



Lincroft PTA

Welcome Back Packet

2020-2021

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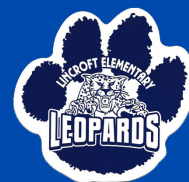
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Learn more or view this packet online at:
www.lincroftpta.org



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WELCOME LETTER • SEPTEMBER 2020



Hello Lincroft Families and Welcome Back to the 2020-2021 school year!

I hope you all had an enjoyable, safe summer. The Board and I are very excited for the year to come.

We have been working hard to get things ready for the students return to their Leopard Family. Although, this year may not look like years in the past, I want you to know that **we are in this together and we as a Board are here to support you in any way we can.**

We are committed to helping provide **a safe, fun, and memorable year for the students and their families.** We are looking forward to continuing the great working relationship we have enjoyed with Mr. Imbimbo, the teachers, and all the staff at Lincroft Elementary!

The PTA is a great opportunity to be involved in your child's school year. We are always looking for volunteers to help out along the way. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or another Board member at any time. I look forward to your family joining the PTA, and thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Melissa Russo
PTA President • Mrusso0811@gmail.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE : lincroftpta.org

We overhauled our PTA website this summer, and have lots of current resources for you there. For new families, please be sure to visit the **New Families** tab for a checklist of sites to register at and FAQs.

GET INVOLVED

Even though this school year is starting differently, we still have many ways for you to get involved, meet other families, and help create an amazing learning environment and community for your student(s).

- **Join the PTA:** keep current on the latest events and conversations in our community.
- **Be a Class Rep:** form a deeper relationship with your child's teacher and fellow class parents.
- **Volunteer on a Committee:** From our brand new Garden Committee to the 5th Grade Event, there are still plenty of ways for you to collaborate with other parents and bring excitement to Lincroft School.
- **Attend PTA Meetings:** Our first meeting will be **Thursday, September 24th**. Hear the latest news, ask questions, and learn more about how our school works.

Thank you so much for your support. We couldn't do any of this without you!
Your 2020-2021 PTA Board

Melissa Russo • President
Tammy Jones • Co-VP Programming
Danielle Pratt • Co-VP Programming

Martina Garland • Corresponding Secretary
Coralee Dixon • Recording Secretary
Katharine Cogan • Treasurer

INSPIRATION FOR 2020

Behind every young child who believes in him/herself, is a parent who believed first.

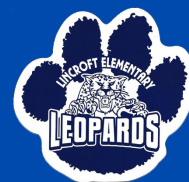
Taking care of yourself is part of taking care of your kids.

WE CAN DO HARD THINGS.



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PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2020-2021



PTA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020-2021 IS NOW OPEN!

Deadline to join is **September 30, 2020.**

Join us as we work to bring our community together in new, creative ways, while supporting our students, teachers & each other!

Why should you join the PTA?

- Receive our weekly e-blast with important news and updates for Lincroft School
- Access to Lincroft PTA Facebook group & Memberhub site, where you can connect with other families
- Vote at PTA meetings and for PTA board members
- Volunteer at school and class events (*must be a PTA member - be sure to sign up both yourself and your partner, if applicable, so that each of you can participate in class events*)

New Membership Fee This Year: \$15

We know how difficult times have been, and want as many families as possible to be able to participate. This year we have lowered PTA membership from \$24/family to \$15/family. If you need assistance paying your membership fee, please contact our PTA Treasurer, Katharine Cogan, at lincroftptatreasurer@gmail.com.

PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2020-2021

Please complete the form below and return to school with \$15 payment via your child's backpack folder, in an envelope labeled "For Lincroft PTA". Checks should be made payable to Lincroft PTA. (No cash please.)
OR you may submit your membership form & payment online at www.lincroftpta.org/join.

PARENT/MEMBER 1

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

PARENT/MEMBER 2

Full Name _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

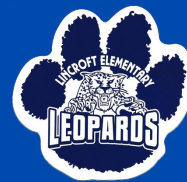
STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
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PARENT CONTACT FORM



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Please return this sheet by September 23, 2020. You can return via your child's school folder, take a photo/scan & send to lincroftpta@gmail.com; or drop off at the school front office.

Lincroft PTA & Class Reps will be communicating with you throughout the school year, primarily through email. Please share a **current** email address in order to receive timely updates and notifications.

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s): _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Are you new to Lincroft School this year? ☐ YES ☐ NO

PTA COMMITTEES

Join us as we plan for the year ahead.

Which PTA committee(s) are you interested in joining? You may be on more than one committee, but please indicate your first choice so that we can prioritize requests, as some committees do fill up. (See descriptions on Committees flyer.)

