

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!



Wysong Elementary Kindergarten Orientation

WELCOME Class of 2036!



Meet your PrincipiPALS!



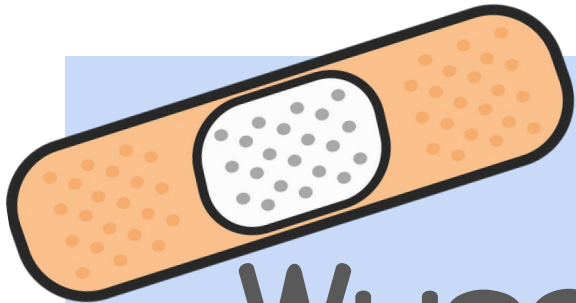
Meet the Wysong Office



Office Hours:
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(402) 436-1185

Executive Secretary:
Bridget Schultz

Registrar:
Cheryl Harriman



Wysong Health Office

Jennifer Austin is our school nurse. Kindergarten Students must have a kindergarten physical, dental exam, vision exam, and immunizations before school starts. Please contact our health office (402-436-1185) if you have questions about this policy or if you need physical/immunization forms.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS



Mrs. Bouwens



Mrs. Daffer



Mrs. Engle



Mrs. Loop



Mrs. Nelson



Mrs. Forsgren

SPECIALIST TEACHERS



Mrs. Ebbers
Art



Mr. Schuelke
P.E



Mr. Wheeler
Music



Mr. Anderson
STEM



Mr. Rushing
Computer Science



Mrs. Shaddick
Library

Wysong School



- **Mission:**
We Are...
a team,
compassionate and kind,
always learning.
We are Wysong!
- **Mascot:** Wolves
- **Colors:** Blue and Silver

Wysong Expectations




BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE



Our bottom line is...it is never okay to be hurtful, it is never okay to be disruptive.

Parents as Partners

- Wysong PTO
- Volunteer Opportunities




Volunteer Application

- How to Get Started
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- C'VEJO HAHATb
- Cómo empezar
- Cách thức đăng ký

Lincoln Public Schools
Computing Services
Application Development Team

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Lincoln Public Schools Volunteer Program

You can make a difference in the life of a student by serving as a volunteer. Each volunteer helps our students learn, grow and succeed. We are grateful to you for sharing your valuable time with Lincoln Public Schools!

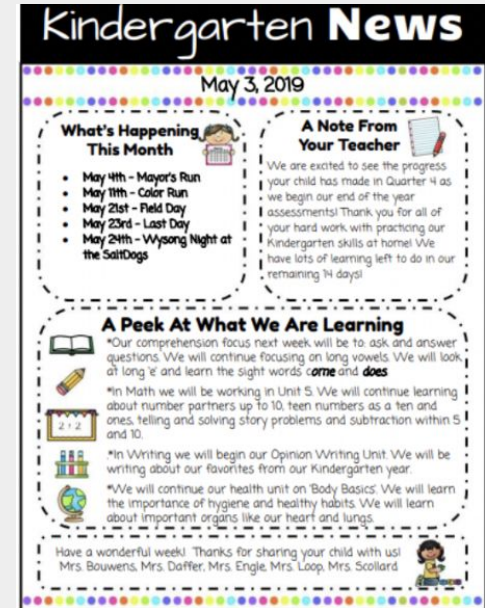
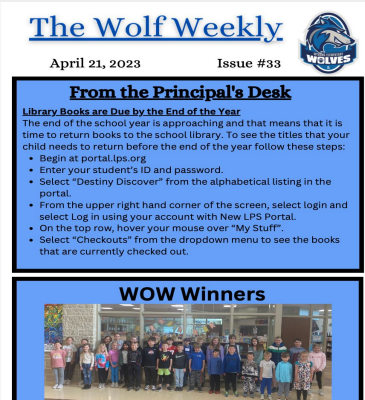
Volunteer Levels at Lincoln Public Schools!

