# Indian Creek News

September 2017

Marilee McConnell ~ Principal



**School Hours** 

... **8:00AM** School Begins......**2:45PM** Dismissal Bell

Dear Indian Creek Families,

welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are all excited to be back at school and look forward with anticipation to another successful school year full of high levels of learning for all! We especially want to extend a warm welcome to the families that are new at our school. We hope you have a tremendous year at Indian Creek Elementary School.

The mission of our school is "Success and learning for all every day!" Our vision is "Through cooperation, collaboration and camaraderie among school, family and community, students will become successful, productive citizens in an ever-changing society." We work each and every day at Indian Creek to strive to attain our mission and vision.

We are also very pleased to announce that we are continuing our journey with PBIS this year. PBIS is a school wide positive behavior program. We have set four expectations for our school. They all stem from our district PRIDE rules. Our four expectations are: We are respectful, we are responsible, we are ready and we care. Our staff has been working to teach our students what each of those expectations look like in our common areas such as the lunchroom, the restrooms, the hallways and on the playground. Posters are up everywhere in our school that help to remind students of the expectations. Our staff is working hard to notice the positive behaviors from students and we are all acknowledging their positive behavior choices with red thank you notes. Ask your child if they have received a thank you note!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome staff new to Indian Creek this year. Please welcome the following to our staff: Ashlin Ludwig in second grade, Tammie Tomash in first grade, Marissa Phillips in reading support and student support services, Amy Sams in band/instrumental music, Shay Kember and Nicole Green both in student support services, and a new custodian, Marie Azbill. We also have a new ELL teacher assigned to our building this year, Carol Stamp.

September is sure to be a busy month at Indian Creek. Please know that we expect to serve our families and their children in the very best manner possible. Good communication is a key to that goal, so please contact us with any concerns, questions, or compliments! Thank you!

# Staff Changes...



Mrs. Tammie Tomash~ Ist Grade Teacher Mrs. Tomash comes to Indian Creek from Wilkins Elementary.

Mrs. Ashlin Ludwig ~ 2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Ludwig is a first year teacher Indian Creek.





Mrs. Marissa Phillips ~ Student Support Services and Reading Support Teacher Mrs. Phillips comes to Indian Creek From Linn Grove Elementary.

> Mrs. Carol Stamp ELL Teacher Mrs. Stamp comes to us from the High School.



Mrs. Amy Sams ~ Band Instructor Mrs. Sams comes to us from Prairie Schools



Mrs. Nicole Green ~ Educational Assistant



Miss Shay Kember ~ Educational Assistant





# Picture Day

Lifetouch Studios will take fall school pictures on Wednesday, September 6th.

ALL students will be photographed for school records as well as for a class picture.

Order forms will be distributed in your child's classroom. Please bring your picture order form and money on Wednesday, September 6th, and most importantly, bring your smiles! Students that do not bring money on the 6<sup>th</sup> can buy picture packages on retake day. It would be helpful if you would send back the empty envelope, so we know for sure that you do not want to purchase pictures.

# Front Parking Lot Procedures



Our front parking lot has changed a lot over the summer and with that change brings a change in morning routines here at Indian Creek. Our school busses will now need the entire area in front of our school to drop students off and be able to turn the busses around. We need to keep this area open and free of car traffic for our busses from 7:30 AM until 7:45 AM. At 7:45 AM there will be traffic cones placed across the parking lot indicating that all parents, volunteers, and visitors will need to park in the designated parking spots (near the driveway). Parents who will be dropping off children at Hand in Hand will also be expected to park in the parking spaces and walk their children into the building beginning at 7:25 AM. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping all of our Indian Creek students, parents, volunteers, and visitors safe.

