



# The Dragon Chronicles

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## Principal Connection

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**8/27 Back-To-School Night**  
TK, K & 1@6:00PM

**8/28 Back-To-School Night**  
2-3@6:00PM

**8/29 Back-To-School Night**  
4-5@6:00PM

**9/2 No School – Labor Day**

**9/11 Coffee Talk @ 8:00 AM**  
in Parent Center

**9/11 Golden Dragon Project**  
@ 6:00 PM in Cafeteria

**9/27 Professional**  
Development Day – No School



### Meet Lincoln's new Principal

Mukta Sambrani is a lifelong learner, writer, and a committed educator. She has been a teacher and an administrator focused on rigor, excellence, and equity. She brings deep coaching experience focused on high quality instruction, equity and restorative justice. Ms. Sambrani believes in building strong relationships with teachers, staff, students, and families.

Ms. Sambrani has served as assistant principal at Edna Brewer Middle School in Oakland Unified for six years. She holds a BA in English from Bombay University, an MA and M.Phil in English and an MFA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. Ms. Sambrani also has an M. Ed. in Educational Leadership and an administrative credential from the Reach Institute for School Leadership.

Ms. Sambrani has worked to support curriculum development and she has worked on reducing the number of student discipline incidents through restorative practices and by integrating Social Emotional Learning practices in classrooms. She works collaboratively with teachers and with teams on instruction and culture/climate. She works with families to better understand their needs partnering with community organizations to bring in resources to support all students and families.

Ms. Sambrani believes that education is the passport to the world. Her education took her on an international journey and has brought amazing opportunities to her. She hopes to create exciting opportunities for all learners. Educational excellence and opportunity to

nurture cultural diversity attracted Ms. Sambrani to Lincoln Elementary. She hopes to create a lasting legacy of educational excellence and sustained equity at Lincoln.

### Ms. Sambrani's welcome message

*The time for the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. We are the ones we've been waiting for.* – Unnamed Hopi elder

Greetings Lincoln Elementary families,

Welcome back! I am honored and humbled to step into the role of principal at Lincoln elementary. I thank you all for this tremendous opportunity.

My goals for the school year are to-

- Encourage consistently transparent communication all around
- Support collaborative systems for planning and decision making
- Foster a culture of feedback and reflection
- Nurture an atmosphere of celebration and joy and
- Sustain a culture of harmoniousness

I seek partnership from all stakeholders- teachers, staff, students, parents and community members in accomplishing these goals. As the Hopi elder has it, the time of the lone wolf is over. The only way forward is together, in collaboration and in solidarity.

With gratitude and appreciation,

-Mukta Sambrani, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School

**Parent Connection**

**WELCOME**

We would like to introduce our new teachers & staff.

**Kindergarten teacher:** Jaline King

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher:** Tyler Clark, Dynasty Ouk

**4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher:** Melissa Frost

**5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher:** Katherine Norkus


**STIP Sub:** Danielle Bentzley,

Frankey Johnson,

Halle Youngblood



**SAFETY CONCERN**

We need to keep our students safe when they come to school. All students are required to wear a  **Red Shirt**. Lincoln shirts are for sale in the Parent Center or any red shirt will do. Once students arrive at school, they need to stay on campus on either Yard A or B. The front door will be opened at 8:00 AM. There will be no adult supervision before 8:00 AM or after dismissal at 2:45 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and after 1:15 PM for TK-3 grades and 1:20 PM for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades on Wednesdays. Students may not play on Yard C before school.

**VISITORS ON CAMPUS**

<b>SCHOOL VISITOR</b>
Name _____
Date _____

All visitors must sign in at the school office located in the main building and wear a Visitor's badge prior to entering any other part of the campus. California penal Code 627.2 prohibits visitors from entering or remaining on school grounds without permission. The violation of California Penal Code Section 627.2 is an infraction and violators will be cited.

**WALK-A-THON**

Please save the date **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**



for our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser sponsored by the Golden Dragon Project (GDP). GDP supports Lincoln's efforts to ensure successful learning experiences and quality educational opportunities for our students. More information will be posted on the Golden Dragon Project bulletin board across from the main office.

**FOOD POLICY & LUNCH BAG**

Our school is part of the Community Eligibility Program which means all students will be receiving free meals this year.

Several of our students, however, bring their own lunches to school. Please note that we do not allow "junk food" at school, which includes potato chips, candy, and gum. Please send your children to school with healthy food. Also, if your child brings lunch, please ensure lunch bags or boxes are labeled with your child's name and his/her teacher's name. If your child has food allergies, please see your child's teacher or the Lincoln front office for a modified menu from the school cafeteria.



**NO LEATHER BALLS, TENNIS BALLS OR FRISBEES**

For the safety of the children and staff, leather footballs, tennis balls or frisbees are not allowed. Please make sure your child doesn't bring these items to school.

**SCHOOL START TIME, TARDY POLICY, SCHOOL ENDING TIMES**



Parents, please ensure children are at school by 8:30 AM. If students arrive to class after 8:40 AM, they will be marked tardy and require a late slip from the office. In addition, all 3rd-5th grade students must line up with their class on Yard B before school and may not wait in the hallways or by classrooms before school. In order for us to maintain safe hallways, we need to keep them clear of adults who do not have a visitor's badge. Thank you parents for not walking through the school hallways until the dismissal bell rings @ 2:45 PM (1:15 PM for TK-3 grades and 1:20 PM for 4-5 grades on minimum days). Entering the hallway early disrupts learning. Thank you for your assistance!

**DROP OFF ZONE**

Please do not drop students off on 11th Street. 11th Street is a very dangerous street with large buses and there is construction going on and metered parking is not available during construction. We highly recommend all drop-off take place on 10th Street. Please note that the drop-off zone on 10th Street is for drop-off only and parents cannot park. The Oakland Police Department will be patrolling our drop off zone. Cars that are double parked or left unattended will be ticketed.



**DROP OFF TIME**

Please do not drop students off before 8 AM. If you are dropping off a K or TK student, please remain with the student until 8:25 AM when the bell rings.