

# Indian Creek News

March 2018

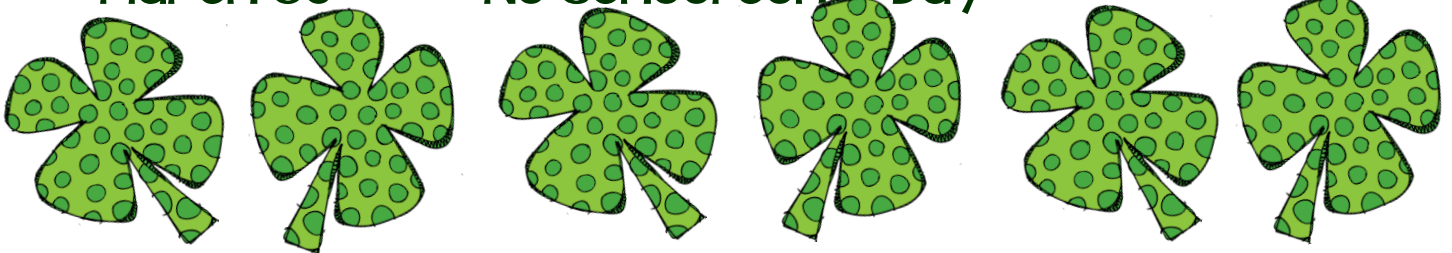
Marilee McConnell Principal

## MARCH

### Dates To Remember

February 26-March 9 Conference Window

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| March 1       | Late Night Conferences           |
| March 1       | Volunteer Workshop 8:30-10:30 AM |
| March 2       | Linn-Mar Mane Event              |
| March 5-9     | Dr. Seuss Week (See Page 5)      |
| March 5       | PTO Meeting 6:30 PM Library      |
| March 6       | Late Night Conferences           |
| March 12 - 16 | No School - Spring Break         |
| March 23      | PRIDE Day                        |
| March 30      | No School Comp Day               |



## From the Principal....

March, 2018

Dear Indian Creek Families,

The teaching staff at Indian Creek Elementary School is learning about the research of John Hattie from his book entitled Visible Learning For Teachers, Maximizing Impact on Learning. We have learned about teaching practices that have the highest effect on student learning as well as the practices that have a negative effect on student learning. Along with this learning about effective teaching practices, we have also learned about some important characteristics of visible learners. See the poster at the side of this page. The characteristics of visible learners need to be explicitly taught to our students.

A visible learner is a student who:

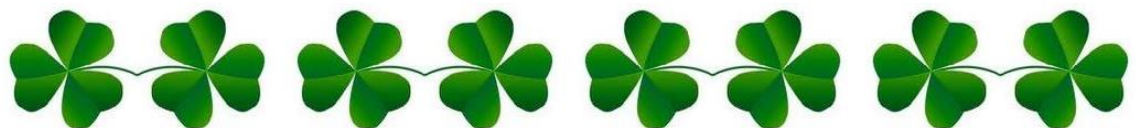
- can be their own teacher
- can articulate what they are learning and why
- can talk about how they are learning – the strategies they are using to learn
- can articulate their next learning steps
- can use self-regulation strategies
- is assessment-capable (understands the assessment tools being used and what their results mean and can self-assess)
- seeks, is resilient and aspires to challenge
- can set mastery goals
- asks questions
- sees errors as opportunities and is comfortable saying that they don't know and/or need help
- positively supports their peers' learning
- knows what to do when they don't know what to do
- actively seeks feedback
- has metacognitive skills and can talk about these (systematic planning, memory, abstract thinking, critical thinking, problem solving, etc.)

Hattie, J. (2009). Visible learning: A synthesis of over 800 meta-analysis relating to achievement. New York: Routledge ACS Educational Development [www.steveventura.com](http://www.steveventura.com) ACS Educational Development [www.steveventura.com](http://www.steveventura.com)

Thank you for your attention to this important information!

Sincerely,

Marilee McConnell



## Indian Creek Elementary School

# VISIBLE LEARNERS

**L** LEARN FROM MISTAKES

**E** VALUATE WORK BASED ON SUCCESS CRITERIA

**A**SK QUESTIONS AND ACCEPT CHALLENGES

**R**ECEIVE AND RESPOND TO FEEDBACK

**N**EVER GIVE UP

**E**FFORT MATTERS

**R**EACH GOALS

**S**TATE WHAT I AM LEARNING





Conference Window ~  
February 26 – March 9  
Late Night Conference Nights:  
Thursday, March 1  
Tuesday, March 6



## Parent Teacher Conferences

We always look forward to parent teacher conferences. It is the perfect opportunity to have one-on-one time with your child's teacher to discuss your child. We are fortunate to have such excellent attendance at our conferences. In case you have forgotten your conference time, please call before 3:45 pm and we will be glad to assist you. On the late conference night, please call 447-3271 with any last minute cancellations. We will do our best to let the teachers know.