LPS classifies volunteers by the type of volunteering activity and level of contact with students.

Level I Volunteers	Level II Volunteers	Level III Volunteers	Coach Volunteers
Are in a highly public setting with minimal direct student contact and are under the supervision of LPS personnel. Level I Volunteers are not required to complete a volunteer application form. Contact the school office directly.	Have frequent and indirect student contact under the supervision of LPS staff. Level II Volunteers must complete a volunteer application form below.	Have extended contact with students on or off campus, without another LPS employee. Level III Volunteers must complete a volunteer application form below and submit information for a national background check. <i>Note: Social Security Number and date of birth are required to conduct the background check.</i>	Have extended contact with student athletes. Coach Volunteers must contact the school directly, complete the coach volunteer application, and submit information for a national background check. <i>Note: Social Security Number and date of birth are required to conduct the background check.</i>
Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helping in the front office with a mailing	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">Room parentChaperone on a field trip	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">Field Trip AssistantsChaperone on overnight field trip	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">Practices and events with students outside of the school day including

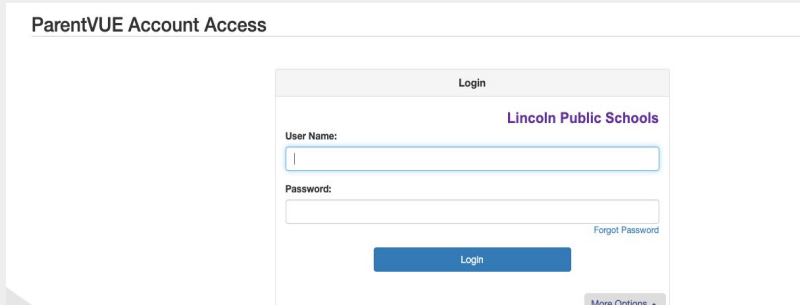
Communication

- Weekly newsletter, The Wolf Weekly, from Mrs. Drake
- School website
- Wysong Facebook Page
- School Messenger
- School handbook (on Wysong website on lps.org)
- Teachers send a weekly newsletter



ParentVue

- If you don't have an account, see Cheryl in the office
- Submit absences
- View attendance history and report cards



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "ParentVue Account Access". Inside the browser, there is a "Login" form for "Lincoln Public Schools". The form includes a "User Name:" label, a text input field, a "Password:" label, another text input field, a "Forgot Password" link, and a blue "Login" button. A "Mobile Devices" link is visible at the bottom right of the form area.

LPS Parent Website



App

A Day in Kindergarten..368 minutes

Literacy (Reading & Writing) = 170 minutes

- 70 minutes Skills
- 65 minutes Knowledge
- 30 minutes WIN

Math: 60 minutes, 25 minutes daily math routines

Science, Social Studies, Health or Second Step: 20 minutes

Specials (P.E. Art, Music, Computer...) 50 minutes

Other (KIT, Recess...) 43 minutes

Kindergarten Schedule

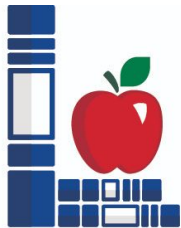


9:00-9:45	Reading Knowledge
9:45-10:15	WIN Time
10:15-10:35	Reading Knowledge
10:35-11:05	Unit Studies
11:05-11:45	Lunch/Recess
11:45-12:55	Reading Skills
12:55-1:45	Specials
1:45-2:10	Daily Math Routines
2:10-2:20	Recess
2:20-3:20	Math
3:20-3:35	KIT
3:38	Dismissal

Nebraska Reading Improvement Act

The purpose of the act is to ensure:

- **students** in grades kdg-3rd grade receive high quality reading instruction and intervention AND read at or above grade level by third grade;
- **teachers** in K-3 are effective reading teachers; and
- **parents/guardians** are informed of their child's reading progress.

