

GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Resilience isn't a single skill.
It's a variety of skills and coping mechanisms.
To bounce back from bumps in the road
as well as failures, you should focus on
emphasizing the positive.
~J Chatzky

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we begin our school spirit week of resilience I can't help but reflect on this past year. I am extremely proud of the staff at Lincoln School who had just one day, 3/16/20, to learn how to teach and reach our students virtually. Over the next three months, the staff taught their students virtually in the morning and honed their virtual teaching skills in the afternoon. (Practicing) helped them be prepared for this school year where teachers synchronously teach both virtual students and in-person students. Not all schools have provided virtual and in-person learning for the same class and some school districts in Union County have yet to return to in-person school! Our teaching model was chosen to ensure that all our students, both virtual and in-person, felt that they were a part of our Lincoln School community for the 20-21 school year. I remain appreciative of all that our parents, students, and staff are doing to make this school year successful.

As we prepare for spring break, please remember to follow the most current travel guidelines that are in place if you plan to travel out of state. Lincoln School will be open for in-person learning on April 12th. Our school has remained open because of everyone working together and following the safety protocols. If you are going away please follow the guidelines and have your child attend school virtually until it is safe for them to return.

As we look towards the 21-22 school year, our plan is to return to a full day of school. Although the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has not sent information regarding the 21-22 school year, the district's preliminary plans include the return to a full school day.

The Lincoln School community remains committed to helping all our families through this unprecedented school year. If you or your child is struggling in any area, academic or social/emotional the staff is here to help you through it. Please email me or another trusted staff member and we will get you the help that you need. Thank you.

Be well! Be safe! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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