



# Welcome to Kindergarten Roundup Class of 2031 or 2032!



# Introductions

- **Principal** - Mr. Chad Buchholz
- **Secretaries** – Mrs. Holly Swanson & Mrs. Tara Anderson
- **School Facilitator** – Mr. Tristan Evans
- **K Teachers** –
  - Mrs. Nicole Bruce, Mrs. Jade Calcara, Mrs. Tina Martin, Mrs. Mary Printy
- **Guidance Counselor** - Mrs. Kathryn Knudson
- **District Nurse** - Mrs. Marilyn Calcara
- **GWAEA Speech Pathologist** - Ms. Julie Warrington
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Mrs. Lindsey Scheibe/Mrs. Jennie Wildman
- **PTO Board Members** – Mrs. Kara Larson & Mrs. Kelly Ackley



# Kindergarten



- ➔ **Full Day Program**
- ➔ **Available in all Linn-Mar buildings**
- ➔ **Effort made to keep class sizes small**
- ➔ **Academically focused**



# Typical Skills for a beginning Kindergarten student

- ⇒ Letter Identification (A-Z, upper and lower)
- ⇒ Number Identification (0-10)
- ⇒ Write first, last name
- ⇒ Recognize first, last name
- ⇒ Use scissors and pencil appropriately
- ⇒ Beginning to identify letter sounds

# Early Childhood Blended Program

- Full day program, five days a week to prepare students for kindergarten the following year
- 5 year olds attend all day
- 4 year olds attend in AM or PM only
- Afternoon will focus on social, emotional, and behavioral growth; Morning will focus on literacy and math
- *No class the first Wednesday of each month*





# ECBP Screening & Placement

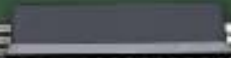
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- Placement in ECBP determined by information submitted by parents/guardians on the kindergarten information sheet and through a district screening process
- Areas of consideration: social readiness, fine motor skills, executive functioning skills, pre-reading skills, and pre-math skills
- Contact Dianne Van Praag at the LRC (447-3015) to schedule a screening appointment to be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Learning Resource Center.





**Within all programming options, the developmental needs of the student will be monitored on a regular basis to ensure the current placement is appropriate for the student. Teacher and parent/guardian communication is important during the first several months of school so that the educational experience of the student is successful.**



# Program Sign-Up Sheet

- ✦ Complete the program sign up sheet and **return by February 28<sup>th</sup>.**
- ✦ Please check the program you think your child is best suited for, Early Childhood Blended Program (ECBP) or Kindergarten
- ✦ District office processes requests and notifies families of their acceptance into the Early Childhood Blended Program



# Kindergarten Camp

☀️ **Purpose:** Gather information on your child to help balance class lists and help teachers prepare for the start of the school year

☀️ **Date:** Friday, August 10

☀️ **Whose Invited:** Kindergarten students

*Parents and/or guardians do not have to stay*

*For kindergarteners only, ECBP students don't attend*

# Turn in to the office

- ✓ Student Information Form
- ✓ Program Sign Up Sheet -  
*Due by February 28*
- ✓ Kindergarten Information Form
- ✓ Home Language Survey
- ✓ Proof of Residency – *Due by February 28*
- ✓ Volunteer Application Form
- ✓ Birth Certificate – *Due by February 28*
- ✓ Immunizations/Physical/Dental/Vision  
Screening Forms - *Due by August 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>*

# Health Information

\***Immunizations MUST BE turned in by the first day of school (Thurs. August 23<sup>rd</sup>).**

\*Health policies and forms available on the Linn-Mar web page: [www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Click on Parent Tab and then click on Health Services

Please contact the health office at (319) 730-3504 if you have questions and/or concerns about your student.



# Speech Information

**Grant Wood AEA  
Speech Pathologist**

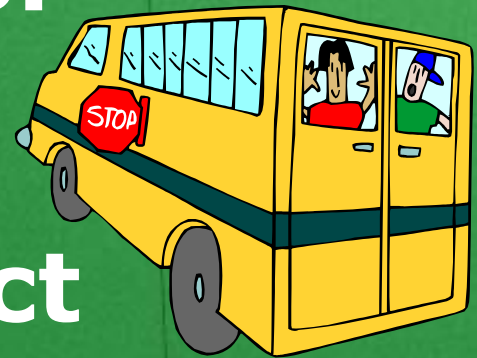
**Ms. Julie Warrington**

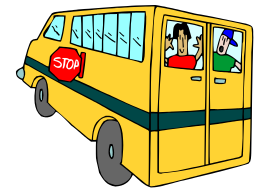
**[juwarrington@gwaea.org](mailto:juwarrington@gwaea.org)**



# Kindergarten Transportation Information

Students who live  
east of Hwy 13 or  
in the Briargate  
neighborhood  
qualify for district  
transportation





# ECBP Transportation Information

Placements in the ECBP may be in a building other than your residing building. Therefore, a student in ECBP will be eligible for district transportation if your home (*not daycare*) is two or more miles from the assigned building **AND** you contact the Transportation Department *by May 1<sup>st</sup>* indicating your desire for district busing.

Students in the ECBP will ride the regular bus routes along with siblings/neighborhood students. If a route is not currently in place and a student qualifies for district busing, a route will then be established.



# Dates to Remember

- **Kindergarten Camp: Friday, August 10**  
*(for kindergartners only, ECBP students don't attend)*
- **'Electronic' Registration: Opens Aug. 1**  
*More information/directions will be mailed to you in May*
- **Meet and Greet: Tues. August 21 – 3:30-5:30pm**  
*Locate classroom & drop off supplies – Open House*
- **First Day: Thurs. Aug. 23 or Fri. Aug. 24 (8:45 am-3:30 pm)**  
*Half the students come first day, other half come second day, all the students come on the third day. You will receive notification of which day to come.*



**District Website:**

[www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Click on Schools: Linn Grove

**School Address:** 2301 50th Street

**For questions or information**

contact Holly Swanson,

Building Secretary

at 319-730-3500 or

[hswanson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:hswanson@linnmar.k12.ia.us)