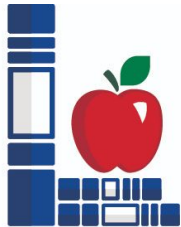


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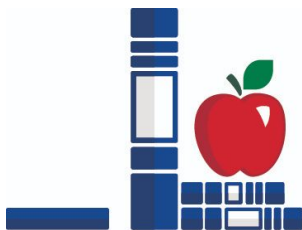
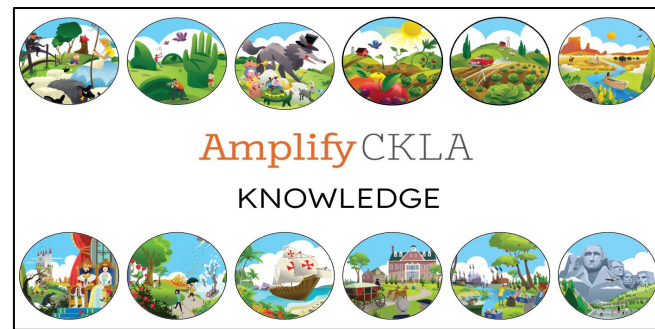
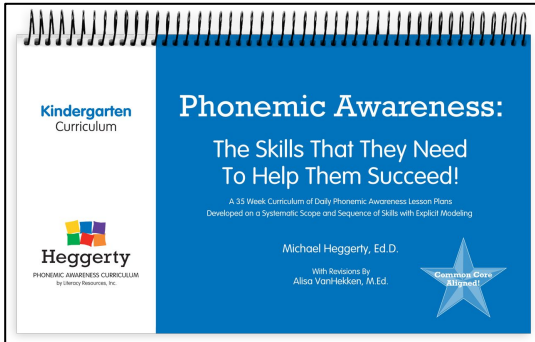
Nebraska Reading Improvement Act

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- Screener 3 times a year
- Parent Notification
- Targeted Instruction



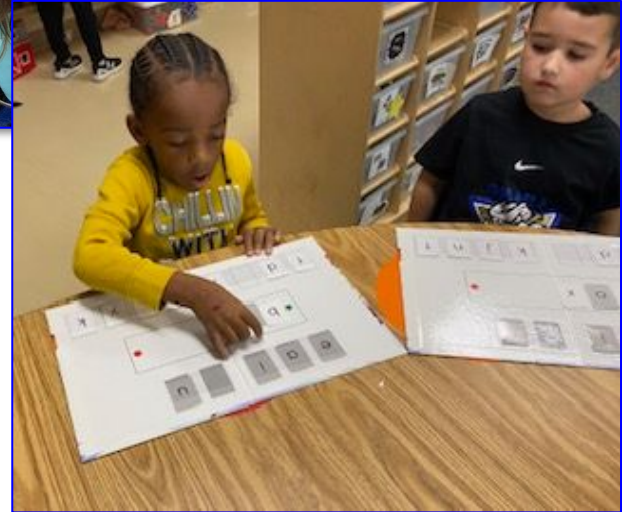
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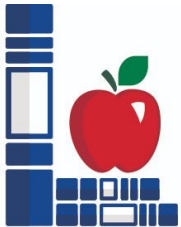
WIN (What I Need) Time