We have had a great start to the year in music! Programs are scheduled and we're excited to continue a great year of music making! Please read the following schedule carefully:

October 17 6:30 p.m. 4th Grade Program November 7 3rd Grade Program 6:30 p.m. November 28 6:30 p.m. Encore/Orchestra Concert December 5 6:30 p.m. 2nd Grade Program February 22 6:30 p.m. 1st Grade Program 6:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program April 10 May 8 7:00 p.m. **Encore Concert** May 10 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Program



Please contact me if you have any questions — Ms.Tanya Rosenkranz <u>trosenkranz@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>

## **Indian Creek Elementary School**

#### **Collective Commitments**

We have agreed upon these collective commitments as a basis for our values as adults working with students at Indian Creek Elementary School. These commitments are intended to serve as a means to guide our conduct, represent our shared purpose and to direct us as professionals. We aspire to align our work to the mission, vision and professional expectations of the Linn-Mar Community School District and Indian Creek Elementary School. We believe that every child deserves instruction and assessment that is tailored to their individual learning needs in order for them to reach high levels of learning and meet with success every day. We will create conditions using collaborative practices and professional conduct to foster an atmosphere conducive to reaching our mission. We honor traditions and culture while embracing innovation and implementation of best practices for student success.

#### Vision

The vision of Indian Creek Elementary School is "Through cooperation, collaboration and camaraderie among school, family and community, students will become successful. productive citizens in an ever-changing society."

#### Mission

The mission of Indian Creek **Elementary School** is "Success and learning for all every day!"



### Goals

We will raise every student's achievement. We will ensure a safe environment for learning. We will embrace technology as a tool for student learning.



If you have a change in address, phone numbers, place of employment, e-mail address ~ Just log on to PowerSchool, click the eRegistration tab and update any changes you may have. The PowerSchool program will alert us of any changes made. Thanks for your help!



### Bond Vote Set for September 12th

The Linn-Mar Board of Education, at its June 12th meeting, unanimously set September 12th as the date for a Bond Referendum.

- The plan calls for:
- Two new 5th-6th grade intermediate schools constructed for occupancy in 2019
- Students in 7th-8th grades to attend Excelsion and Oak Ridge Middle School
- Construction of a new elementary school and renovations to Excelsior Middle School, Bowman Woods, Indian Creek and Wilkins Elementary schools
- All elementary schools would become grades PK/K-4

To learn more about the grade-restructuring plan and for future updates, visit the district's Vote 2017 web page.



### **Linn-Mar Communication Notification Options**

Communication notifications for the District can be signed up for in the following ways:

- <u>Txtwire</u>: Click on <u>LM Emergency Notifications</u> at the bottom of the LM webpage to register
- Facebook: visit FB and like Linn-Mar Community Schools

**Reminder: To receive district notifications, you must sign up for them!** Just click on the appropriate icon at the bottom of the Linn-Mar webpage to register!

Weather-related information will be sent out as a District notification. In the event of an emergency, the text notification may be sent to the entire District (if appropriate) or it may only be sent to an individual building. *It is recommended that you sign up for District and building notifications.* 

Delays and cancellations are also shared via:

- Linn-Mar website and red "alert" scrolling banner on website: www.linnmar.k12.ia.us
- TV Stations: KCRG, KFXA, KGAN, KWWL
- Radio Stations: KCCK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

# Dear Parents/Guardians,

A quality physical education program is offered to all elementary students at Linn-Mar as part of our curriculum. We will be using activities from the SPARK Physical education program as well as other respected resources. SPARK (Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids) is an "Exemplary Program" of the U.S. Dept. of Education. SPARK research has shown that students who participate in consistent PE classes each week do as well or better than others on academic test scores.

Here at Linn-Mar our physical education program is designed to lead activities that are inclusive, highly active, integrate academic and wellness concepts, and are fun for all students. Additionally, instructional units are designed to develop students' motor, cognitive, and social skills.

Students won't waste time waiting in lines for a turn, be a target in a dodgeball game, or be chosen last for a team. All students will have many opportunities to practice and participate in high levels of moderate to vigorous physical activity. My goal is that everyone will feel successful each lesson.

Please help me in reminding your child to dress appropriately for physical education class. For comfort and safety purposes. He/she should wear tennis shoes and clothes suitable for activity.

Physical activity must be done regularly to achieve health benefits. Therefore, your child's participation is very important. If your child is sick or unable to participate in class, please let me know via note, email or phone.

Experts recommend children receive at least 60 minutes of physical activity each and every day. Please help your child meet these recommendations by helping them to seek opportunities to be active outside of school.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you, Amy Hutcheson (447-3294)

All students will need to be eRegistered in PowerSchool. If you have not completed your eRegistration in PowerSchool please log on as soon as possible to eRegister your student.

