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Lincoln News

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## Important Dates for 25/26 School Calendar

ZPS is pleased to share some important dates for the 2025–2026 school calendar. The full calendar should be available sometime following Spring Break. Notable dates include:

- ♦ 1st Day of School—August 27
- ♦ Labor Day—August 29 & September 1
- ♦ Thanksgiving Break—November 26–28
- ♦ Holiday Break—December 22 to January 2
- ♦ Winter Break—February 9–10
- ♦ Spring Break—April 3–10
- ♦ Memorial Day—May 25
- ♦ Last Day of School—June 5

## Student Placement 25/26 School Year

Parents, if you have information that you think might be relevant to your child's classroom assignment for the upcoming school year, please stop in to pick up a placement form.

Our primary responsibility is to create classes that will maximize learning for all students. Each year the teachers and principal give a lot of time and thought to balancing the class lists for the next year. We consider factors such as: balance of boys and girls; friendship patterns; matching teaching style with children's learning styles; class size; avoiding disruptive student combinations; information from parents; distributing and clustering students who need special services. We will use the information you provide to help us make the best possible placement for your child. We ask that you not request a specific teacher, but allow us the discretion to make our best professional judgment. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in making these important decisions. We must receive your input in a timely manner! Please return by April 25, 2025.

## Volunteer Appreciation

We are so thankful for the volunteers that help to make Lincoln a great place to learn and work! We would love to have you stop by the office April 21–25 between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm to receive a “sweet” token of our appreciation.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks went home with students this week. If you did not order one, it is not too late! Please call the office for more information about how to order one.

## Ottawa County Food Collaborative

Zeeland Public Schools works alongside Ottawa Food, a collaborative of 45 organizations working to ensure healthy food access across Ottawa County. Ottawa Food is developing a strategic plan to guide future initiatives, and they need your help. You can find more information about the survey questions and a link to the survey in Ottawa Food’s post.

## MStep Time

Lincoln’s 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) April 14–May 16. Testing times will vary by grade and date. More details will be coming home soon from the classroom teachers. Please limit appointments and absences during this time as much as possible.

## Save the Date – Lincoln Family Carnival

Friday, May 16. Mark your calendars for this fun, family event. Festivities start at 5:30pm. Games and inflatables run from 6:00pm–7:30pm. There will be Raffles, Theme Baskets, Food Trucks, etc. Wrist bands pre-sales are \$10 each or \$35 per family and Theme Basket/Raffle Tickets are \$1.

## Transportation Information

Transportation requests for the 2025–2026 school are open. Please submit a transportation request for each enrolled student. This form is required for all students, even if you don’t plan on utilizing transportation. Bus assignments will be available through the My Ride K-12 app in early August. This app is required for stop times, locations, and real-time update.

Email [jmichmer@zps.org](mailto:jmichmer@zps.org) with questions.