## State Requirements

State guidelines require that schools inform parents about their child's reading performance at least twice a year. We meet this requirement by providing parents with information about your child's reading level, reading fluency, reading accuracy and reading comprehension. You will receive this information during your parent teacher conference. State guidelines also require that at least once per year teachers obtain a signature showing that parents have been informed of their child's reading performance at school. We meet this requirement by providing parents with their child's reading information mentioned above. Once this information has been discussed with parents, parents will be asked to sign their child's report card to show that they have been informed about their child's reading performance.



Indian Creek Volunteer Workshop  
Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 to 10:30  
Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room





## MARCH PTO MEETING

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM Indian Creek Library



## Indian Creek 2017-2018 Yearbook

Don't forget to order you 2017-2018 Indian Creek yearbook! Orders are due to the Indian Creek library by April 13. Yearbooks can be ordered. Contact Mrs. Krebsbach with questions.



### Indian Creek Elementary Yearbook Ordering Information

All orders must be placed online this year!

Just go to: [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com)

Use the Indian Creek code: 1274018

Yearbooks costs \$12.75

Orders are due April 13th.

If you need assistance or access to place an order, please stop in the Indian Creek Library.

Yearbooks will arrive in May.

## 2018-2019 Kindergarteners

If you know of any neighbors with students entering kindergarten next year who may have missed our Kindergarten parent meeting, please have them call Pam (447-3270) to be added to the list of incoming kindergarteners.

# Dr. Seuss Week at Indian Creek



Monday, March 5, is Cat in the Hat Day!



Wear a Hat to School!

Tuesday, March 6, is I can Read with my Eyes Shut!



Wear a shirt friends can read to school!

Wednesday, March 7, is Green Eggs and Clothe Day!



Wear something green to school!

Thursday, March 8, is Fox in Socks Day!



Wear crazy socks to school!

Friday, March 9, is If I Ran the Zoo Day!



Wear something with an animal print to school!

## One Mission/Indian Creek PTO Fundraiser

During the 2017-18 school year, we have learned that several of our families have been faced with significant medical diagnoses, illnesses and treatments. We are partnering with One Mission, out of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for a special CARING fundraiser. Our goal is to offer some financial relief for the many expenses that accompany numerous medical appointments and related travel. In cooperation with and under the management of our Indian Creek PTO, we understand that a family facing multiple medical treatments may incur additional expenses for meals, gas, parking fees, co-pays and insurance deductibles. These expenses can place a substantial financial burden on families. Our goal of \$6,500 will be evenly distributed to each of the impacted families.

Our online fundraising store will be open from Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Wednesday, Mar. 14. All orders will be shipped directly to your home. Please visit the website <https://onemission.fund/support/indian-creek-cares/?shopfor=118386> to view the many items available to purchase to support our fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Ward, Indian Creek Elementary school counselor, 319-447-3270. [keward@linmark12.ia.us](mailto:keward@linmark12.ia.us)

## Join us for an Insect Zoo!

Hosted by Iowa State University and Indian Creek PTO.

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - noon

Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room (Cafeteria)

This is an open house, display-type event. Feel free to come anytime during this time to get up close with some creepy crawlies! Parent(s) must accompany child(ren) please.

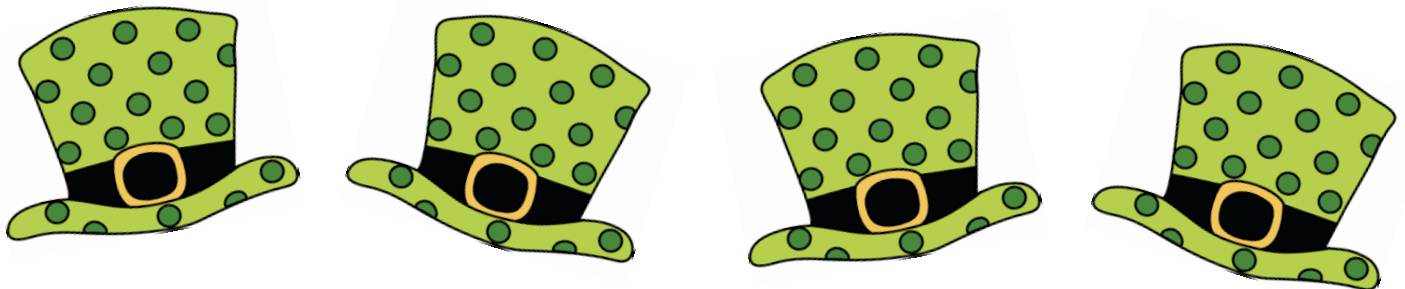
**We are respectful.  
We are responsible.  
We are ready.**

**We care at  
Indian Creek!**



# After School Changes

Our first priority is to make sure your child reaches the proper destination after school. **A written note sent in the morning with your child is best**, this way you can discuss with your child how they will be going home after school. If you do need to make an unexpected change, during the school day, in the way your child typically goes home in the afternoon, please call the office as soon as possible and **no later than 2:00 pm**, if there is an emergency, please keep calling until you are able to speak with someone directly. Please do not call or e-mail the classroom teacher. We have seen an increase in e-mails sent as a way to notify the office and or teacher of an afternoon change. **E-mails are discouraged**, as we cannot guarantee that someone will be checking their e-mail in time to see your message. Pink notes are not intended to be a daily communication for your child. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.