- ☐ 5th Grade Event ☐ Gardening/Beautification ☐ Spirit Wear ☐ Virtual Events ☐ Family Fun ☐ Book Fair
☐ Library ☐ Theater Week ☐ Fun Day ☐ Talent Show ☐ STEMfest ☐ Yearbook

STUDENT INFORMATION

This is also where you will designate interest in being a Class Rep.

Student 1 Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

☐ I am interested in being a Class Rep for this class. Please send me more information.

Student 2 Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

☐ I am interested in being a Class Rep for this class. Please send me more information.

Student 3 Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

☐ I am interested in being a Class Rep for this class. Please send me more information.

Student 4 Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student's T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

☐ I am interested in being a Class Rep for this class. Please send me more information.



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CLASS REP INFORMATION



WANT TO BE A CLASS REP THIS YEAR?

Of course you do!

"Class Mom" "Class Dad" "Room Mom" "Class Parent"

At Lincroft, we call you "Class Reps"!

As a Class Representative, you and your partner Rep (2 per class) will be the liaisons between your child's teacher and all the class parents. You'll also:

- Help communicate important PTA info to class parents
- Arrange for volunteers during class parties & trips (TBD)
- Organize teacher appreciation gifts and/or activities
- Help supervise Fun Day in the spring (TBD)....and more!

Why should YOU be a Class Rep?

- Form a deeper relationship with your child's teacher and fellow parents in the class
- Get to know more of your child's classmates at class events
- Learn more about how our school and the PTA work
- Make decisions (w/ your partner) on class activities & gifts
- Represent your class's interests & voice to the PTA and administration

Attn: New & Kindergarten Parents! This is a great way to make connections with parents and learn about our school.

Interested? Of course you are! See the enclosed Parent Contact Form, and check off the box next to the appropriate class(es). You can only be selected for one class, and preference is given to parents who have not been a Rep before.

Questions? Email us at lincroftpta@gmail.com

MORE DETAILS

Class Reps should be available during school hours and have time to devote to activities.

At least one Class Rep from each class must attend PTA meetings, to be aware of current and future PTA activities and to provide feedback to the PTA board. (First meeting is September 24th, to be held online.)

We are unsure what class parties, etc will look like this year. We'll learn more as the year continues.

Class Reps are not the only volunteers for the class. Rather, you are the organizers and planners. Ask for help with activities and prep, and involve as many parents as possible. This also helps parents get to know each other!

Note: Pre-school aged children are not allowed in the classrooms due to the Board of Education insurance policy.

Class Reps must be Lincroft PTA members and complete the SafeSchools online training.

If interested, Class Reps are also welcome to plan activities for parents, to help families get to know each other.

Class Safety Kits - Class Reps are asked to inventory the contents of classroom safety kits and contact the PTA board with a list of any missing items.

Being a Class Rep is very rewarding, and the children & teachers appreciate your dedication and energy!



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PTA MEETING SCHEDULE & SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA



Meetings will be on Thursday evenings, and will be virtual to start.

Links to join will be sent via email and posted on the PTA website & Facebook group.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



PTA Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

- September 24
- October 22
- November 19
- December 17
- January 7
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22
- May 20

Lincroft School PTA Meeting Agenda September 24, 2020

Call to Order: Melissa Russo - President

Administrative Reports:

President's Report: Melissa Russo

Treasurer's Report: Katharine Cogan

Fundraising Report: Melissa Russo

Programming Report: Tammy Jones & Danielle Pratt

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Martina Garland

Principal's Report: Mr. Imbimbo

Committee Reports:

Gardening & Beautification

5th Grade Event

Virtual Events

Book Fair

New Business:

Welcome New Board Members

Vote on New Budget

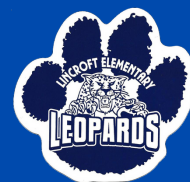
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PTA COMMITTEES 2020-2021



GET INVOLVED. JOIN A PTA COMMITTEE!

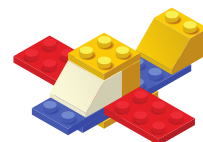
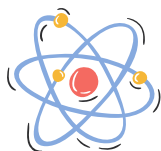
There are several new committees forming this year, with more possible as the year continues.

Take a look at the list below, then select your favorites in the enclosed Parent Contact Form, or email us at lincroftpta@gmail.com to join!

We are looking for members for all committees, and chairs for some. Where do your passions & interests lie? How can YOU help bring energy and ideas to our school??

