Indian Creek News

September 2018

Kelly Kretschmar ~ Principal

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday	4	School Pictures	Volunteer workshop 8:30- 10:30 AM 5 th Grade Parent Night 6:30 PM (Gym)	7	8
9	PTO Meeting 6:30 PM Library	Bond Vote Volunteer Volunteer Orientation 9:00 AM Multi-Purpose Room	12	Room Parent Meeting 6:30 PM Dine Out for our Schools	14	I 5
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Dear Indian Creek Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are all excited to be back at school and look forward to another successful school year at Indian Creek. We know high levels of learning will be achieved by all! We want to extend a warm welcome to all the new families that are at our school. We hope you have a tremendous year at Indian Creek Elementary.

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 pleased to say 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 and 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 these 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 to help remind students of these expectations. Or staff is working hard to notice the positive behaviors from students and we are all acknowledging their positive behaviors choices with red thank you notes. Ask your child if they have received a thank you note!

We hope you will help us in welcoming new staff to Indian Greek. Please welcoming the following to our staff: Rachel Schumaker in kindergarten, Kate Turner in student support services, Karen Mohwinkle our lunch cashier, and Debbie Arenson our general education assistant.

September is proving to be a busy month at Indian Creek. Good communication is important to us in working collaboratively to impact student learning. Please contact us with any concerns, questions, or complements.

Thank you!

Picture Day

Lifetouch Studios will take fall school pictures on Wednesday, September 5th.

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 5th, and most importantly, bring your smiles! Students that do not bring money on the 5th 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 7:15 AM until 8:00 AM. Parents who will be dropping off children at Hand in Hand will need to have them dropped off by 7:15 AM. Dismissal is another challenge. We now have 4 busses to load after school and will need to have the entire parking lot cleared by 2:15 in order to stage the busses and load our student safely on the busses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping all of our Indian Creek students, parents, volunteers, and visitors safe.

SCHOOLIGE
7:45AM First Bell (students may enter the building)
8:00AM School Begins 5 5 5 5 25
2:45PM Dismissal Bell 5 5 5 5



Linn-Mar Community School District Bond Vote 2018

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Bond Vote Set For September 11

On September 11th, voters in the Linn-Mar district will be asked to consider a plan that calls for the construction of two 5th-6th grade intermediate buildings. The intermediate schools will provide desperately needed space for nine of the district's schools.

The bond is part of the district's 10-year facilities master plan to strategically address existing and long-term capacity issues in the rapidly-growing district. Enrollment at the school district has increased from 5,267 to nearly 7,800 students since 2005. Several of the district's elementary and middle schools are near or over capacity as a result of the sustained growth.

If the \$55 million general obligation bond is approved by a 60 percent majority of voters, the property tax rate would increase \$0.65 on every \$1,000 of taxable value. The increase equates to approximately \$5.91 a month in additional property taxes for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

In addition to constructing two intermediate schools, the district will restructure to a new grade format — PK/K-4; 5-6; 7-8; and 9-12 — for the 2020-21 school year.

The district's long-term plans are dependent upon continued growth in the district, economic conditions in the community, and additional variables — such as the extension of the SAVE fund — that dictate the district's timeline.

Questions about the bond can be sent to vote@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year your child will be using Lexia® Core5® Reading, a fun computer-based program that has helped millions of students. The activities in Core5 support and build on our classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Here's how Lexia Core5 Reading works:

- Your child begins Core5 at a starting point that fits his or her needs and works in online activities throughout the week.
- Online activities include direct instruction and feedback as your child learns new skills.
- Progress and performance in the program is reported so teachers can provide help when needed.
- Paper-and-pencil activities are also used for practice and may be done in school or brought home.
- Achievement certificates may be sent home to celebrate success and to show progress in the program.

We hope you share in our excitement about this program!

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.



KEEP US UPDATED

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!



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 30 6:30 p.m. 2nd Grade Program November 13 6:30 p.m. 3rd Grade Program November 27 6:30 p.m. Encore/Orchestra Concert December 4 6:30 p.m. Ist Grade Program 4thGrade Program February 21 6:30 p.m. April 9 6:30 p.m. 5th Grade Program May 7 7:00 p.m. **Encore Concert** May 9 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Program

Please contact me if you have any questions -Ms.Tanya Rosenkranz <u>trosenkranz@linnmar.kl2.ia.us</u>

















Linn-Mar Communication Notification Options

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

- <u>Txtwire</u>: Click on *LM Emergency Notifications* 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

SPARK

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 student's 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.

Indian Creek ORCHESTRA



Director Ms. Vieth 447-3219

First day of Orchestra: Thursday, August 30th ©

Please have your parent drop you off in the back parking lot (near gym) **at 7:05 a.m.Students should unpack in the gym and find their seats. We will combine with the

Novak Orchestra students the following week.

Orchestra Rehearsals:

Wednesday mornings in the <u>Novak Gym</u> ~ 7:15 – 7:45 am Thursday mornings in the <u>Indian Creek Gym</u> ~ 7:15 – 7:45 am

The Novak & Indian Creek Orchestra students will have practice as a large group each <u>Wednesday & Thursday</u> morning! Please have your parent drop you off on Wednesdays at Novak Elementary near the playground entrance and meet Ms. Vieth in the gym. A bus will bring students back to school following rehearsal. Thursday rehearsals will always be held at Indian Creek. **Please arrive 10 minutes early so you have enough time to unpack your instrument & get ready for class.

