entrance monitor. This person will greet and check in visitors at our south entrance. This south entrance, Door #1, is the only door that will be open after 8:00 a.m. Parents and visitors will be asked to check-in with our security employee if they are planning to go beyond the south doors. We believe this adds to the safety and security of our building and for the safety of our middle school students.

This entrance should also be used for pickup and delivery of students after 8:00 a.m. However, the bus loop should not be used before 7:50 a.m. and during dismissal time. Please do not use the bus loop during arrival and dismissal time.

StarTran

For more information on Star Tran routes for Lux School check this website: http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/startran. Click on Bus Route Schedules on the left side of the page. Scroll down to Booster Services. Select Lux routes. If you click on these routes, it will show you a map of where Star Tran will be providing services. Star Tran passes are available in the school office for purchase for \$33.00 for 20 rides or a 31 day pass for \$17.00.

YMCA—After School Stars (Students Together After School Reaching Success)

Lux Middle School and the Cooper YMCA have partnered together to provide an after school program at Lux Middle



School for the 2017-2018 school year. The YMCA will provide "club activities" appropriate for middle school students. These clubs will be available on 2, 3, or 5 day sessions. YMCA personnel will be available at our open house on August 10th. You may contact Kim Pair at 323-6408 or kpair@ymcalincoln.org for more information about the program.

Thank You Parent Advisory!

This past school year the Lux Parent Advisory Group helped support numerous activities including the following:

- Student Field Trip Transportation
- Teacher Appreciation
- 8th Grade End of Year Activities

Lux Parent Advisory Meetings will be held five times throughout the year at 7:00 p.m. Dates for meetings are: September 7, October 5, November 2, January 11, and March 1. Consider being a part of the Lux Parent Advisory. A \$10 membership fee entitles you to a free Student Directory when they become available this fall.

DC/New York Trip

There are still a few seats available for the spring break DC/New York Trip. This trip is open to Lux 8th grade students. For information contact dsypal@lps.org or birvine@lps.org.

Foods in Competition with the School Lunch Program

The Competitive Food Policy from the Nebraska Department of Education prohibits food being brought in

> beginning one-half hour prior to and lasting until one-half hour after the serving of lunch. These policies do not restrict what children can bring in lunches from home or what can be in meals

delivered by parents to their <u>own</u> child. However, parents cannot feed the friends of their child.

This means no outside food including, pizza, sandwiches, etc. for their child and friends for a birthday party or celebration. – Edith Zumwalt, Director of Nutrition Services, Lincoln Public Schools.

The costs for Middle School lunches for the 2017-2018 school year are:

Regular	\$2.55
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult/Non-Student	TBA
Second Lunch	TBA
Extra Milk	\$0.50
Breakfast (Regular)	\$1.50
Breakfast (Reduced)	

Bad Check Fee

Lincoln Public Schools will charge a service fee of \$20 for each bad check returned to Lincoln Public Schools.

Teacher Professional Development Professional Learning Communities Dates (PLC)

Lincoln Public Schools and Lux Middle School will continue to be committed to the professional development of



teachers by using professional learning communities. Teachers will be involved in professional meetings with each other developing assessments, curriculum and classroom activities. We believe this time is valuable for the success of our teachers and learning of our students. The last Tuesday of each month, except May, school will be dismissed at 1:38 p.m. The dates for the last Tuesday of each month are as follows; August 29, September 26, October 31, November 28, December 19, January 30, February 27, March 27, and April 24.

StarTran buses will not run until 3:00 p.m. A study time will be available for StarTran riders and students who do not have rides until 3:00 p.m. Students will be expected to stay in the study time beginning at 2:00 p.m. The YMCA after school program will be available. There will be no intramural practices on these dates. Thank you for your support of our teacher development.

Traffic Flow Pattern

As many of you know, there is no busing of students to Lux Middle School by Lincoln Public Schools. StarTran will continue to transport some students. We experience high traffic congestion around 7:45 a.m. and at dismissal time. Please follow these few guidelines for better traffic flow around the school:

Be aware of students crossing streets, especially in marked crossings.

Drop off and pick up students <u>ONLY</u> in the drop-off zones in front of school or on 79th Street in the cutout areas.

For safety purposes, do not drop off students from the left lane.

Do not cut in front of cars that are unloading students.

Do not park in the circle area, the bus loop, or the front driveway. Please park in parking stalls only.

Do not use neighbors' driveways.

Do not drop off or pick up students in the north staff lot.

Do not use the bus loop between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. or between 2:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

Encourage students to walk a block or two. Pick up or drop off students on the southeast side of Ringneck Drive north of Lux.

Drop off and pick up eighth grade students in front of the main entrance, Door #1 and seventh graders by Door #22. Sixth graders should be dropped off and picked up by the sixth grade entrance near the south gymnasium door, Door #9.

All students should be picked up or leave school by 3:20 p.m. unless involved in school programs.

Please be expedient, courteous, and safe.

Library Volunteers

The Lux media center is looking for a few parent volunteers to help with various activities throughout the school year. Duties would involve helping with displays, shelving books and Scholastic book fairs. If you are interested, please contact our media specialist Kay Paulsen at kpauls@lps.org

