

Dear Families,

Lincoln is excited to once again provide our students with an opportunity to develop their skills related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through our after school program, [FIRST® LEGO® League!](#) 6th-8th grade students will be coached by



Lincoln school staff as they work together to program an autonomous robot (using the LEGO® PRIME® robot kits) to score points on a thematic playing surface. This year's challenge theme, *MASTERPIECE*, has students explore the way that technology connects us and how it enhances our experience of a creative production. While the majority of our time will be spent working together on our challenge, there will be a regional competition with other schools on **Saturday, December 2nd for 6th-8th grade**. If the team qualifies they may partake in the Sectional Qualifier competition. The tentative date is January 20, 2024. First Lego League's mission is to support students who show great interest in STEM and provide them with opportunities to nurture their interests and grow their ability to function as a member of a collaborative team. A major component of the FLL program is the Core Values. Students will have the opportunity to develop teamwork through fun, Gracious Professionalism, and Coopertition (which, yes, is a combination of cooperation and competition). This is a necessary component since students will work **within and across** teams to foster a sense of community collaboration.

*We will meet on **Tuesday afternoons from 2:55-4:15pm** AND **Thursday afternoons from 2:55-4:15pm** in the PLTW room (Room 2) starting on **September 7th**. We will have 1 Friday session before our competition. More information will follow. It is expected that students are able to attend each session so that teams are prepared for the competition. Families will need to provide transportation for their student promptly at 4:15pm. Please be respectful of the teachers that provide their time for these practices and arrive on time to pick up your student.*

In order to be considered for this program, students must complete the **attached form (Last page)** and turn it in to Mr. Krzak by **August, 30th**. The student must explain why they would like to be a part of the program and have the form signed by a family member.

Just note the reason for the application, signature, etc. is that the students need to understand that this really is a commitment with high expectations, and not something they should take lightly.

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FLL Season

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
SEPT			30 FORMS DUE	31	1	2/3
SEPT WK 0	4 No school	5	6	7 FIRST PRACTICE 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	8	9/10
SEPT WK 1	11	12 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	13	14 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	15	16/17
SEPT WK 2	18	19 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	20	21 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	22	23/24
SEPT WK 3	25	26 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	27	28 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	29	30/1
OCT WK 4	2	3 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	4	5 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	6	7/8
OCT WK 5	9	10 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	11	12 No school	13 No school	14/15
OCT WK 6	16	17 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	18	19 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	20	21/22
OCT WK 7	23	24 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	25	26 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	27	28/30
OCT WK 8	30	31 No Practice	1	2 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	3	4/5
NOV WK 9	6	7 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	8	9 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	10	11/12

NOV WK 10	13	14 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	15	16 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	17	18/19
NOV WK 11	20	21 No Practice	22 No School	23 No School No Practice	24 No School	25/26
NOV WK 12	27	28 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	29	30 2:55-4:15pm 80 min	1 2:50-4:15pm 80 min	2/3 Saturday the 2nd D203 FLL TOURNAMENT (Middle School) *More information to come*

Please note that dates and times may change if anything pops up.

We will email you prior to the meeting to notify you of any such changes.

If your student is unable to attend a practice PLEASE notify us beforehand so we are aware and can take attendance accordingly.

First Lego League Team Application

This is a time commitment of a minimum of 2 and a half hours per week after school and a single before competition practice. Please only submit this application if you really can, and want to commit your time to the team. Please fill out this application, tear off this page, and return it to Mr. Krzak in room 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Krzak.



Name _____ Grade: _____

Please explain why you would like to participate in the First Lego League.

What traits do you have that make you a good team member?

Give an example of a time in your life where you used PROBLEM SOLVING to overcome a challenge or accomplish a goal.

Student Signature _____

I am committed to attending the sessions for First Lego League. *I understand there may be work to do outside of our meetings as well* and that I will do my best to complete them to help our team be successful!

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian email address _____

Parent/Guardian phone number _____