## Attendance Exception Requests for 2018-2019 due March 1

Parents/Guardians of Linn-Mar resident students wishing to attend a Linn-Mar school outside their assigned attendance center area must submit their annual letter for an attendance exception request in writing by March 1. Letters may be mailed to Shannon Bisgard, Associate Superintendent, 2999 North Tenth Street, Marion, IA 52302. Requests will be evaluated after an assessment of classroom seat space is made. Requests are **NOT** guaranteed from year to year. Interested parents should be aware that district transportation is **NOT** available to students receiving approval for an attendance center request.



Indian Creek Attendance: 447-3272  
Indian Creek Health Office: 447-3273





# School Bus Safety Tips

School bus safety is a shared responsibility among parents, students, and the bus driver. Please review and reinforce these bus safety guidelines with your children regularly. When we all remember and follow these rules, riding the school bus can be a safe and pleasant experience.

## Safety Tips for Students:

- Avoid loose fitting clothes and clothes with long strings. This type of clothing is more likely to get caught on the door while entering or exiting the bus.
- Pack all school items in your backpack or book bag so you won't drop them when you get on or off the bus.
- Leave home early so you can arrive at the stop 5-10 minutes before your assigned stop time.
- Never run to catch the bus. If you miss the bus, go home or contact a parent/guardian.
- Walk on the sidewalk if possible. If not, walk single file on the left side of the road and stay close to the edge of the road.
- If you must cross a street, stop, look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- When possible, parents should go to the bus stop with a young child. Older children should walk in groups.
- Buses are sometimes delayed by weather, traffic, breakdowns, etc. IF your bus is delayed, please know that your bus WILL still be coming. It may be a good idea to arrange a neighborhood watch during the winter months. This way if there happens to be an issue with the bus and it is delayed children will know what to do or where to go while waiting for the bus to arrive.



## Linn-Mar Virtual Backpack

Don't forget to check in the Linn Mar Virtual Backpack for additional information on school and local events. You can find the Virtual Backpack on the Linn-Mar website under quick links. Check back often for additional information.



family  
FUN  
night

**INDIAN CREEK  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**Mark your  
calendars...Family Fun Night  
is Friday April 20th!**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> is the Art Show!**



**INDIAN CREEK ANNUAL ART SHOW**

Don't get worried if you child isn't bringing home their artwork. We save it for the students to select their best pieces for the exhibit. Every Indian Creek student will have at least 4 pieces on display. Please save the date -**THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018** to visit the Indian Creek student show. Students will be able to take their 3-Dimensional Art home the night of the show. Two-Dimensional work will be sent home in their portfolios towards the end of the school year.

**PTO POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2018-19**

The Indian Creek PTO has several openings for board positions, committee chairs, and fundraising for the 2018-19 school year. Positions open are: Co-Chair (year 1 Co-Chair, year 2 Chair), Secretary/Communications Chair (2 year), fliers, e-mails, facebook, website, meeting minutes, Treasurer (2 year), Event Coordinators (2 positions) (1 year), Clothing Sale (1 year), Homecoming (1 year), Box Tops (1 year), Restaurant Nights (1 year), Family Fun Night Silent Auction Chair (good if could commit to 2 years), Stride for Pride Chair (1 year)

**\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

**Just a friendly reminder....  
we do not allow fast food for lunch at Indian Creek.  
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.**



# Linn-Mar School Foundation News

Help Impact Educational Excellence at Linn-Mar!



Friday, March 2, 2018 at 6pm

**Cedar Rapids Marriott**

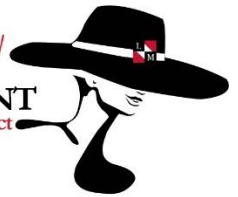
Hosted by the Linn-Mar School Foundation



Register online [www.tinyurl.com/LMFManeEvent](http://www.tinyurl.com/LMFManeEvent)

Early Bird Tickets through February 15th

*Racing for Linn-Mar Education!*  
**Linn-Mar Foundation's MANE EVENT**  
 proceeds benefit the Linn-Mar Community School District



**EARLY BIRD** tickets  
 through February 15th  
 \$60 per person  
 \$55 LM Staff & Alumni

After February 15th  
 \$70 per person  
 \$65 LM Staff & Alumni

Purchase individual tickets  
 or gather a table of 10

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[www.tinyurl.com/LMFManeEvent](http://www.tinyurl.com/LMFManeEvent)



### Event Features

6:00-8:00 p.m. Doors Open, Casino Games, Live Music - Hors d'oeuvres available until 8:00 p.m. only

8:00 p.m. Main Ballroom, Special Music by LM Band, Foundation Program, Dessert & Live Auction!

Casino Games resume after Live Auction

NEW Format - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Social Time & Live Music from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Easy & Fun Mobile Bidding

Exciting Silent & Live Auctions

Philips Diamond Necklace Booth

Blackjack, Craps, Derby Racing Heads & Tails & Cash Raffles

Fun Photobooth

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*Thank you!*



## Thank you volunteers!

We would like to say Thank you to all of the volunteers who have come to help during the volunteer workshops and throughout the school year!! Thank you so much!!