

# The Lincoln Address

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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.

March 2017

## Message from the Principal

Dear ALTS Parents and Students:

It is with mixed emotions that I formally announce my retirement at the end of this year. It is time to spend more time with my family and ailing mother. Time goes by quickly and life really is too short. Having been part of the ALTS community has been a gift on so many levels. I have the utmost respect for every parent who cares for his or her child and puts the time in to drive them to and from school, volunteer and support the teachers. The teachers at ALTS are stellar. Their work ethic and commitment to children is unmatched; not to mention their hearts. Hopefully, one day, educators will be paid what they are worth.

The hardest part is saying goodbye to the students; they are precious and I am grateful to have spent the last nine years advocating for them and making sure they have experienced a safe and comfortable learning environment and an excellent education. I have watched them grow and mature over the years, from little kindergarteners to young ladies and gentlemen. It will be harder this year than others sending the eighth graders off to high school since many of them were kindergarteners my first year. Mrs. Elves is also retiring this year. She has committed 20 years to ALTS. She began here as a fifth grade teacher and then moved into her position as Program Coach for the past 15 years. I couldn't have asked for a better person to work with in creating and facilitating our PLC Wednesdays. She has been an outstanding coach to teachers and support as well. She will be missed.

Abraham Lincoln Traditional School has been a top performing school and it will continue to be so with parental support, great teachers and staff and an administration that will work closely to uphold the Four Cornerstones. Change is inevitable and change can be good and I am confident you will find a principal that fits well into the community.

With love,  
Tara Mayole

March 2017	
1	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
2	Read Across America
4	<b>SPRING FLING 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</b>
6	Student Council meeting 3:15 p.m.
7	Prospective parent tour 9 a.m.
8	Grades K – 2 Field Day 8:30 a.m. PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
10	First grade field trip
13	NJHS meeting 3:15 p.m. Guild meeting 7:30 p.m.
15	Grades 3-5 Field Day 8:30 a.m. PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
16	Prospective parent tour 9 a.m.
17	Spring pictures – group and individual End of third quarter
<b>March 20 -24 Spring Break - No School</b>	
<b>March 27 -31 State testing week Attendance important!</b>	
27	Student Council meeting – <b>Cancelled</b> due to testing Site Council meeting 4 p.m.
28	Eighth grade Promotion meeting 3:30 p.m. WESD Art Show special event ASU West Fletcher Library 5-7 p.m.
29	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.

April 2017	
3	NJHS meeting 3:15 p.m.
5	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
7	Third grade field trip
10	Student Council meeting 3:15 p.m.
12	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
14	Fourth and Sixth grade field trips
17	NJHS meeting 3:15 p.m. Guild meeting 7:30 p.m.
19	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.
20	Kinder and Eighth grade promotion pictures Eighth grade field trip Project Potential Open House 3:30 p.m. Rm 407D
<b>April 24 – 27 Scholastic Book Fair</b>	
24	Student Council meeting 3:15 p.m. Site Council meeting 4 p.m.
26	PLC Early Release: K-2 =1:05 p.m./3-8=1:45 p.m.

# SPRING FLING!

SATURDAY  
MARCH 4  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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# WESD Kid Space

**2017 Spring Break Contract  
March 20-24, 2017**

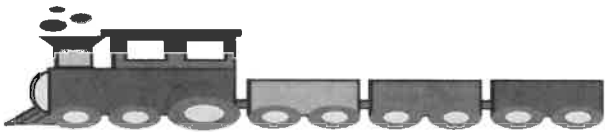
Open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Three locations are available:

**Lookout Mountain Sunburst Washington**  
DES Approved  
Full or half-day options

Completed paper work (contracts, blue emergency card and payment) is due to ALT Kid Space by 3/10/17. A \$25 late fee per child will be charged if registration is received after 3/10/17.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
(602) 896-6315**



## Site Council

The ALTS Site council met on Monday, January 29. At that time, enrollment was 596. ALTS hosted a group of students and staff from Beijing, China, again this year, thanks to Mrs. and Mrs. Brand. Read Across America day is coming up on March 2, and we will host a guest author speaking to grades 3-8. Staffing for next year is nearly completed and Mrs. Mayole will report all pertinent details to the Councils when all is finalized. There was a very long library report to review, and the Guild gave a report on their most recent meeting. The next site council meeting will be held on February 27.

## Music News

**The First grade, Third grade, and Fourth grade Spring Concert**

will be held on May 4, at 6:00 p.m.

Students performing will need to be here at 5:45 p.m. The program should last less than one hour. Students should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans.

**The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Spring Concert** will be held May 4, at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Hoelscher  
General Music Teacher K-8



First graders, staff and parents attended a memorial for Emma Buckner on February 24. We lost Emma to a tragic domestic situation last year. Her classmates are now first graders. They were invited to celebrate her life. The Guild purchased a beautiful iron bench in the shape of Emma's favorite animal, a turtle. A special thank you to Phoenix Precast Products for donating a percentage of the cost. Also to the Rael-McComish family for the donation of plants.

Correction on February's newsletter:  
Second quarter Principal's list for Ms. Frederick's class should have included Caitlin V.

*Congratulations!*



## Volunteers,

Spring Fling is this Saturday, March 4! The Guild volunteers have been putting in lots of hours planning this fun event. **We are still in need of parent volunteers manning the inflatables.**

Please contact me at the number below if you are able to volunteer.

This month we have: two more field days, some field trips, spring pictures, and Spring Break, open morning volunteer opportunities, as well as testing week!

Please check those backpacks for information on all of the above.

If you are still needing to find a place to volunteer, please call or email me to get you involved with volunteering @ ALTS.

Thank you for all you do.

Sara Inman,  
ALTS Volunteers  
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## AzMERIT TESTING

Week of March 27 - 31 and April 3 and 4.

We will be having breakfast in the classroom these seven days.

Homework passes will be given to each student with 100% attendance for all seven days. Students must arrive on time and stay a full day.

Disqualifications would be any student suspended or disruptive to the testing process.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Students should get a good night's rest.

Eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Please do not stress, in fact, relax and do the best you can. This is the time for our students to shine!

There will be no homework given so that every student can enjoy their evenings and get plenty of rest.

