United Way of Erie County Community Schools I 23-24 YEAR IN REVIEW

LINCOLN

Elementary School

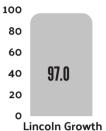




MATH

STUDENT GROWTH EXCEEDS STANDARD

ALL STUDENT GROWTH SCORES





70.0

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State Average Growth Standard

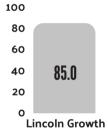




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STUDENT GROWTH EXCEEDS STANDARD

ALL STUDENT GROWTH SCORES







State Average

Growth Standard



SCHOOL CULTURE

IMPROVED MORALE AND FEELINGS OF PRIDE



95% of student, staff and family survey respondents agree that they feel welcome at Lincoln.



97% of student, staff and family survey respondents agree that they are proud to be a part of Lincoln.



100% of staff survey respondents agree that they feel valued and appreciated at Lincoln.



students



During the 23-24 school year, Lincoln launched their after-school programming framework, offering two programs per quarter. Over the course of the year, 47 unduplicated students participated in enrichment programming, and the average attendance across all programs was 88%. This was a milestone moment for Lincoln, as students and families have been requesting more opportunities since Lincoln launched as a community school. After-school programming is a vital key to keeping students engaged and connected to school!









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IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLNESS

INCREASED ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND HEALTH RESOURCES

In May 2024, Lincoln hosted its first **Plant-A-Garden-Box** event through a partnership with No Kid Hungry and the National Coalition for Community Schools. This event gave families the opportunity to select one herb and one vegetable to plant in a garden "grow bag" that they could then take home. While focusing on increasing awareness around SNAP eligibility and enrollment, this event also served to address the broader food insecurity present amongst Lincoln families. **26 families** participated in the event!

Also during the 23-24 school year, Lincoln:

- supported 8 families with monthly diapers and wipes, with funding support from United Way and Erie Insurance
- assisted families and students with basic needs through over 470 visits to the Community Closet



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Plant-A-Garden-Box event.

LINCOLN SUCCESS STORY: 5TH GRADE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

During the 23-24 school year, Lincoln launched their **5th Grade Ambassador Program**. All 5th grade students were invited to fill out a short application to become an ambassador, with **15 students** ultimately being selected by a staff committee.



Opportunities for ambassadors included assisting with weekly food bag distribution, giving new students a tour of the school, helping with family engagement events during the school day, and supporting classroom incentives. Ambassadors participated in two leadership lunches where they were able to hear from community leaders on their roles and how to develop leadership qualities. These speakers included Jay Breneman, President of the EPS School Board and Ken Nickson, who oversees DEI for the district. Ambassadors were also able to attend the first ever **United Way Community Schools Leadership Retreat** held at UPMC Park where they took part in team building activities with students from across Erie County, heard from several community leaders, and ate lunch together.



