

The Scoop

from Linn Grove



October 2017

Linn Grove Families,

Thanks to the many 3rd-5th grade students that joined Linn Grove for the Linn-Mar Homecoming Parade last night. It was great to see the rest of our LG families along the parade route showing their LION Pride! Go Lions!

As fall continues to settle in, it is also time for Parent/Teacher conferences. Sign-up has been strong and the office staff can assist any families that have been unable to login to sign up for conferences. This conference opportunity provides teachers and parents the time to talk about the 1st quarter of the school year and to put some plans in place to continue or improve success. Thank you for taking time out of busy family schedules to work together with your child's teacher.

As we prepare for the fall parties and parade at Linn Grove I would ask that you keep a few things in mind. It is our tradition that we have a parade of costumes the day of our fall parties, Tuesday, October 31. It is great fun for all the kids to see each other's costumes. **We are asking that the costumes our students bring to school on the 31st are appropriate for all grade levels.** (Remember we have 3 year olds to 11 year olds in our building.) Please reserve the scary costumes for out of school activities. **Additionally, we are not allowing any masks to be worn at school.** (We have extra costumes for students that do not have something to dress up in for the parade, please let the teacher or Mrs. Knudson know of the need.) The parade starts at 2:15 and guests should plan to line up around the outdoor running track. All guests are welcome to join the parade viewing outside. Parent volunteers that are approved through the district volunteer program should enter the building through the main doors for classroom parties. Parade guests will not enter the school and should line up along the track.

As the calendar turns to October and it is nice to stay in the warm bed at home, please keep routines and have your child at school. It is important that your child not miss important learning opportunities. Learning begins promptly at 8:45 and having all of our students at school by 8:40 helps to get them in their seats and ready to go at the bell! Please continue to keep your communication lines open with the classroom or the office. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Chad Buchholz
Linn Grove Principal





A Note from the Orchestra Conductor

Mrs. Kelly Vieth, Orchestra Instructor, kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us

The 5th Grade Orchestra members have been working very hard on reading notes and rhythms in preparation for our very first concert on Tuesday, October 24th in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. All family and friends are encouraged to attend!!! Students will receive more information about our performance later this month.

Attention All Adopt-a-Beginners....

All students who signed up for this year's Adopt-a-Beginner Program will be finding out who their High School practice buddy will be very soon. Students accepted into the program will have the chance to meet and greet their buddy at our annual Adopt-a-Beginner Pizza Party, which will take place before our concert on October 24th. More details to come 😊

Keep up the hard work, orchestra students. Go Lions!!!

~ Mrs. Vieth ~





Lindsey Scheibe, Volunteer Coordinator, lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us

**Next Volunteer Workshop – Thursday, October 12
8:45-10:45 am in the cafeteria**

**Are you looking for something fun to do? Want to meet new friends?
Contact me today at lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us to find out how to become
involved at Linn Grove.**

**If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer, please contact Karla Terry at
kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us or give her a call at 447-3110 to set up an interview.**

**Remember to record your volunteer hours at:
<http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>**

**Lindsey Scheibe
Linn Grove Volunteer Coordinator**

Pumped Up with P.E.

Parents, use the link below to see what student's are doing in gym class. If you click on [Calendar](#), you'll find out what your student is doing in gym class each day. If you click on [What's Happening at Linn Grove](#), you'll find short videos of what we are doing in gym class. I will also be sending videos directly to classroom teachers who may send it to you through their seesaw or class dojo sites. If you receive a video of a class that your child is not in, it is showing what that grade level is working on. Hope you enjoy and if you have any questions, let me know.

Mr. Harms, Linn Grove Physical Education

Featured PE Game this week for Grades 3-4 corner capture the ball. 5G and 4HA will play it a later date.

<https://youtu.be/bR2GB9Clavg>

<http://sites.linnmar.k12.ia.us/jonharms/>

RUNNING CLUB

Kelly Hemphill, Coordinator, khemphill@linnmar.k12.ia.us

The Linn Grove Lightning Running Club is an informal running club designed to motivate students to get fit, stay active, and have fun running. Running Club is open to any Linn Grove student currently in 3rd through 5th grades.