# a note from the orchestra concluctor...

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra has officially started for this school year! Orchestra members will be practicing together on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15 – 7:50 am. We will be reviewing skills that students learned over the summer and will also be practicing new songs in preparation for our first performance this fall, which will take place on October 24th at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. In addition to orchestra class, students will receive a weekly lesson where bowing technique and other challenging pieces are learned. I am excited to be teaching the 2017 - 2018 *Indian Creek Orchestra* and invite everyone to attend our upcoming events!

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year! Go Lions

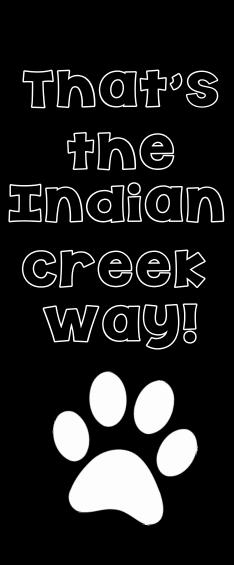
~ Mrs. Vieth ~



### **Indian Creek Volunteer E-Mail List**

If you would like to receive e-mails from the Indian Creek volunteer coordinators pertaining to upcoming volunteer opportunities please be sure to send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:icvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us">icvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us</a> and let them know to add your name to the list. Thank you for all you do to support our school. We ♥ our Volunteers!







### **E-Mail Addresses**

If you have not been receiving the e-mail messages from Mrs. Harder, please email her at <a href="mailto:pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us">pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us</a> and she will be sure to add you to the list. Sometimes our e-mail messages end up in your junk folder due to the large amount of recipients we send messages to. A simple way to prevent the e-mail from going to your junk folder is to add <a href="mailto:pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us">pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us</a> to your address book.

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# The Counselor Corner

Transitioning to a New School Year



Welcome back! I have enjoyed seeing all of the children back here at school and meeting so many new Indian Creek friends.

For many children, starting the school year means adding more structure to the schedule. It also means they are expected to follow the pace of the school day. For some children it takes some time for their bodies and minds to adjust to these changes.

For other children, the idea of a new teacher with new friends and even moving to a new hallway can result in some normal and expected nervousness. It is important to allow children to talk through those nervous feelings while gently reassuring them that their feelings are normal. When talking with your children about their nervous feelings take the time to point out and discuss the things that are the SAME as the year before. Children feel safe and secure with routines and knowing expectations and when we can point out the many things that haven't changed they can begin to feel comforted in the consistencies.

Most children will settle in to the comfort of their new classrooms with their new friends and teacher within the first couple days of school. If your child seems to continue to struggle with feeling settled, make sure you are maintaining a positive approach to your after school conversations. If your child appears to be getting 'stuck' focusing on the way things are different from the previous year you may want to shift your questioning... instead of "how was your day?" Ask "What was something funny that happened today?" Instead of "Did you play with anyone at recess?" Ask, "Who did you sit with at lunch today?" Instead of, "How was your day?" Ask, "What was your favorite activity/lesson/subject today?"

If you child seems to be having difficulty making friends in his/her new classroom, challenge him/her to learn the name of someone new and ask this new friend to sit together at lunch or play at recess.

If you have further concerns, feel free to call me at school 447-3274 or send me an email keward@linnmar.k12.ia.us

# September Volunteer Workshop

When: Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30 AM Where: Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room

### Become an active volunteer and engage with our schools!

Where do you start to become engaged with a Linn-Mar school as a parent/and or volunteer? Throughout the next month we will be hosting group opportunities for new volunteers. New volunteers will learn about the program and become an active member of our volunteer team. This one-time session will share our expectations of our volunteers, how you can become involved and stay connected with the school community. Please plan on attending a volunteer orientation this fall. The Community Relations office works with new Linn-Mar families in making this connection and we would like to help you!