CURRENT / NEW PTA COMMITTEES 2020-2021

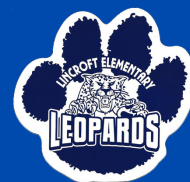
- **5th Grade Event:** Yearlong planning of special activities and recognition for the 5th grade class in this, their final year at Lincroft. Culminating in the 5th Grade Event celebration.
- **Gardening & Beautification:** Plan and maintain school garden and entrance beds. Supervise student Garden Club and plan meetings & activities. **UPDATE:** This committee is FULL! (Thank you to all who've joined!)
- **Spirit Wear:** Help select and distribute purchased spirit wear items to school families.
- **Virtual Events:** Help plan and run virtual events for the student body. Let's get creative!
- **Family Fun:** Help plan and run events for Lincroft families, to encourage fun and community spirit. Past examples have included Trunk or Treat, Movie Night & Virtual Bingo! What should we do this year?
- **Book Fair:** Help book, organize and run the annual book fair, either online or in-person.
- **Library:** Did you know the Lincroft School Library is entirely volunteer-run? Channel your inner book-lover while you help students check out books, organize the stacks, and help select new books for the collection.
- **Fun Day:** Help plan a FUN DAY outdoors for the entire school in the spring. Lots of games, activities and memories for all.
- **Theater Week:** Missing your drama club days? Join the Theater Week committee! Each February, students in 4th & 5th grade are invited to participate in Theater Week. They learn and perform a short play all within one week. Parents help with sets, costumes, setup, star sales and more.
- **Talent Show:** Held in April, the Lincroft Variety Show showcases the talents of our local community. Help plan and run this entertaining event!
- **STEMfest:** Love science? Who doesn't?! What was formally our annual Science Fair & LEGO Brickfest have been combined into STEMfest! Help us plan & run these engaging and exciting events.
- **Yearbook:** Calling all photo lovers. Help us take and select photos for the annual school yearbook, plus plan the design. This year is sure to be a memorable one!





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PTA CALENDAR 2020/2021



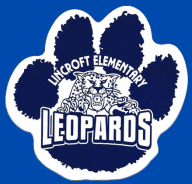
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SEPTEMBER	14	First Day of School (1-5)	MARCH*	1-5	Read Across America Week
	14	Spirit Wear Live (ONLINE)		25	PTA Meeting
	21	First Day of School (K)		TBD	Parent Play
	24	PTA Meeting		TBD	Family Skate Night
	28	SCHOOL CLOSED		29-31	Spring Break
OCTOBER	2	Custodian Day	APRIL*	1-2	Spring Break
	TBD	Class Parent Meeting		7	Para Appreciation Lunch
	22	PTA Meeting		21	Secretaries' Day
	TBD	School Pictures		22	PTA Meeting
NOVEMBER	5-6	SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY*	TBD	Variety Show
	19	PTA Meeting		1	Principals' Day
	25	Early Dismissal		5	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
	26-27	Thanksgiving Break		3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
DECEMBER	17	PTA Meeting		TBD	Theater Week
	23	Early Dismissal		6	National Nurse Day
	24-31	Winter Recess		20	PTA Meeting
JANUARY*				28	Early Dismissal
	1	Winter Recess	JUNE*	31	SCHOOL CLOSED
	7	PTA Meeting		TBD	Fun Day
	18	SCHOOL CLOSED		TBD	5th Grade Event
	TBD	Kindergarten Orientation		TBD	Fun Day Rain Date
FEBRUARY*	TBD	STEMfest		14-18	Early Dismissal Days
	15	SCHOOL CLOSED		18	Last Day of School
	25	PTA Meeting			
	TBD	Theater Week			

NOTE ON CALENDAR

Events will be on the scheduled dates if they can be done virtually. Our plan is to make sure we do the most we can with the students virtually, if they are not allowed to be in person.

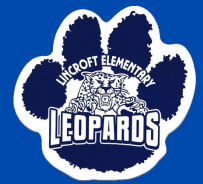
We will be leaving the January - June calendar as is until we revisit it this November, as we go into Phase 5 of reopening. At that time, we will be sending the revised events for the year.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding!



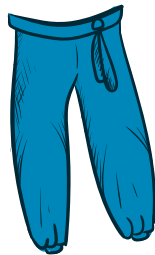
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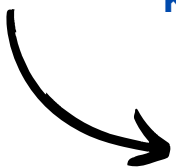


 **COMING SOON!** 

New Lincroft School Online Spirit Wear Store!



