

Indian Creek News

May 2018

Marilee McConnell, Principal

May Dates to Remember

- May 1 5th Grade Band Concert 6:15 PM @ Linn-Mar High School
- May 2 5th Grade Swimming All Classes 9:15-10:45 AM
- May 3 8:30-10:00 Volunteer Workshop (MPR)
- May 3 5th Grade Track Day 9:30 AM
- May 4 Rain Date for 5th Grade Track Day 9:30 AM
- May 7-11 3rd Grade Swimming
- May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7 Orchestra Concert 6:00 PM @ Excelsior Middle School
- May 8 Encore Concert 7:00 PM
- May 10 Kindergarten Music Program 6:30 PM
- May 11 1st Grade Field Trip to Ag in the Park
- May 14 Encore Sing, Snack & Socialize @ Novak 2:45-4:15 PM
- May 14 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- May 16 4th Grade Careers on Wheels
- May 18 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo 12:30-2:15 PM
- May 25 PRIDE Day Wear Red and Black
- May 28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- May 31 Kindergarten Water Day
- June 1 Last Day of School Regular Full School Day
Step Up Day
3rd Grade Autobiographies Day
Hotdog Cook Out (NO Alternate lunch choice)
Games Day Grades K-1-2 @ 9:30-10:30 AM Grades 3-4-5 @ 12:15-1:15 PM
Report cards sent home with students



Please let Mrs. Strauser (447-3272) know if you need a turkey hot dog rather than the beef one served for Wednesday, May 30



A note from the Principal...

May, 2018

Dear Indian Creek Families,

Our school year is quickly coming to an end. It has been a good year for our staff and students. We are sad to see the school year come to a close, but we are already looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

Planning for a new school year begins in the spring months even though teachers are busy with end-of-the-year assessments and reports. We organize our class lists for next year and begin ordering our supplies

As we plan for next year, we can't forget that our staff will change somewhat. One of our staff members is retiring and will not be returning to Indian Creek Elementary School next year. Mrs. Tammy Burns, student support services teacher, will say good-bye at the end of this school year. We want to express our wishes that Mrs. Burns finds success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Students will end their school year on Friday, June 1st with a normal 2:45 dismissal. End of the year reports will be sent home with each child on the last day of school. Students will also "Step Up" to their new classroom for the

2018-2019 school year. They will meet their new teacher and greet new classmates for the new school year. Thanks for your attention to the information this newsletter contains! Also, thank you for a great school year. Have a safe summer and be sure to **read!**

Sincerely,

Marilee McConnell



A.L.I.C.E. TRAINING

Alert Lockdown Information Counter Evacuation

All Linn-Mar Community District students are continuing to learn about ALICE. Indian Creek students will be participating in a building-wide ALICE drill during the month of May. During this drill we will conduct a school-wide controlled evacuation of our school. More information will come as we approach the date of our drill.

Kindergarten Music Program



On Thursday, May 10th, Indian Creek Kindergarten students will be presenting their music program.

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 PM in the big gym. Students should report to their classrooms at 6:10 PM. Please have students wear nice clothes so that our performance looks as good as it is going to sound!



Students NOT Returning to Indian Creek for the 2018-2019 year

If you have a student currently enrolled at Indian Creek that will not be returning for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the office at 319-447-3270 to let Pam know: your student's name, reason they are not returning, new address if you are moving, and a phone number that you can be reached at for questions. Once we have the information we can begin to process your student's records for transfer. Thank you so much for your help!

3rd Grade Bicycle Rodeo

The Bicycle Rodeo for 3rd grade will be held on Friday, May 18th beginning at 12:30. All bikes and helmets need to be brought to the Indian Creek gym between 7:30 and 8:00am that morning and will need to be taken home after school. Please park your cars and walk the bikes to the back of the gym.

HOWDY, PARDNER!



We will put bikes in the gym if it is rainy or we will ask that you walk the bikes to the designated spot on the playground. If there are any parents that are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Hutcheson at 447-3294 or send her an email at: ahutcheson@linnmark12.ia.us



Games Day

We will be having a fun end-of-the-year GAMES day on June 1st from 9:30-10:30 AM for grades K, 1, & 2 and at 12:15-1:15 PM for grades 3, 4, & 5. We will be outside, so you may want to send sunscreen with your child and a water bottle.

