



Dear Linn Grove families,

It is my sincere hope that you have found the new school year off to a fantastic start. We have been working with your children to establish strong back to school routines and to begin our work in the curriculum. The children have been learning so much over these past two weeks. One of our earliest priorities in the school year is to establish our expectations for staff and students in our common areas and our classrooms. I have enjoyed seeing kids learning the routine in the lunchroom, as we travel from place to place throughout the school, and on the playground.

Our PBIS focus has shifted this year as we focus on safety expectations within our school environment. I encourage you to speak with your child about what it means to be ready to learn at Linn Grove and how we will be responsible, respectful and safe. We are committed to ensuring that our students and staff are safe at all times. I wanted to update you on our school safety drill planning for students and staff. Our objective in having these safety drills each year is to ensure that students and staff are informed and can react appropriately and quickly should such life safety events ever occur at school.

We will conduct at least four fire drills this year (two per semester). During each fire drill, staff and students follow our evacuation plan, staff sweeps the building to ensure that everyone is evacuated and takes attendance. We held our first fire drill last Wednesday and I am able to report that all students were evacuated from the building and accounted for in 1 minute and 48 seconds. We will conduct two storm drills this year (one per semester). During each storm drill, students and staff move to their designated safety areas and staff takes attendance. All students and staff will be participating in non-active ALICE training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Students will receive grade level appropriate lessons in their classroom and will practice and evacuate to our designated safe site.

Another big change to our schedule is our lunch routine. Student go directly to recess from the classroom which has allowed our teachers some additional time without the transition to the lunchroom. From recess our students come into the lunchroom by choice and this has allowed our serving line to be more efficient. I am noticing that our students are hungry when they come in from recess and a lot of trays are clean when they are finished! Lunch and recess is 45 minutes in length and our students are finding plenty of time to eat now that we are into the normal routine.

Starting in a couple of weeks our 2nd through 5th graders will be taking the NWEA District-wide assessments. These NWEA tests measure how each child is performing in the areas of Math and Reading. Teachers and support teachers will also be continuing with their individual assessment of reading skills. All of this information/data helps our teachers make important instructional decisions for your child's learning. Teachers will share this information with you at fall Parent/Teacher conferences in mid-October. If you have questions about this snapshot of information please ask any questions of your child's teacher or myself.

Thanks for allowing Linn Grove to be your school community and for letting us be your child's teachers. We are looking forward to a great and safe school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding life safety drills and preparation.

Sincerely,

Chad Buchholz



Linn-Mar Community Schools  
September 12, 2017 (7:00 AM – 8:00 PM)  
Bond Referendum & School Board Elections

Voting Centers  
Eligible voters in  
the Linn-Mar Community School  
District may vote at ANY of these convenient locations:

Marion Christian Church  
1050 McGowan Blvd, Marion

Knights of Columbus Hall Council 5390  
5650 Kacena Ave, Marion

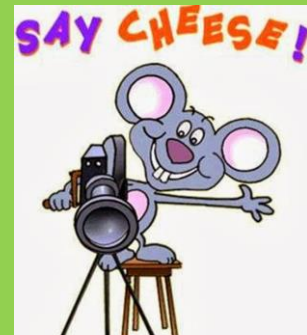
Noelridge Christian Church  
7111 C Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/district/vote-2017>



Picture Re-take Day  
will be  
Friday, October 6

Little Lions &  
Picture Day  
Friday, October 6



## Linn Grove Parking during Drop Off & Dismissal

As the weather gets cooler, we will have more cars in the drop-off lane and the traffic will be much heavier. If you need to exit your vehicle for any reason, please park your car in the parking lot. It is very important that we keep traffic flowing efficiently and safely during our drop-off/pick-up times. Please help us by using the parking lot during those times you must park and exit your vehicles for any reason.

### Safety First!

Parents who are walking across 50<sup>th</sup> Street **must** use the crosswalk!

### A Reminder about the Drop-off and Pick-up Car Line

When you are picking up or dropping off your child, please join the car line that extends out onto 50<sup>th</sup> Street, which may be pulled up against the curb. The Marion Police have informed us that going around the car line is illegal and you may be ticketed. Keep in mind that the one car line entering the circle drive does not turn into two lanes until you approach the building.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe.



## A Note from the Orchestra Conductor

*Mrs. Kelly Vieth, Orchestra Instructor, [kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us)*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra has officially started for this school year! Orchestra members will be practicing together on Monday mornings at Linn Grove from 7:15 - 7:45 am and Friday mornings at Wilkins from 7:15 - 7:45 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 **Linn Grove Orchestra** and invite everyone to attend our upcoming events!

Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year!

Go Lions!

~ Mrs. Vieth ~



# Pumped Up with P.E.

Mr. Harms, Physical Education Teacher, [jharms@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jharms@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

**TENNIS SHOES ARE A MUST  
ON THE DAYS YOUR CHILD HAS P.E.  
NO SANDALS OR BOOTS PLEASE!**



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

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

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Vision Screening

**Who?** Little Lions students

**When?** September 26, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm



## **Linn Grove Blood Drive**

**When: Monday, September 25th  
2:00-6:00 pm**

**Where: Linn Grove Cafeteria**

**How: contact Mrs. Baranowski at  
[bbaranowski@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bbaranowski@linnmar.k12.ia.us)**

**Please eat before donating and  
bring a photo ID**



Hello Linn Grove! Welcome back! Hope you all had a great summer and the transition to the school routine wasn't too difficult! We had a quick back to school Box Tops contest which brought in 890 Box Tops! Great job! Now we are ready for our first big contest of the year!

Who's ready to win some BOOK FAIR BUCKS? This contest begins today and will run until October 6th! For every 10 non-expired Box Tops your student brings in their name will go into a drawing. The more brought in, the more chances to win! We will draw one student's name from each class. They will win \$5 to spend at the fall book fair! In addition to our student winners, we will be giving \$25 to the top 2 classes in the whole school! The teachers will use the \$25 to buy new books for their classroom!

Here are a few Box Tops reminders...

Box Tops can be sent in in a ziploc baggie, envelope or glued to a collection sheet, Always label with the students name and class!

Box Tops can be turned in at anytime! Each classroom has a collection bag by the classroom door or they can be placed in the Box Tops cubby that is in the office.

The Box Tops app is an awesome tool for our school to get bonus Box Tops! Check it out! Super easy to use! \*\*Box Tops earned on the app do not count towards our contests, but it's extra cash for the school! \*\*Every dime helps!\*\*

Check out our Linn Grove Box Toppers page on Facebook as well as our Linn Grove PTO page!

The Box Tops for education website has a lot of helpful information. [Home](#)

### **Home**

See how to earn cash for your child's school by clipping Box Tops, plus get coupons for Box Tops products and en...

If you have any questions about the app, website or our contests, please contact me anytime! I am more than happy to help! Thanks for helping out Linn Grove! Here's to an awesome year!!

Happy Clipping!  
Kelly Ackley  
Linn Grove Box Tops Coordinator  
kelkel31602@yahoo.com



**Lindsey Scheibe, Volunteer Coordinator, [lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us)**

**Become an active volunteer today!** Have you volunteered with Linn-Mar in the past? Just fill out the attached Volunteer Disclosure form and return it to school to move to "active" status for volunteer events and class parties. Are you a new parent who needs to register? Email [lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us) for an (short!) application form and RSVP to attend a volunteer orientation session on *Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 a.m.* Did you know that we have grandparents who volunteer too? If you know another family member (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) who would enjoy and have time for involvement, send them this portion of the newsletter or give them my email ([lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:lgvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us)). We would love to have them join our team!

**Lunchroom volunteers needed!** We need volunteers every day from 11:15-12:00 and 12:30-1pm helping with small tasks in the lunchroom - opening food containers and reminders as they move through the stations emptying their tray. This is a simple, fast-paced opportunity to make a big difference for the students and teachers at LG! Sign up in the LG office!

**Volunteer Workshop is coming!** The second Thursday of each month, volunteers get together from 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. to help the teachers/staff with projects. The work usually involves cutting, stapling, tracing, sorting, etc. It's a great way to meet other Linn Grove parents and volunteers. Preschoolers are always welcome with a parent and refreshments are provided. Our first workshop will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 8:45 a.m.

**Homecoming Parade**

**October 5**

Beginning and ending at  
the L-M High School  
Stadium



**Red Black Track Attack!**

**September 22**

It's time to put on those  
sneakers and walk to raise  
money for Linn Grove!!

**McTeacher Night  
at McDonald's**

**September 19**

5:00-8:00 pm  
Prizes! LG  
Teachers making  
burgers and fries!!

**PTO Meeting**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month,**  
Media Center 6:00-7:30 pm  
Free childcare is available  
during the meeting.

**Family Fun  
Run/Walk**

**September 22**

5:45 - 7:00 pm  
Run/walk the  
neighborhood with  
your family &  
friends!



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](mailto:kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I am looking forward to another great year!

*kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us*

Hello and welcome back! I am excited to get into the classrooms and talk with all of the returning students and equally excited to meet all of our new students! I am in each classroom one time throughout the eight-day cycle for a 45 minute guidance lesson with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. I am in kindergarten rooms every 4 days for 20 minutes and once a week with 4th and 5th graders for 30 minutes. Topics range from friendship, feelings, stranger awareness, tattling and problem solving to bullying, drug and alcohol awareness, responsibility and respect. This will be the fourth year I will be using the Second Step curriculum.

In the newsletter each month, 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 [kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kknudson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

I am looking forward to another great year!

*Mrs. Knudson*

## Parent-Teacher



Sign-up for Conferences begins:

7am on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and will close at

10pm on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

[https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/linngrove/conferences.php?where\\_from=student&language=english](https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/linngrove/conferences.php?where_from=student&language=english)

Conferences will be held Oct.9<sup>th</sup>-Oct.19<sup>th</sup>

Evening Conferences will be available on Thurs., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & Tues., Oct.17<sup>th</sup>.

# Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug



Metal Key Chain



Night Light

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:

- Grandparent's Day
- Christmas
- Father's Day
- Birthdays
- Hanukkah
- Mother's Day

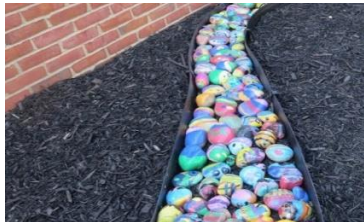
Pendant Necklace

Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

## THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.  
[www.ArtToRemember.com](http://www.ArtToRemember.com)



## KINDNESS ROCKS!!!

Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Knudson are teaming up for an amazing project called, Kindness Rocks! Every student in the school is asked to bring in a small rock about the size of an adult's palm. It does not have to be flat. Each student will then paint the rock in art class any design they choose! The rocks will all be placed in the front of the school outlining the sidewalks! This will showcase our uniqueness and creativity, while making our entrances colorful! If you are not able to send a rock in with your child, we can provide one for them. Your student may bring more than one if they choose. Please send rocks to school by Sept. 22nd. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Knudson or Mrs. Boyle.





To: Linn-Mar Parents and Students (K-12)  
Re: Student Behavior/Supervision at Football Games

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.

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.

**Seating:** 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. All elementary students should be sitting with or in the vicinity of their parents. Please do not just let your children run around unattended or drop them off at stadium without an adult.

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

# Red Black Track Attack

## RED-BLACK TRACK ATTACK!!

~ September 22nd ~

Students will walk/jog on the Linn Grove Track during their Specials times throughout the day to meet their combined classroom distance goals!

The Family Fun Walk/Run will be the same day from 5:45 to 7:30 pm. Families and friends will walk/run the Linn Grove neighborhood.

Pledge envelopes will be coming home soon!



September 19th from 5:00-8:00 pm

Where: McDonald's in front of the Marion Walmart

This is a night where Linn Grove staff steps in to serve YOU at McDonalds! Some may run the ice cream machine, clean your table or take your order! There are prizes so make sure you check in when you get there to get your name in a drawing for a prize! EVERYONE who orders from McDonalds between this time helps Linn Grove, we will receive 10% back on ALL sales. This includes Drive thru as well as inside the store. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to stop by for an ice cream cone or fries! Also there will be tip jars inside for Linn Grove by each register!

**McTeacher's**  
**NIGHT** 

# Dates to Remember

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| <b>9/12</b> | <b>Linn-Mar Bond Vote!</b>                                 |
| <b>9/14</b> | <b>Volunteer Workshop, 8:45 am</b>                         |
| <b>9/19</b> | <b>Volunteer Orientation, 9:00 am</b>                      |
| <b>9/19</b> | <b>McTeacher Night, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Walmart McDonald's</b> |
| <b>9/22</b> | <b>Red Black Track Attack</b>                              |
| <b>9/22</b> | <b>Family Fun Run/Walk, 5:45 – 7:00 pm</b>                 |
| <b>9/24</b> | <b>Conference sign-up begins, 7:00 am</b>                  |
| <b>9/25</b> | <b>Blood Drive 2-6pm</b>                                   |
| <b>9/26</b> | <b>LL Vision Screening</b>                                 |
| <b>10/1</b> | <b>Conference sign-up ends, 10:00pm</b>                    |
| <b>10/3</b> | <b>PTO meeting, 6:00 pm</b>                                |
| <b>10/5</b> | <b>Homecoming Parade</b>                                   |