The Linn Grove Running Club will be starting up again this year on Thursday, **October 19th** and will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:00 until we end on November 9th. Registration forms can be picked up outside of Mrs. Hemphill's classroom and returned to the office.

If it is raining at 3:00 on the day of club, Running Club will be canceled for that day



In each newsletter, I will update you on the topics that your student will be learning about in the upcoming month. I am also available to work with students individually should the need arise. Please contact me at 730-3505 or by email at kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

It has been really fun to get back into the classrooms and see all the students again! We are off to a wonderful start! The following lessons will be taught during classroom guidance.

Kindergarten- will learn the importance of focusing, accepting "no" for an answer, as well as Red Ribbon activities.

First Grade: will continue learning about stranger danger, how to say no to peer pressure and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Second Grade: will focus on safe and healthy decisions including the dangers of smoking and drugs.

Third Grade: will learn the importance of positive self-talk and dangers of smoking

Fourth Grade: will learn the dangers of drugs and alcohol use.

Fifth Grade: will learn the dangers of smoking and how to resist peer pressure

Also, letters were sent home to some families regarding the Operation Backpack program as well as Holiday Assistance. If you received either of these letters and would like to turn them in, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact me by phone at 730-3505 or email at kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Mrs. Knudson-Counselor

Red Ribbon Week at Linn Grove! October 23rd - 25th



23RD HAT DAY
"PUT A CAP ON DRUGS!"

24TH PAJAMA DAY
"LOW YOUR DREAMS, DON'T USE DRUGS!"

25TH TEAM DAY (WEAR TEAM APPAREL)
"TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!"

As you know from the informational parent nights, and hopefully your kiddo(s), we have been talking a lot about the brain and growth mindsets at Linn Grove. The focus around this philosophy is that through perseverance (not giving up) and grit (effort) you can always learn new things and become more independent thinkers. When asking about your child's day, ask about something that was difficult or that they struggled with. Discuss the process they went through to overcome this difficulty or talk about ways they could have persevered.



We learn the best when we operate at the edge of our comfort zone. If we spend all of our time in our comfort zone, we are safe and won't grow and develop. When we don't struggle, we don't learn to problem solve. We have to take risks and step outside of our comfort zone to see where we struggle and how we can learn from that. Trevor Ragan refers to this philosophy as a "zoo tiger" or a "jungle tiger". A zoo tiger doesn't have to struggle for food, shelter, or daily necessities like a jungle tiger does. If you were to put a zoo tiger into the wild, how long would it survive? It's important for all students to be challenged with struggle so that they can learn how to problem solve and grow as individuals.

**The next PTO meeting will be
at 6:00 pm Tuesday, Nov 7th**



at 6:00 pm

**Parade
2:15**



**Parties
2:30**

**Fall Parade and Parties!
October 31st**

**Families are welcome to come to the
OUTDOOR TRACK to watch the
parade!!**

Hearing Screening
November 6, 2017
Kindergarten, Little Lions
With an IEP



October 10th 5:30-6:30

Join us outside for some Exercise and FUN!

This is our 3rd year holding this event and it has been fun for all! NFL60 is a way to get kids out and active for 60 minutes a day. We will run fun drills, where the kids will switch stations about every 8 minutes. Participation sign-up sheets were sent home with your student.

You can sign up to help here: <http://signup.com/go/RLuhAZ>

**Students, wear your favorite team apparel to school on
Tuesday, October 10th!**



Don't forget that

Conferences will be held Oct.9th-Oct.20th

Evening Conferences will be available on Thurs., Oct. 12th & Tues.,
Oct.17th.

Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you still need to
schedule a time to meet.

Fall Book Fair!

Mrs. Melissa Alexander, Media Specialist, malexander@linnmar.k12.ia.us

IT'S A "WILD WEST"

BOOK FAIR AT THE LINN GROVE MEDIA CENTER

DATES: THURSDAY, OCT. 12TH , 2017- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2017

DAYTIME HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. AND 11:45 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
(EXCEPT OCT. 19TH)

NOTE: THE FAIR IS CLOSED EACH DAY FROM 11:15- 11:45 A.M. FOR LUNCH.

THE FAIR CLOSSES ON OCTOBER 19TH AT 11:15 A.M.