- Code-Emphasis Skill work
- Decoding
- Book Application
- Word Work
- Writing

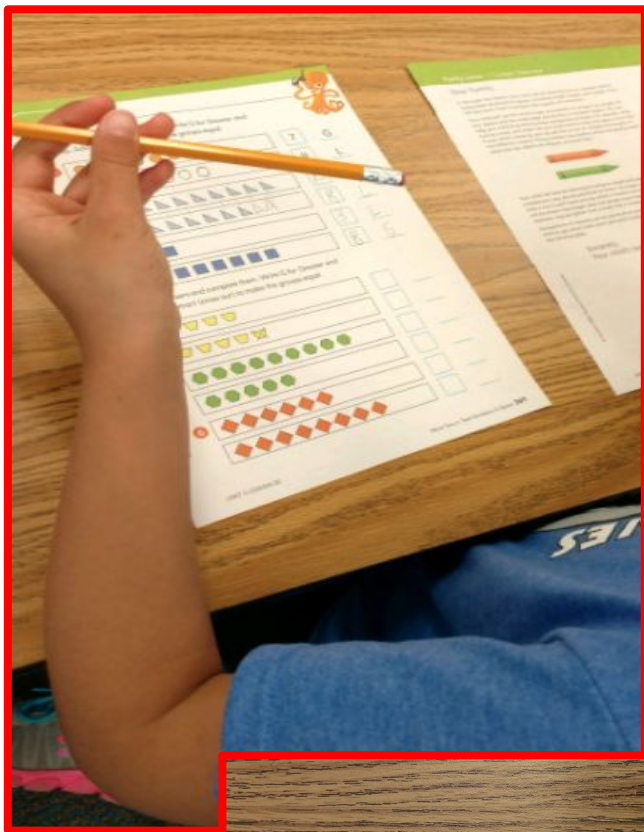


Kindergarten Writing

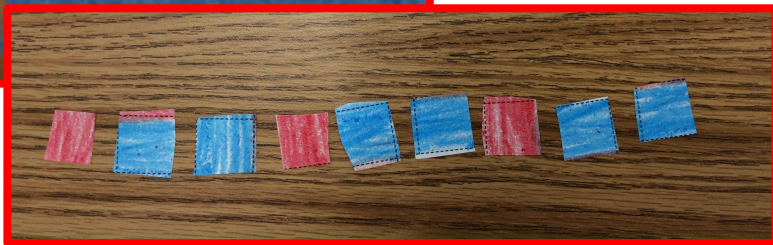
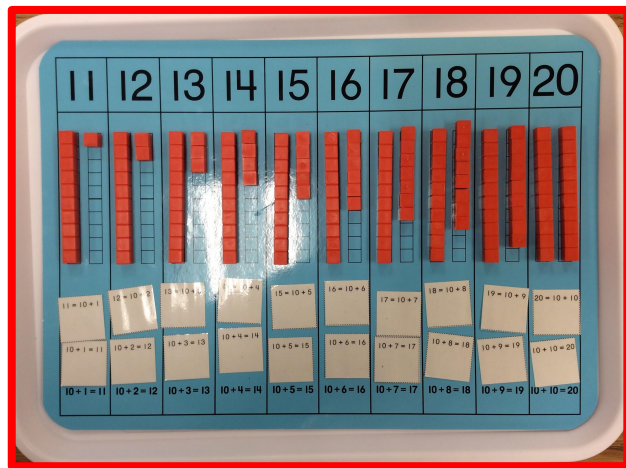
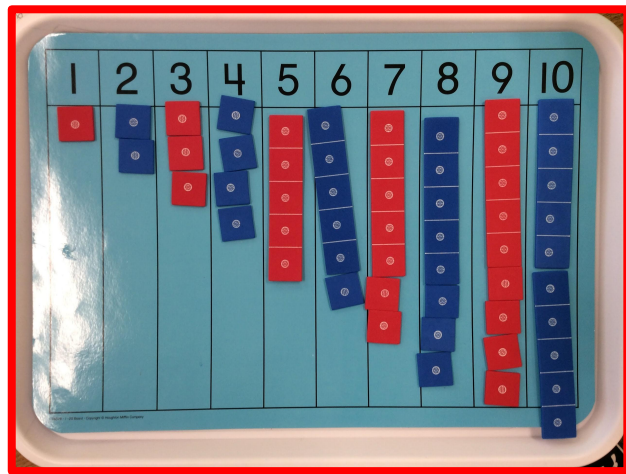
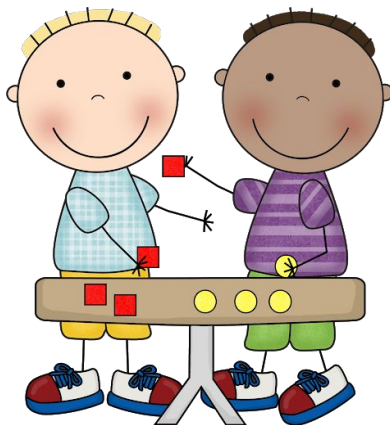
Everytime you pick up a pencil, it is an opportunity to teach writing .