5TH GRADE TRACK DAY!

Thursday, May 3, is 5th grade track day!! The track day events will begin at 9:30 AM at the Linn-Mar Stadium. Students will need to bring a sack lunch with them to the stadium (please ~ no glass containers, gum, or pop). Water bottles are allowed, however, no coolers. Rain date will be Friday, May 4th.

Last day of school is Friday, June 1st!



Thursday, August 23rd will be the first day of classes for the 2018-2019 school year.



Third Grade Swimming!

Indian Creek 3rd grade students will be participating in a five day aquatic experience at the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center during the month of May. Students will be bussed to and from the aquatic center on Monday, May 7th, Tuesday, May 8th, Wednesday, May 9th, Thursday, May 10th, and Friday, May 11th (please note students will walk on Friday).

The classroom schedule is as follows:

Mrs. Frangella : 9:00 AM to 10:05 AM

Mr. Fritz : 9:40 AM to 10:45 AM

Mrs. Brown : 10:20 AM to 11:35 AM

Mr. James : 1:00 PM to 2:05 PM

Welcome Mrs. Kretschmar!



The Linn-Mar Community School District has named Kelly Kretschmar as the new principal of Indian Creek Elementary.

Kretschmar's contract is scheduled to be approved by Linn-Mar's Board of Education during their regular meeting April 23. She will assume her duties on July 1st.

"I'm very excited to be named principal at Indian Creek — a place I called home for fifteen years," Kretschmar said. "As the new administrator, my goal is to positively contribute to the incredible experiences already happening within the Indian Creek community."

Kretschmar has worked at Linn-Mar for 19 years as an educator, instructional strategist and most recently as the director of elementary teaching and learning. In 1995, she earned a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Northern Iowa in elementary education. She earned a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Coe College in 2005 and an Advanced Studies Certificate in principalship from UNI in 2015.

Kretschmar began her teaching career at Malcolm Price Laboratory School in 1996 later transferring to teach at Indian Creek in 1999.

As director of teaching and learning, her responsibilities include curriculum, instruction, and assessments at the elementary level. She was also responsible for district-wide professional development and the implementation of professional learning communities (PLCs).

According to Linn-Mar Superintendent Dr. Quintin Shepherd, "We are excited to recognize Kelly as someone who has dedicated both her instructional and leadership growth to the Linn-Mar Community School District."

Shepherd added "We are proud of her for her numerous accomplishments and contributions to our district, our staff, and our students. Her appointment as principal of Indian Creek fills me with great excitement and I look forward to her continued contributions in our effort to accomplish our collective mission to Inspire Learning, Unlock Potential, and Empower Achievement."

Additional Classroom Space!

Indian Creek will gain some additional classroom space next year. Two more portable classrooms will be leased and utilized as fifth grade classroom space for the 2018-19 school year. The trailer will be anchored in the front parking lot as close to front entrance as possible. Mrs. Hoobler (5PH) and Mrs. Meidlinger (5KM) will teach in these classrooms. More details will be shared as they become available.

A NOTE FROM THE ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR... 5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working hard in preparation for their final concert on **Monday, May 7th**, which will be held in the Excelsior Middle School Gym at 6:00 P.M. All friends and family members are invited to attend!

Students will also have a Dress Rehearsal before school that same morning at Excelsior Middle School – please drop your child off between 7:00 – 7:05 A.M. and have your child meet in the Orchestra Room #905 (across the hallway from the main gym). Students will ride a bus back to their elementary building following the rehearsal. Cello and bass students are welcome to leave their instruments at the middle school until later that evening! Questions: contact Mrs. Vieth at 447-3219 or email at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us

LINN-MAR SUMMER ORCHESTRA & LESSON PROGRAM

Students are encouraged to stay involved in music during the summer months and keep up their skills and improve for the next school year! Please consider registering your student for the Linn-Mar Summer Orchestra Classes or for Individual Lessons. Families may register online through the high school orchestra website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/linnmarorchestra/>

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

All 4th and 5th grade students interested in starting the Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass are encouraged attend one of the orchestra informational meetings with their parents on **Tuesday, May 1st**. The meetings will be held at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Ridge Auxiliary Gym. Information will be given about the Linn-Mar Orchestra Program as well as info about the Summer Beginning Strings Program. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes. Representatives from local music stores will also be there to help answer any questions about renting an instrument and can offer suggestions to any family wishing to purchase an instrument. Students should also plan to attend with their parents so they can be fitted for the correct size!

