



The Red Pride Marching Band under the direction of Director Joel Dukes braved the hottest temperatures so far this summer during the two weeks of Band Camp.

Red Pride Marching Band preps for season

Students with the Red Pride Marching Band spent the past two weeks at band camp with the first week focused on learning marching fundamentals, explained Band Director Joe Dukes. "We use the two-weeks of band camp as a stepping-stone to prepare for the season. With this being a short turn around for the students, students are geared up for what this season may hold."

This year's halftime show is titled "Simply Mars", stated Dukes, with music from the iconic star, Bruno Mars. "The show will be filled with excitement, energy, and feelings, that even the audience will be moved by the performance," he said.

"Drum major Ny'ziah Cain and band captain Jacob Wortz attended the University of South Carolina Drum Major Clinic where they learned conducting, leadership skills, and techniques to help the program excel, he said.



Jacob Wortz (left) and Ny'ziah Cain recent attended Drum Major Clinic at the University of South Carolina.

In conclusion Dukes asked for the community's support of the Red Pride Band by donating water, Powerade, or Gatorade to help keep the students hydrated throughout the season. Donations may be dropped off at the LCHS band room. "We are forever grateful for the love and support from our community," Dukes said.

Devos to speak tonight at 7 p.m.

Local author Ed DeVos will return to Lincoln County Historical Society's History in the Park Series Thursday night, August 5, at 7 p.m. when he will speak on his latest book "The Last 100 Yards". This book focuses on his more than 20-year career in the US Army infantry

starting in 1969 and highlights his dedication to the infantry soldier. From his initial ROTC training, though his first assignment in Germany, his time as an advisor during the Vietnam War to Battalion Command in 1986, he emphasizes what he learned from great leaders,

from so not-so-great leaders that he declines to name, and from his own rare mistakes.

In 2006, Ed and his wife, Susan, moved to McCormick, South Carolina where he now spends the majority of his time writing thought-

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Welcome from the Principals

Lincoln County High School

Principal Dr. Chris Wolski said, "We're looking forward to a new year at LCHS. We look forward to seeing everyone there and hope to have a prosperous year athletically, academically, in our career tech organizations, fine arts, and in every aspect. We are ready to build on the great programs that are already in place at LCHS." In closing Wolski stated that he would explain the hashtag (#blueberries) at the end of the year.

Lincoln County Middle School

Principal Tonya Burt says, "We are looking forward to an awesome school year. We hope students had a restful and exciting summer," she said. "The beginning of a new school year always brings a lot of excitement with all the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead for our students. Your administration, teachers, office staff, custodians, and maintenance have all worked hard over the summer in preparation for your return. The school and my office are always open to parents and welcome parents to be an active participant in their child's education," she said.

All students will receive a student handbook the first day of school. The handbook contains information, rules and policies such as attendance protocol, the dress code, and the code of conduct with which students and parents should be familiar.

LCMS will continue the same car rider drop-off and pick-up locations as we have in past years. All students will be dropped off and picked up at the softball field parking lot. The car rider drop-off time is between 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. School begins at 7:55 a.m. and

ends at 3:10 p.m. Parents and students should allow extra time for increased traffic during the first few weeks of school.

The first day will begin with all students reporting to the gym where teachers will pick them up and escort them to class. If students are eating breakfast, they will go to the cafeteria first and then be escorted to the gym. All students will be offered free breakfast and lunch again this year.

Lincoln County Elementary School

Principal Patty Arthur says, "The administration, faculty and staff are excited to welcome students back to school at Lincoln County Elementary School. Quite a bit of construction has gone on over the summer and we are excited for students and parents to see the new look of the hallways and gym," she said.

Opening Days Procedures

Families are invited to walk students to their classrooms on the first and second days of school Thursday, Aug. 5, and Friday, August 6, at 8 a.m. Parents are asked not to enter the school's parking lot until 8 a.m. when the normal car rider line will be cleared.

Students will not be marked tardy on these first two days if they are walked to class by 8:30 a.m. Drivers choosing to drop students as normal car riders on these two days will enter the car rider line in the parking lot beginning at 7 a.m. Cars will be lined up by arrival, starting with the closest line to Rowland-York Drive. There are no grade-level specific lines in the morning. A staff member will be in the parking lot to guide parents to the appropriate line. Cars will begin to be unloaded at 7:30 a.m. by

staff on the front sidewalk.

Regular Car Rider Procedures

Mornings: Starting on Monday, August 9, all students who are morning car riders will join the car lines and be unloaded by LCES faculty and staff starting at 7:30 a.m. Parking and walking your child into the school building will not be allowed after the first two days of school. There are no grade-level specific lines in the morning. A staff member will be in the parking lot to help guide parents to the appropriate line. Cars will begin to be unloaded at 7:30 a.m. by staff on the front sidewalk. Students in vehicles that arrive in the LCES parking lot after 7:50 am will be marked tardy, given a tardy pass, and will not be able to eat school breakfast. However, vehicles that arrive before 7:50 a.m. and are still waiting in their vehicles to be unloaded at 7:50 will NOT be marked tardy. Parents and/or guardians of tardy students must accompany the student to the front door and ring the call button. A faculty or staff member will sign your student in and get them to class. Students choosing to eat breakfast should arrive between 7:30 and 7:40 a.m.