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Math





Arrival

8:45 a.m.

- Students will enter DOOR 5 (East Side)
- An adult will greet students at the door and direct students to their classroom line spot
- First day of school--teachers will be outside door 5

Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast: 8:30–8:55 a.m.

*Door #1 (East Side of building)

Lunch:

- 11:00 a.m. with recess following
- School Lunch or Lunch from home
 - “Hot lunch”
 - “Cold Lunch”



Dismissal

3:38 p.m.

- DOOR 5 or small playground
- Classroom teachers need to make eye contact with the adult picking up the student prior to the student leaving.
- If there is not a connection by 3:45 p.m., kindergarten teachers will bring students to the main office and a call home will be made
- If unable to reach parents, emergency contacts will be called.

Cold Lunch Practice at Home

Practice:

- 1- Set a timer for 15 minutes and have your child practice opening up the food and drink items.
- 2- Discuss how important it is to focus on eating and working towards finishing their food.
- 3- Practice packing up his/her lunchbox.



These items are pretty easy for children to open.



These items are harder to open, and often require adult help. These would be great items to have your child practice opening at home. As they practice, if they can open the food item, it means less time waiting with their hands raised for adult help, and more time eating.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

- Please do not use the staff parking lots during arrival and dismissal.
- You may use the front car lane to drop off/pick up your child.
- Stay in your car in the front car lane. If you need to get out, please park on a side street or the west side of Blanchard Blvd.

Before & After School Care

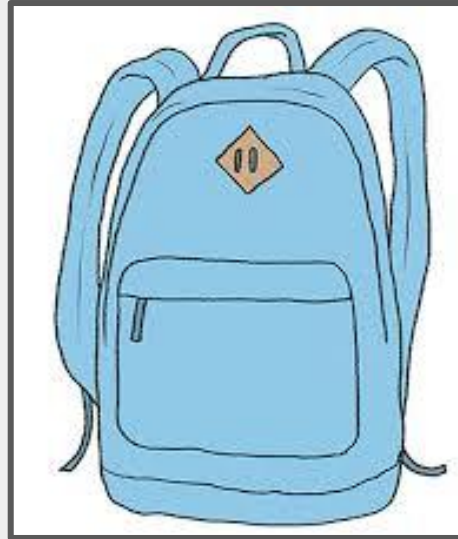
YMCA: On Site Program

Daycares that Transport to and from Wysong:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Academic Advantage | *Lincoln Children's Academy |
| *Bubbles and Blocks | *Little Kingdom |
| *Fundamental Athletics | *Little Rascals |
| *Inspiring Minds | *Primrose |
| *Ivy League | *St. Mark's Kids Zone |
| *Kids Corner | *Trinity |
| *Knowledge Beginnings | *World Of Knowledge |

What do you need for Kindergarten?

Teachers will
provide you with all
the details!



OPEN HOUSE

Save the Date! August 10th



Wysong PTO

2023-2024



Megan Volpp
PTO President

Our mission is to develop
a positive and welcoming culture
among our families and teachers,
to maximize
the educational experience
for our children.