If you are unable to attend either of the meetings and would like to receive more info about joining the Orchestra, please email Mrs. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us. Families may also visit the following website and register for Beginning Orchestra Summer Classes at:

<https://lmorchestraregistration.wordpress.com/>

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5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band will give its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 1st.

The concert will be held in the HS Auditorium and begin at 6:15 p.m. All band students should report to the HS Little Theatre between 5:45 - 6:00 p.m. The program will last about 30 minutes. Nice dress clothes should be worn for this MAJOR performance. In preparation for the Concert, we will be rehearsing together THAT MORNING at L-M HS. Please drop your student off at the HS Auditorium Main Entrance (circle drive) between 7:15 – 7:20 am for our 7:30 – 8:30 am rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal.

Current 5th Grade Band students are able to sign up for the Summer Band Program. They can participate in Program #2 - Private Band Lessons. Students receive a weekly, 15-minute individual lesson with a MS Band Director for 6 weeks. Program #2 will run from June 7th – July 17th. 5th Grade students can also participate in the 5th Grade Band Camp – Program 3.5. This is a Group Band experience directed by Mrs. Nuss that meets daily from 8:00 – 9:00 am for one and a half weeks beginning June 6th. This year all of the Summer Band Programs will be held at Oak Ridge MS. Registration forms were sent home with band students in late April.

Beginning Band for Current 4th Graders – Time to Join the Band!!!

All 4th graders met during late April to see a Band instrument demonstration, and try out some instruments. They also heard the 8th Grade Band perform. It was a very exciting time! Students should have brought home information about the band program, instrument choices, and parent meetings at that time.

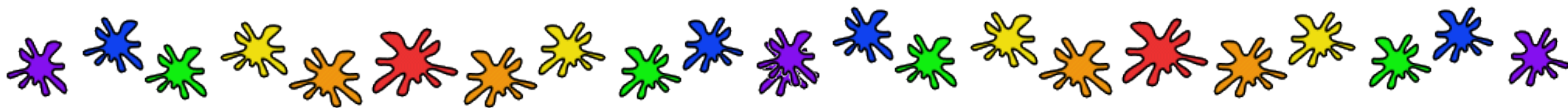
Informational meetings for Parents of 4th Graders who would like to start a band instrument are being scheduled for Monday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held in the High School Little Theatre and last about 45 minutes. Parents only need to attend one meeting and your child does not need to attend. At the meeting parents will receive information about the 5th Grade Band program and our Summer Beginner lessons. Parents will also sign their child up for an individual 15 minute Band Interview to try out instruments (with parents in attendance). **NOTE: All beginner band students MUST interview.** Interviews will be held between May 15th – 24th. Parents who are unable to attend either meeting can call/email for information and to sign up for an interview beginning May 3rd. Email: kmakinster@linmar.k12.ia.us (email is preferred) or voice mail 447-3310.

2018 Indian Creek Masterpiece Award

In loving memory of Maddeson Tersinar, the art department selects an Annual Indian Creek Masterpiece award. Maddeson was a gifted artist and encouraged her classmates to be dedicated artists too. The award is presented before the Indian Creek Art Show. This year, 5th grader, Addison Haag was the recipient of this special award. Addison's work will be displayed in a masterpiece frame in the Indian Creek hallway after the Art Show for a full year. Congratulations to Addison!



Special thanks to the volunteers for all their help with the art show! Over 4050 pieces of artwork were put up and torn down in 24 hours. We couldn't have done it without the SUPERB HELP from wonderful volunteers. Thank you! ~ Mrs. Havlicek



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS!



Indian Creek is so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered in big and small ways to make Indian Creek such a wonderful place for our students. We could not do all that we are able to without so many helping hands.