These hour-long sessions are offered in our K-5 schools. Preschool children may attend with a parent. If you can't attend any of the sessions, please arrange an appointment with Karla Terry. E-mail: <a href="mailto:kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us">kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us</a>

Have you already become an active volunteer? Please join us at your school's orientation and have the opportunity to meet our school administrators and volunteer coordinators, tour your school and learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Orientations are offered at our K-5 schools. All sessions <u>begin at 9 a.m.</u>, except Bowman Woods at 8:45 a.m. <u>Please make a reservation with Karla Terry kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us</u>

Sign in at the school office & be directed to our location in your school.

Bowman Woods—Tuesday, September 5 at 8:45 a.m.

Echo Hill—Thursday, September 7

Westfield—Friday, September 8

#### Indian Creek—Thursday, September 12

Novak - Thursday, September 14

Linn Grove—Tuesday, September 19

Wilkins—Thursday, September 21

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us: icvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Angela & Shawn Burke

Julia Neihart Thielen

**Indian Creek Volunteer Coordinators** 



### The lunch menu will also be posted on the Linn-Mar & Indian Creek webpage.



#### Linn-Mar Community Schools 2017-2018 Elementary Cycle Menu

Breakfast (includes cereal, milk, juice and posted entrée): Student 1.50 Adult: \$1.70 Lunch: (Includes choice of entrée, milk and sides): Student \$2.60 Adult: \$3.55

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Elementary school not in session					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Breakfast: Cereal bar	Apple bosco stick	Bagel bites	Waffle sticks	Toast	
<ul> <li>Personal pan pizza</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>French toast sticks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken strips with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken patty s/w</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hot dog with bun</li> </ul>	
(Cheese)	with egg omelet	fresh baked roll	• Rotini & meat sauce	• Chicken teriyaki &	
<ul> <li>Pigs in a blanket</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fish sandwich</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sunbutter/jelly s/w</li> </ul>	with breadstick	seasoned rice	
Corn	Smiley potatoes	boat & string cheese	Romaine blend lettuce	Stir fry vegetables	
Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	Baked beans	& tomato salad	Fresh veggie cup	
Peaches	Grapes	Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	Mandarin oranges	
		Sliced apples with	Fruit cup	Fortune cookie	
		caramel			
<ul><li>Lion Cub Meal</li></ul>	<ul><li>Lion Cub Meal</li></ul>	<ul><li>Lion Cub Meal</li></ul>	● Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Breakfast: Long john	Hard-boiled egg	Fresh baked muffin	French toast sticks	Toast	
<ul> <li>Stuffed cheese sticks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pancakes &amp; little</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Taco with tortilla</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Popcorn chicken with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mini corn dogs</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Hot shredded beef</li> </ul>	smokies*	chips	b&b sandwich	<ul> <li>Soft pretzel with</li> </ul>	
sandwich	<ul> <li>Macaroni &amp; cheese</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hoagie sub s/w</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breakfast sandwich</li> </ul>	cheese sauce	
Green beans	Tator tots	Lettuce & tomato	Mixed vegetables	Baked French fries	
Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	Refried beans	Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	
Pineapple chunks	Juicy orange wedges	Pears	Fresh fruit cup	Strawberries	
Sugar cookie					
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	<ul> <li>Lion Cub Meal</li> </ul>	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday		Friday	
Breakfast: WG Poptart	Mini WG donuts	Frudel pastry	Pancake on a stick*	Toast	
<ul> <li>Hamburger</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken patty s/w</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Waffle sticks with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yogurt parfait with</li> </ul>	• Chicken nuggets with	
<ul> <li>Grilled cheese</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pigs in a blanket</li> </ul>	turkey sausage patty	fruit & granola	b&b sandwich	
sandwich	Baked beans	<ul> <li>Pretzel roll with hot</li> </ul>	• Lasagna	Shrimp poppers with	
Sweet potato fries	Fresh veggie cup	ham & cheese	Romaine blend lettuce	b&b sandwich	
Fresh veggie cup	Mandarin oranges	Potato triangle	& tomato salad	Mashed potatoes &	
Apple slices		Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	gravy	
		Pineapple Chunks	Fresh fruit cup	Fresh veggie cup	
			Chocolate chip muffin	Fruit cocktail	
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	Lion Cub Meal	

#### Entrée Choice

#### Lion Cub Meal

Fruit, yogurt, cheese, crackers and a veggie (including beans when menued

<u>Sunbutter & jelly sandwich</u> Peanut free option made with sunflower seeds

Menu subject to change without notice

\*May contain pork

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

### INDIAN CREEK PTO MEETING

Mark your calendars for Monday October 9th at 6:30 pm for the October PTO meeting. Our meetings are in the Indian Creek Media Center. There will not be any child care this year during the meetings.