For more information call 706-359-3449.

Afternoons: The bus dismissal schedule at LCES is as follows: Pre-K - 2:45 p.m.; kindergarten and first grade - 2:50 p.m.; second and third at 2:55 p.m.; and fourth and fifth grades - 3:00 p.m.

Car Riders Dismissal Times:

- 2:50 Pre-Kindergarten
 - 2:55 Kindergarten/First
 - 3:00 Second/Third Grade
 - 3:05 Fourth/Fifth Grade
- All car-riders should be picked up by 3:10 p.m.

Safety protocols in place across district

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- Provide masks to students.
- Allow students and staff to wear face shields in accordance with CDC guidance.

School Clinics

- Encourage staff/students/families to self-screen before work/school for fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, congestion, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, body aches, etc.).
- Maintain ongoing contact with Lincoln County Public Health, report COVID-19 cases (confirmed or suspected) per reporting protocol, follow Lincoln County Public Health guidance and protocols for sick students and personnel, and review relevant local/state regulatory agency policies and orders for updates.

- Follow district procedures for when students show signs of illness or injury. These procedures include triage of sick students/staff during School Clinic visit (assessment, temperature check, etc.) and standard and transmission-based precautions when providing care to students/staff by School Nurses/Clinic Substitutes.
- Provide designated isolation area for individuals with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Educate and inform staff and students/families to stay home, not come to school/work, and notify school officials if they have

COVID-19 symptoms, are diagnosed with COVID-19, are waiting for test results or a confirmed or suspected case per CDC/DPH guidance.

- Follow CDC/DPH guidance for student/staff return to school after COVID-19 illness or exposure Public Health Signage
- Post signage in classrooms, hallways, office spaces, and entrances to communicate the following: COVID-19 symptoms, how to stop the spread, and preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school and district specific protocols.

- Provide Vital Oxide spray and cleaning supplies for each bus to wipe down and disinfect the buses.
- Use scheduling measures to balance class size to promote physical distancing to the extent possible.
- Limit physical interaction through partner or group work.
- Consider classroom arrange-

Transportation

- Provide hand sanitizer on the bus for bus drivers and students as available.
- Encourage mask wearing for bus drivers and students per CDC recommendations.
- Continue our practice of assigned seating for students to facilitate safe and efficient loading and unloading.

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- Instructional Day
- Use scheduling measures to balance class size to promote physical distancing to the extent possible.
- Limit physical interaction through partner or group work.
- Consider classroom arrange-

ment to maximize physical distancing.

- Use Vital Oxide spray and cleaning supplies for cleaning classrooms and provided to teachers to disinfect as necessary.

Food and Nutrition Services

- Encourage hand washing before and after meals.
- Conduct cleaning of cafeteria and high-touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Implement enhanced cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting procedures in addition to regular stringent cleaning measures for food safety.

Student Illness

- Send students with COVID-like symptoms to the nurse or designated school personnel.
- Separate a student who registers a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more and send the student home.
- Require students who are ill to wear a mask while waiting for pick-up and exiting the building. This practice will be sensitive to the needs of students and staff with medical issues that make the wearing of a face covering inadvisable.
- Require the student to be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

When Someone Tests Positive

- Follow CDC Guidelines for quarantining as outlined in our Protocols for COVID-19

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shopping, and paying taxes elsewhere.

Only one suggestion, Kyle. You don't need comedians from out of town. There are plenty of characters here that will get behind the mic and bring the house down just acting natural.

JUST THE FACTS

WHERE: 3472 Bethany Church Rd, Lincolnton, Georgia 30817; Call (706)-359-8057

From Lincolnton head towards McCormick on US 378, Back Paddle sits in the crossroads of US378 and Bethany Church Road

WHEN:

- Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHAT:

- Appetizers
- 3T's Farm Blackened Catfish Tacos served on corn tortilla with scratch made slaw and Siracchi aioli. - \$8
- Seasonal Hummus served with



Back Paddle's three brew stacks turn out something new weekly.

fresh cut veggies and toasted pita chips - \$7

Burgers

All burgers are served on a brioche bun with a side of kettle chips

Classic Burger - 1/3lb Tackett Family Ranch grass-fed longhorn beef, cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato - \$9 (sub for quinoa black bean burger +\$3)

Lincolnton Burger - 1/3lb Tackett Family Ranch grass-fed longhorn beef, 3T's Farm bacon, locally sourced fried egg, cheddar cheese

- \$12

Texas Longhorn - 1/3lb Tackett Family Ranch grass-fed longhorn beef, sauteed onions and bell peppers, pepper jack cheese, house made bbq sauce - \$12

Red Devil Burger - 1/3lb Tackett Family Ranch grass-fed longhorn beef, pepper jack cheese, house pickled jalapenos, and Siracchi aioli - \$12

Dogs Scratch-made sausage from 3T's heritage breed pork. Varieties vary, served with kettle chips. - \$9