**Our new Spirit Wear store will be launching soon (expected Sept 14).
Keep an eye on the PTA website and emails for launch day!**

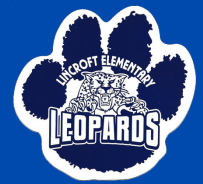


<https://spiritwearexpress.tuosystems.com/stores/lincroft>



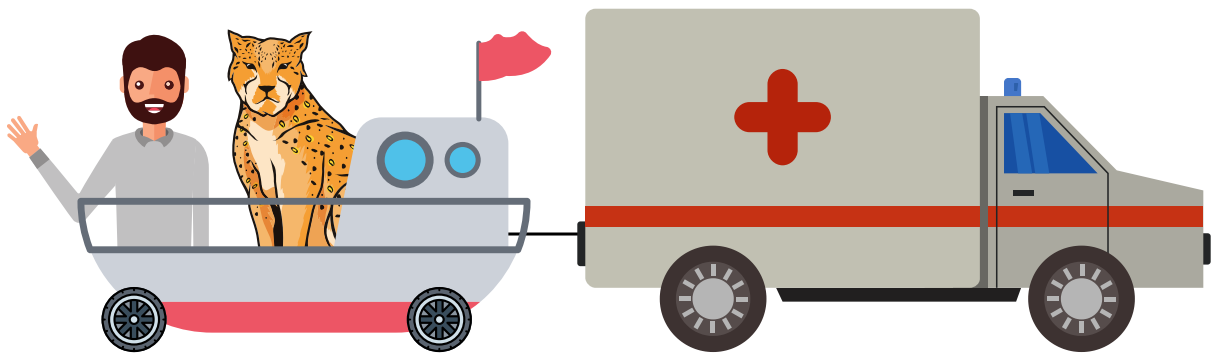
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A SPECIAL SURPRISE



HAVE YOU SEEN THE LINCROFT LEOPARD??

Sunday, September 13
1:00-4:00 PM



SURPRISE!!

**The Lincroft Leopard & our very own Mr. Imbimbo
will be making a Tour of Lincroft to celebrate the start of the school year!**

**Courtesy of the Lincroft PTA &
your Lincroft First Aid Squad.**

**Tracking Link will be available on the PTA Facebook page,
so you can follow Mr. I & the leopard on their journey.
Come outside to yell & wave when they drive by!**



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

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SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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TO SCHOOL

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Select Lincroft PTA
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Shop!



Remember to always start your Amazon shopping at **SMILE**.amazon.com!

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at **AMAZON**.com or on the Amazon app. :(



****DEADLINE TO COMPLETE
YOUR TRAINING IS
NOVEMBER 1st****

SELF-REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS – Middletown Township

Middletown Township Public Schools has elected to use the SafeSchools online safety training program to train school volunteers on school-related safety issues. SafeSchools offers trainings in all facets of school safety issues, and its compliance management system tracks all the training for the district, allowing us to easily demonstrate state and federal compliance with safety mandates. SafeSchools courses have been authored by nationally renowned experts, and has been endorsed by a number of school boards and superintendent associations nationwide.

As volunteer who requires safety training, you will need to register yourself to the system in order to receive your active assignments. There are two ways to do this.

Use your registration key: **3f7fdacf**

Go to Middletown's SafeSchools homepage, <http://middletownk12-nj.safeschools.com>, and click "Register" (below the "Login" button). On the next screen you will be prompted to enter the registration key above. Next you will be prompted to enter some basic information, including a username of your choice, which you will use to login to the system moving forward.

Use the "quick link" registration URL: **<https://middletownk12-nj.safeschools.com/register/3f7fdacf>**

Enter the address above to your internet browser, and you will be directly taken to the registration page where you will enter your basic information, including your username.

Once you login to the site, you will see a list of courses assigned to you, and the date on which they are due. To begin a course, click on the title then follow the prompts. To earn a certificate of completion, you must complete all sections of a course and pass the quiz. You do not have to take SafeSchools courses in one sitting, however; if you are called away, the system will remember where you left off and allow you to pick up again at that point. Please present your certificate of completion to your building principal prior to volunteering.

Your participation will help to make Middletown a safer place to work and learn.



Find us on
Facebook

Current Lincroft PTA Members are eligible to join our
Facebook group - **“Lincroft School PTA”!**

www.facebook.com/groups/LincroftSchoolPTA

Come & join the conversation!

ATTN: 5th Grade Parents!

There is a FB group just for you!

This is where we will be providing updates and
discussing our 5th grade event and other various
things related to our graduating class.

Lincroft 5th Grade Class of 2021

www.facebook.com/groups/908223579693185/