PTO Board Members 2023-24



Megan Volpp- President

Sarah Bisbee- President Elect

Jordin Gorka- Past President

Luke Wallace- Secretary

Casey Fahrnbruch- Treasurer

Tyler Steenken- Communications

Kali Schoettger- Social/Marketing



Brian Bailey- Sponsorship/Fundraising

Misty Vandergriend- Emails/Website

Jessica Medved- Volunteer Coordinator

Joe Vrbicky & Natalie Sharp- Teacher Representatives

Stephanie Drake- Principal

Jessica Hughes- Assistant Principal



PTO Dollars At Work in Previous Years

- 🐺 One ADDITIONAL field trip for all grade levels
- 🐺 Dine-out with a Purpose:
 - ★ Benches, rockwall, headphones, ipads, easels, timers
- 🐺 Leveled Readers for primary grades
- 🐺 Robotics/Coding technology for computer class
- 🐺 Carts for hauling library books
- 🐺 Classroom parties
- 🐺 Teacher Appreciation
- 🐺 Recess equipment
- 🐺 Teams Works fund



PTO Dollars and Time at Work Last Year.....

🐾 Secured 2023-2024 Annual Budget

🐾 Teams Work

PE-Alley Oop Goal

Computer-Chromebooks

Music-Recorders

🐾 After School Clubs

Great Outdoors, Fitness, Games, Makerspace, Pokemon, Walking

🐾 Fall Parties

🐾 Teacher appreciation meals

and PLC day snacks



🐾 Coordination of teacher and staff lunches and needs with family and corporate donations.



🐾 An ADDITIONAL field trip for each grade :

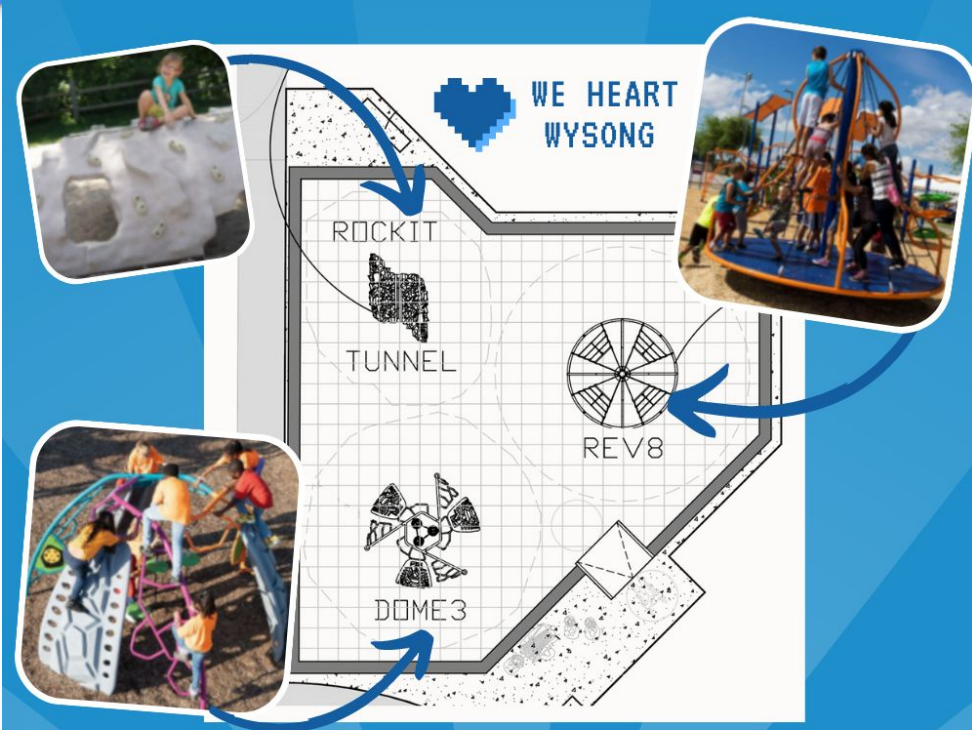
- 🐾 K-Lincoln Children's Zoo
- 🐾 1st- Lincoln Children's Zoo
- 🐾 2nd- Arbor Day Farms
- 🐾 3rd- Camp Sonshine
- 🐾 4th- Strategic Air and Space Museum
- 🐾 5th - Camp Sonshine

PTO Dollars at work last year...

PLAYGROUND EXPANSION!

