

The Lincoln Address

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School

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MISSION STATEMENT

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School is committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment where students are engaged in their own learning. Our school promotes self-responsibility and self-discipline and a love of learning. We encourage and value active participation by parents, teachers, staff and principal in the decision making process in order to increase student achievement and student self-worth.

September 2017

Message from the Principal

Dear ALTS Parents and Students,

First, words cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the principal of Abraham Lincoln Traditional School. Education is vital to countless doors of opportunities for our children. We believe all students *can* learn regardless of preferred learning styles or strides. Our primary goal as educators is to accelerate the learning process for our children so they are apt to achieve their complete academic and social potentials.

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School remains focused on the four cornerstones of basic skills curriculum, parental involvement, discipline, and dress code. These four foundations are indispensable to the continuing success of our school, and we truly value your adherence to these established traditions.

As part of the Washington Elementary School District family, we embrace the District's initiatives that emphasize mathematical strategies, literacy, and best instructional practices for augmenting student engagement during the learning process. In addition, our decision-making process is distinctive in that there is an established Executive Board, Leadership Team, and Site Council. Decisions are made through a collaborative process among all councils and the school administrator.

Thank you to all the families for attending Orientation, Meet the Teacher, Curriculum Night, and for making our first fund-raising opportunity at Peter Piper Pizza an immense success. Thank you to all the staff, teachers, parent volunteers, and our Guild members for all your investment of time, energy, and resources for the purpose of enhancing the learning experience for our students.

While we understand that the capacity of the school exceeds the surface area of our parking lot, we appreciate your patience and understanding in putting our students' safety as a priority during this daily transitioning period from school to home. Please display the NAME/EXIT plate on the dashboard of the vehicle to assist in expediting the pickup routine.

Again, I am extremely grateful and humble to serve here at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School. I look forward to this academic year and contributing to this already successful school community.

Emmitt Phok, Principal

AzMERIT Scores – Fifth thru Eighth grade

If you have not received your student's AzMERIT scores from last school year, they are available for pick up at the front office.

September 2017	
4	No School – Labor Day
6	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m. Progress reports go home
7	Picture Day
11	Student Council Meeting 3:15 p.m.
13	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
18	Guild Meeting 7:30 p.m.
19	Hearing / Vision Screening for some grades
20	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
22	Bingo Night 6:30 p.m. -8 p.m.
25 -28 Scholastic Book Fair in room 102A	
27	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.

October 2017	
4	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
6	End of first quarter
October 9 – 13 Fall Break – No School	
16	Guild Meeting 7:30 p.m.
18	Early Release Wed.: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
20	Fall Family Dance 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
23	Site Council Meeting 4 p.m.
October 25 -27 Parent / Teacher Conferences 26- Night Conferences 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.	
27	Picture Retakes

Important Numbers

Attendance Line-602-896-6311
Office-602-896-6300
Nurse-602-896-6310
KidSpace -602-896-6315



NEW Office Hours

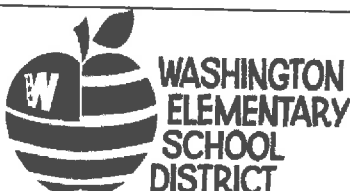
7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday closing at 2:30 p.m.



2017-2018 School Year

September 4 · Labor Day Holiday
October 9-13 · Fall Break
November 10 · Veterans Day Holiday
November 23-24 · Thanksgiving Break
December 22-January 5 · Winter Break
January 15 · Martin Luther King Day
February 19 · Presidents Day Holiday
March 19-23 · Spring Break
May 22 – Last Day of School

This calendar is available at www.wesdschools.org



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Governing Board: Bill Adams, President • Larry Herrera, Vice President
Aaron Jahneke, Member • Tee Lambert, Member • Nikkie Whaley, Member

Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent



Library News

Our library promotes reading, research, and responsibility. We do this by allowing students to check out books of their choice and take them home or back to class to read. We encourage even our youngest children to check out books. Please take an active role in helping your child learn responsibility by having him or her take good care of the books and return them on time. Watch your child's responsibility sheet for notice of when the books are due. If books are lost or damaged, the child will be expected to pay for the replacement of the book. If books are late, there is no charge but students will not be able to check out another book until they return the overdue book. Take a few minutes to read with your child. No matter what age, reading to your kids is a valuable part of creating life-long readers.

Beginning August 31, the library will have an assortment of book packs available for checkout to students in grades 1-3. These book packs will consist of a bag containing **only** the following items: an audio book containing one to four books at a first to third grade reading level and a copy of the book(s) on the audio book. There will be a limited number of headphones available for checkout as a separate item. Reimbursement for lost or damaged book pack items will be the parents' responsibility. Since the price of replacement for these book packs may be as much as \$79.00, students **must** have written permission on file in the library before they can check out a book pack. The permission lasts until the end of the current school year. Students who check out a book pack (and headphones) will not be able to check out other library materials until the book pack is returned. Book packs may **not** be renewed. Since the number of book packs is limited, only two children from each class may check out book packs at a time.

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wedschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at Christina.Dacey@wedschools.org or by phone 602-896-6322 as well.

**Please be courteous to our neighbors.
Do not park in front of or block
driveways.**



ALT KidSpace Before- and After-School Program

A Quality Supervised Before- and After-School program is located on the campus at Abraham Lincoln Traditional.
602-896-6315

Open Monday thru Friday - 6:30-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-6:00 p.m. / Wednesday - 1:05-6:00 p.m.

* DES approved *DHS licensed facilities * Space is Available



Hearing & Vision Screening

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. Vision and hearing are very important to your child's ability to learn, listen and make good progress in school. The goal is to remove health-related barriers to learning.

This year the screening is scheduled to take place on Sept. 19 for all Kindergarten, first, second, fourth, sixth grade and all new students. It is important that your child is in attendance on this day. If glasses or contacts are worn, please make sure they have them with them. Parents/guardians are informed of the results if follow-up care is recommended. School-based screenings are not intended to replace routine wellness examinations by the primary health care provider.

If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

The success of the screening day is dependent upon volunteers. If you are able to help please contact the health office.

Attendance Information



Please be sure to call our 24-hour attendance line at 602-896-6311 before 8:45 a.m. whenever your child is absent or tardy for any reason. Please give the specific reason for the absence. Homework requests may be available for two or more subsequent absences and must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. when you call the attendance line to report an absence.



We are currently in need of parent volunteers to assist in the cafeteria in the morning during breakfast, as well as on our playgrounds from 7:50 to 8:10 a.m. If you are available to sign up for a scheduled day of the week, please stop by the front office or call 602-896-6300. Thank you.