Check out our new website at www.indiancreekpto.com



### **Cash 4 Students**

Hy-Vee is running a great donation program again this school year. They will donate \$1.00 to Indian Creek for every \$200 in Hy-Vee receipts that we turn it. All we have to do is save and turn in Hy-Vee or Hy-Vee Drugstore receipts from any of the 14 local stores. The receipts can be dated anywhere from May 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018. This is a really easy way to make money for Indian Creek and we don't have to purchase anything other than the groceries we would normally be buying! Please save your receipts and send them in to the school office.

### Save those Box Tops!

Please be sure to save those Box Tops for Education for Indian Greek. Be watching for more information to come about contests and ways to help our school by saving Box Tops for Education!



Earn Cash for Our School!



Be sure to check out the Linn Mar virtual backpack at http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/pages.asp?uid=868AFC410C5B4D159895091FB7DC17D0&pid=1

In the virtual backpack you will find lots of information and flyers for various groups and camps. Check it out!

### PTO Communication

If you would like to be added to the PTO email list, please send an email to indiancreekpto@gmail.com.

PTO is a separate organization from Indian Creek, therefore, unable to acquire e-mail addresses from the district database. We need your help to supply us with your e-mail information so we can keep you up to date on our activities, PTO minutes, and various other communications throughout the year.

#### Please see the following note concerning students attending Linn-Mar high school football games.



#### Community School District

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To:

Re: Student Behavior/Supervision at Football Games

Linn-Mar Parents and Students (K-12)

Dear Parents and Students,

We need your help! The Linn-Mar Stadium has 5,000 seats on the home side! That means there is enough seating to handle our crowds so we expect our students to stay in the stands and watch the game.

Inspire Learning. Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.

Some of our students prefer to congregate under the stands or run around at top of bleachers, which encourages horseplay and other types of inappropriate behavior that is unsafe. Students should stay in the stands unless they are going to the concession stand or restroom. We need parents to discourage students from loitering beneath the bleachers. Nobody will be allowed on the grassy hillside behind the South end zone, either.

Supervisors will monitor these areas and direct students to return to the stands if they are just milling about. Students who are uncooperative will be asked to leave. If asked to leave, students will be banned from future game(s). Parents will be notified if this happens.

<u>Seating:</u> There will be separate designated areas for Linn-Mar High School students, the band and Middle School students. These sections are all located in the lower level. <u>All elementary students should be sitting with or in the vicinity of their parents.</u> Please do not just let your children run around unattended or drop them off at stadium without an adult.

Our first home football game is Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> against lowa City High. Our sophomore game begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by the varsity game at approximately 7:30 pm. We anticipate a big crowd! We hope you can join us for this event!

Most importantly, we encourage students to be positive fans watching the game and cheering on our teams from the stands. Parental cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support of our programs.

#### GO LIONS!

Sincerely,

David Brown, Athletic Director Dr. Jeff Gustason, High School Principal

Tonya Moe, Associate Athletic Director Dr. Quintin Shepherd, Superintendent

Quintin Shepherd, Ph.D. Superintendent

Shannon Bisgard Associate Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer

JT Anderson Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer

Karla Christian Chief Officer of Human Resources & Exec Director of Public Relations

Leisa Breitfelder Executive Director of Student Services

Jeri Ramos Executive Director of Technology Services

Angie Morrison Business Manager

Tim Isenberg President Board of Directors

DISTRICT SCHOOLS High School, 9-12 Jeff Gustason, Ph.D. Principal

Excelsior, 6-8 John Christian Principal

Oak Ridge, 6-8 Travis Axeen Principal

Bowman Woods, K-5 Tina March Principal

Echo Hill, ECBP/PK-5 Dan Ludwig Principal

Indian Creek, K-5 Marilee McConnell Principal

Linn Grove, PK-5 Chad Buchholz Principal

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Westfield, K-5 Ed Rogers Principal

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