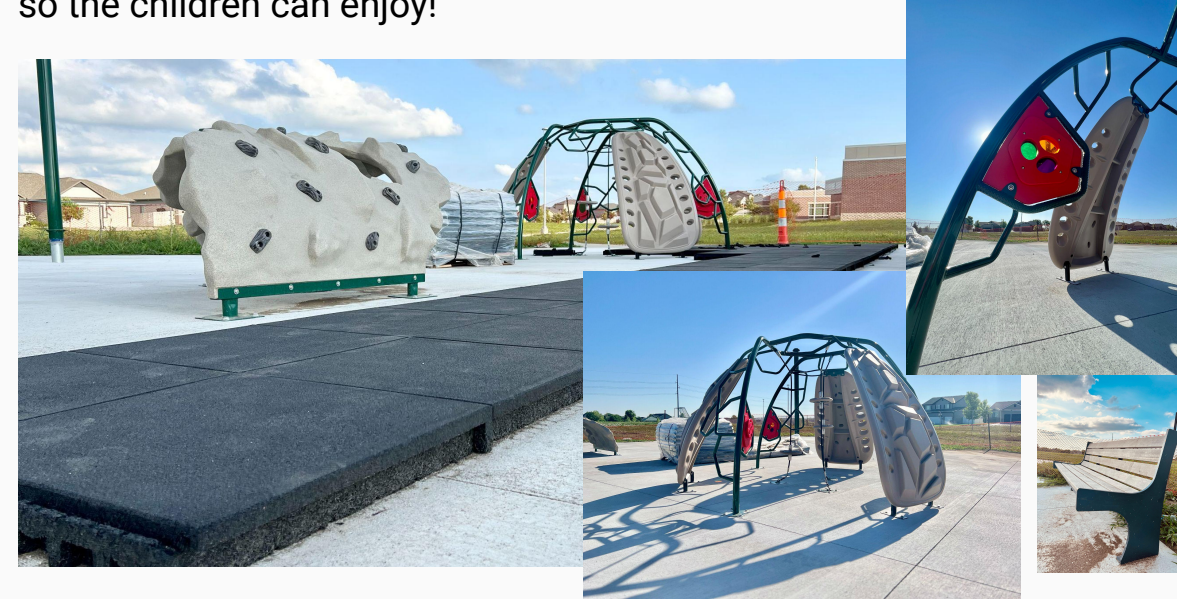
Raised funds to purchase Stage 2 of Playground Expansion!

- In 2 years, Wysong families raised over \$70k toward the playground expansion!
- Combined with \$20k commitment from LPS, over \$90k has been raised toward the project



PTO Dollars at work last year... PLAYGROUND EXPANSION!

We are excited to see the progress that has been made on the playground so far! We look forward to seeing this next phase completed so the children can enjoy!



Upcoming PTO Sponsored Events and Activities

Back to School Saltdogs Game–August 18th



Kindergarten Meet and Greet–August 26th



Parents Night Out Luau–September 15th



PTO Sponsored Events and Activities

🐺 Color Run



🐺 Fall Classroom Parties



🐺 Barnes & Nobles Teacher Story Time and Santa Pictures

🐺 Scholastic Book Fair



🐺 Family Fest



🐺 Dine Outs throughout the year!

Ways to donate to the PTO

Donate your time:



Donate your money:

🐾 We have many opportunities through the year to volunteer for events! We always welcome volunteers and any ideas they may have. Some events we need volunteers for are:

- 🐾 Fall Parties
- 🐾 Book Fair
- 🐾 Family Fest!!
- 🐾 Subcommittee Yearbook Co-chair
- 🐾 Volunteers need to help with the subcommittees as events get closer

🐾 *Email the PTO or talk to a PTO board member if you have any interest in volunteering or helping in any way!*

🐾 In order to do all of the wonderful things we do to support the teachers, students and our community we must reach our minimum operating budget each year of \$25,000.