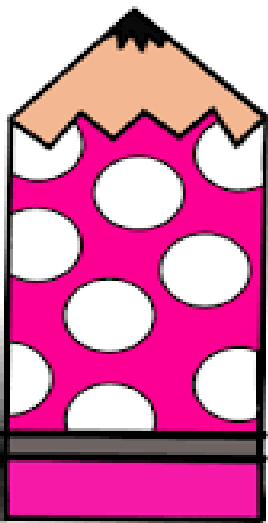
Thank You ~ Thank You

Family Fun Night was a huge success! Thanks so much to all of you who sent awesome cakes, cupcakes, cookies, books, water, silent auction items, and to the many, many folks who were able to volunteer that evening or help us by bidding on the auction items. A special thanks to our Family Fun Night Chairs. All of their time spent before the event really made everything run smoothly. Thanks to event chairs and to all of the committee leads for all of your hard work. Thanks to all of our families for the huge support of this event with such great attendance.



A Reminder from the Health Office ...

Please be sure to pick up your student's medication from the Health Office by the last day of school, Friday, June 1st. For safety reasons it is imperative that parents/guardians pick up medications as they will not be sent home with students. Any medications not picked up by June 1st will be disposed of.



2018-2019 E-Registration

All Linn-Mar students will be required to complete the E-registration process on PowerSchool for the 2018-19 school year. You will be asked to log on to PowerSchool sometime during the month of August to complete the e-registration, this will ensure that the permissions will be valid for the 2018-2019 school year. If e-registration is done prior to the opening date in August the permissions will not carry over, and you will need to complete the process once again.



Virtual Backpack

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.





PTO MEETING

Join us Monday May 14th for the final PTO meeting of the school year. Meeting starts at 6:30pm in the Indian Creek Media Center.

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

**We care at
Indian Creek!**



Volunteer News for the 2018-2019

Linn-Mar Community Schools is currently asking **active** volunteers to complete their volunteer disclosure forms now for continuation in the volunteer program in the 2018-19 school year. The volunteer disclosure form may now be found at the volunteer sign in station in your K-5 schools or online in your "profile" on the volunteer website. This form must be completed annually and provided to the Community Services Office to continue receiving communication and information about the volunteer program and continue your active volunteer status.

Do you need help in printing your volunteer disclosure form? Here are a few simple instructions to help you access the system and print it from home:

1. Go to Linn-Mar volunteer portal: <http://volunteers.linnmark12.ia.us/>
2. Click on "Log In" and enter your user name and password
3. Click on profile, double check your information for accuracy, click submit, select children's grade level for 18-19, click submit.
4. Print your populated volunteer disclosure and check, date and sign to be valid.
5. Return to school secretary, drop off or mail to the Community Services Office, 2999 N. 10th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

Do you need help in accessing your information? Contact Sarah, 447-3145 for additional assistance in accessing your record. Hardcopy forms are available in your school's office.

We want you back!

**CELEBRATING
20
YEARS**

Linn-Mar Lion Open Golf Classic - June 7th

hosted by the linn-mar school foundation

Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Linn-Mar Foundation Lion Open Golf Classic! Tee it up for Linn-Mar kids on Thursday, June 7th at Hunters Ridge golf course. Four person best shot tournament, fun contests, prizes, hole-in-one contests, 50/50 raffle, catered lunch, cold refreshments and more. Enjoy a beautiful day on the links supporting our classrooms along the way! All skill levels welcome!

8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. shotgun tee times, catered lunch served from 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Lion Open fund classroom grants for K-12 teachers throughout the year.

Want to help our Linn-Mar classrooms in a BIG way, become a Lion Open Sponsor. [Details here!](#)

Register to golf soon, spots fill up quickly! <https://one.bidpal.net/lmflionopen>

WE ARE  LINN-MAR®

Honor A Linn-Mar Educator with a Teacher Tribute by May 30th

Express your appreciation for a Linn-Mar teacher for their amazing work with students. Invest in the Teacher Tribute Fund through the Linn-Mar School Foundation with a tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 or more. Your Teacher Tribute gift can even be doubled if you match it through an [eligible employer](#).

Proceeds raised from Teacher Tributes are channeled back into classroom grants. You will be directly impacting our students with your gift and thanking an educator at the same time!

The Foundation recognizes all Teacher Tributes at the Lion Open Golf Classic, on our website, social media and in our newsletter. Tributes are also shared with each educator nominated with a teacher appreciation package.

One lucky Teacher Tribute honoree will be awarded a classroom cash award to spend on materials for their classroom this Fall. You will be invited to share the good news with them!

Who will you honor with a teacher tribute this year? **Deadline is May 30th.**

[Teacher Tribute Nomination Form](#)