NIGHTTIME EVENTS:

THURSDAY, OCT. 12TH- 3:30 -7:00 P.M.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 17TH - 3:30 – 7:00 P.M.

CASH, CHECK, OR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

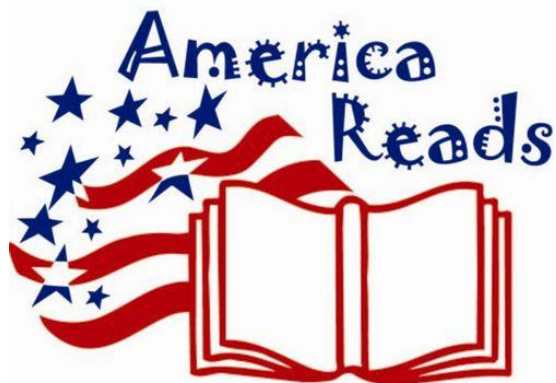
CHECKS PAYABLE TO LINN GROVE ELEMENTARY

QUESTIONS: CALL MRS. MELISSA ALEXANDER 730-3508

Thursday



October 19



Reading Is Contagious

Mrs. Karla Terry, Community Services Coordinator, kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us

The AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* event is celebrating its 21st year this fall. The program is designed to shine a spotlight on the importance of reading to young children to improve literacy and demonstrate the joy of reading through collective citizen involvement. In the Cedar Rapids metro area, it has become an annual fall tradition, bringing hundreds of volunteers into area schools to share a favorite book with students. AMERICA READS: *Reading Is Contagious* 2017 will be held Oct. 19-20.

Developed and launched in 1997, the initiative is a collaborative effort between the Cedar Rapids Community, College Community, Linn-Mar, Marion Independent, and Xavier Catholic school districts, and the five public libraries: Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, and Marion. Local businesses and organizations provide financial support.

More than 2,500 guest readers visited elementary schools over the two-day period in October 2016. Some 17,000 students benefited from exposure to the enthusiastic readers. Volunteer readers include everyone from parents and middle, high school and college students to school neighbors, senior citizens, business people and local “celebrities”. The community readers share their love of reading by doing just that—each volunteer read a favorite story to a child, a small group of children or to an entire classroom of students.

Numerous studies indicate that children who have been read to on a regular basis are the ones who become good readers. Reading just 30 minutes a day with a child can significantly increase a child’s reading ability. By sharing a story, AMERICA READS volunteers also celebrate their own love of reading with students. That special book might just become someone else’s favorite! After all, reading is contagious!”

Register by Oct. 1 for AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* 2017 at <http://webapps.cr.k12.ia.us/aboutus/volunteer/americanreads/americanreads.aspx>

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October 24th 4:00 to 8pm

Linn Grove Culver's Night

Stop by Culver's anytime from 4:00-8:00 and have a bite to eat! Linn Grove receives 10% of ALL sales that night! That's right, so tell your friends and family. We normally get between \$400-\$600 just that night! Want to have some fun with your kids? Sign up to help hold doors, greet guests and take trays to tables (the kids love that) at: <http://signup.com/go/wRRKHJ>



Linn Grove's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat!

October 28th, 4:30-6:00 pm

Information has been sent home! Decorate & hand out candy from 3:30-6:00 or bring your kids by to Trunk or Treat (in costume if desired!) from 4:30-6:00. To reserve your spot for your decorated vehicle go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/jzpz78>

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to go for your decorated vehicle to:

October 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 Conference Week#1	9 LL am to Wickiup	10 LL pm to ICNC NFL Play 60 5:30-6:30	11	12 Volunteer Workshop 8:45 Common Conference Night#1	13	14
	15 Conference Week#2	16	17 Common Conference Night #2	18 LEO trip to Solid Waste Agency	19 AMERICA READS	20	21
	22	23 4 TH Gr Aquatic Ctr	24 4 th Gr Aquatic Ctr Orchestra concert at HS 6pm Culver's Night 4-8pm	25 4 th Gr Aquatic Ctr	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 Trunk or Treat 4:30-6pm
	29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 4 th Gr Aquatic Ctr Costume Parade 2:15 Fall Parties 2:30	Nov. 1 4 th Gr Aquatic Ctr			