- 🐾 For the ADDITIONAL field trip for each grade it averages \$40 per student
- 🐾 Fall parties, teacher appreciation, needs for the students, teachers, and classrooms.
- 🐾 Donate to teachers meals or wish list! Available soon on the PTO linktree.
- 🐾 Musical addition to the playground!

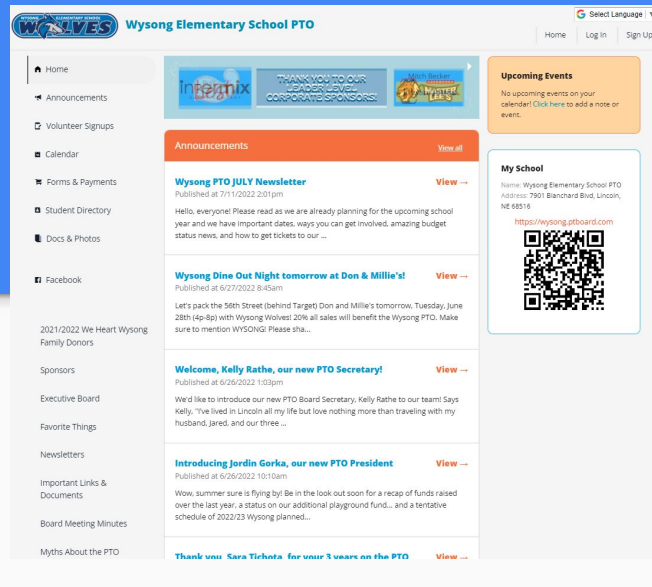
Be In The Know!

 Register for the PTO website

 Like the PTO Facebook Page 

 Read the Monthly Newsletter

 ONCE YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, make sure to add or update your contact information for the school directory on the PTO website/app! The PTO handles the online directory for the school now and each year families need input their information.



The screenshot shows the Wysong Elementary School PTO website. The header includes the school logo, navigation links (Home, Log In, Sign Up), and a language selector. The main content area features a sidebar with links to Home, Announcements, Volunteer Signups, Calendar, Forms & Payments, Student Directory, Docs & Photos, and Facebook. The main content area displays several announcements, including the 'Wysong PTO JULY Newsletter', 'Wysong Dine Out Night tomorrow at Don & Millie's!', 'Welcome, Kelly Ratha, our new PTO Secretary!', and 'Introducing Jordin Gorka, our new PTO President'. A 'My School' section on the right provides contact information and a QR code.



The screenshot shows the Wysong Elementary School Facebook page. The header features the school logo and the name 'Wysong Elementary School' with 1.1K likes and 5 following. The page includes tabs for Posts, About, Photos, and Videos. The main content area displays a post titled 'Intro' with the text 'Wysong Elementary School opened in South Lincoln in the Fall of 2016!' and a video titled 'Wysong Elementary School' with 28 mins duration.

Be In The Know!

GO TO [LINKTR.EE/WYSONGPTO](https://linktr.ee/WysongPTO)

- ☒ Register for the PTO website to be part of the school directory, sign up for events, and get email updates.
- ☒ Find the PTO Facebook page
- ☒ Make a personal donation or partner with us on behalf of your business
- ☒ Set up your Amazon account so a portion of your purchases benefits the PTO
- ☒ See our events calendar



Please create account on Wysong.ptboard.com, it's FREE. **School Code: MES5MK**

We use PTBoard web site to stay up to date on all things Wysong. It is very important to create an account and if you already have one- please update your 2022/2023 teacher.

Things that are available on PTBoard:
Announcements, Volunteer Sign-ups, Calendar, Event Sign-ups, and Student Directory

After you sign up, click on Profile to enter your contact information including adding your student (s).

Future Merchandise!



beanie for kids and adults



adult sweatshirt



mens and boys hat



Thanks to Alex James at



for helping us print everything!

We would love to hear from YOU!!

Message through the website, facebook, or email:

wysongptoboard@gmail.com

Any suggestions, ideas, questions- we want to hear it!