What to Bring: Instrument & Pencil

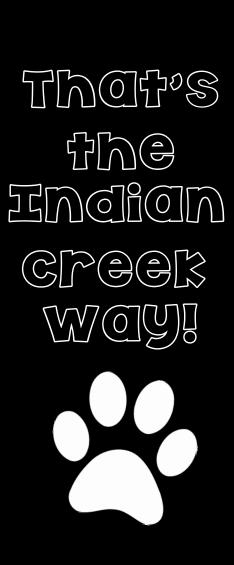
Shoulder Rest or Sponge (violins/violas) Rock Stop or Strap (cellos/basses)

Essential Elements Book 1

- After class on Thursday, Aug 30th any NEW 5th grade students who did not take summer lessons or the LM summer classes will have an introductory lesson!
- Lessons will begin the following week!









E-Mail Addresses

If you have not been receiving the e-mail messages from Mrs. Harder, please email her at pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us 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 pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us to your address book.

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

We LOVE Our Volunteers!

Indian Creek Volunteer Orientation

When: Thursday, September 11 at 9:00 AM

Where: Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room

Please join us to learn more about volunteer opportunities offered

throughout the school year.

September Volunteer Workshop

When: Thursday, September 6th from 8:30-10:30 AM

Where: Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room

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 icvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us and let them know to add your name to the list.

Thank you for all you do to support our school.

We ♥ our Volunteers!

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



Linn-Mar Community Schools 2018-2019 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: \$3.65 A la carte milk \$0.50

August						
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27	28	29	30	31		

September						
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17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

October						
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1	2	3	4	5		
8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26		
29	30	31				

Elementary school not in session						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Breakfast: Cereal bar	Apple bosco stick	Bagel bites	Waffle sticks	Toast		
 Personal pan pizza 	 French toast sticks 	 Chicken strips with 	 Chicken patty s/w 	 Hot dog with bun 		
(Cheese)	with egg omelet	fresh baked roll	Rotini & meat sauce	 Chicken teriyaki & 		
 Pigs in a blanket 	 Fish sandwich 	 Sun butter& jelly 	with breadstick	seasoned rice		
Corn	Smiley potatoes	sandwich w/string	Romaine blend lettuce	Stir fry vegetables		
Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	cheese	& tomato salad	Fresh veggie cup		
Applesauce	Grapes	Baked beans	Fresh veggie cup	Mandarin oranges		
		Fresh veggie cup	Fresh fruit cup			
		Mixed fruit				
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal		• Lion Cub Meal	 Lion Cub Meal 		
		 Lion Cub Meal 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Breakfast: Long john	Bagel / hard-boiled egg	Fresh baked muffin	French toast sticks	Toast		
 Stuffed cheese sticks 	 Pancakes & little 	 Taco with tortilla 	Popcorn chicken with	 Mini corn dogs 		
 Hot shredded beef 	smokies*	chips	b&b sandwich	 Soft pretzel with 		
sandwich	 Macaroni & cheese 	 Hoagie sub s/w 	 Breakfast sandwich 	cheese sauce		
Green beans	Tator tots	Lettuce & tomato	Mixed vegetables	Potato triangle		
Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup	Refried beans	Fresh veggie cup	Fresh veggie cup		
Pineapple chunks	Juicy orange wedges	Pears	Fresh fruit cup	Strawberries		
Chocolate chip cookie						
Lion Cub Meal	Lion Cub Meal	 Lion Cub Meal 	Lion Cub Meal	Lion Cub Meal		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Breakfast: WG Poptart	Mini WG donuts	Frudel pastry	Pancake on a stick*	Toast		
Hamburger	Garlic cheese bread	 Pizza crunchers 	 Yogurt parfait with 	 Chicken nuggets with 		
 Grilled cheese 	 Pigs in a blanket 	 Pretzel roll with hot 	fruit & granola	b&b sandwich		
sandwich	Sunshine carrots	ham & cheese	• Lasagna	 Shrimp poppers with 		
Baked beans	Fresh veggie cup	Sweet potato fries	Romaine blend lettuce	b&b sandwich		
Fresh veggie cup	Mandarin oranges	Fresh veggie cup	& tomato salad	Mashed potatoes &		
Apple slices		Pineapple Chunks	Fresh veggie cup	gravy		
			Fresh fruit cup	Fresh veggie cup		
	• Lion Cub Meal		Chocolate chip muffin	Peaches		
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 September 10th at 6:30 pm for the September 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, 2018 to April 1, 2019. 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!

It is back to school time which is a reminder to start clipping those box tops! Remember to clip box tops and send them to school with your child. We have a black bin in the front entryway in which they can be placed in. We will be having class incentives throughout the year, so start clipping your box tops now for some new and exciting prizes this school year!



Earn Cash for Our School!



Be sure to check out the Linn Mar virtual backpack at

https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/backpack/
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 e-mail 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.



Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital portfolio that students will use to showcase what they are learning and doing at Indian Creek. Students will be able to display their current progress on a variety of standards. This instructional tool allows students to build connections, to collaborate with others, and to reflect on their learning journey. Each student has his or her own learning journal where entries will be periodically added.

Student portfolios are only accessible by your child, your child's teachers, and you. The portfolios are not public on the web. You can be notified when your child adds a post to his or her portfolio. Your child's teacher will review all posts and comments. Please reserve individual posts for your child's posts and realize that individually directed comments made on group posts may not be approved.

We are fully committed to maintaining the privacy of every student at Indian Creek. Collaboration is a cornerstone of becoming a visible learner. It is for this reason that we request images and events which include other students remain private on Seesaw and for school use only. If you become aware of materials being shared beyond this tool, please contact us so that we can address it immediately.

Seesaw provides a direct link between students, teachers, and families. Families receive an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day. Students are empowered to independently document their learning to an authentic audience. Seesaw also provides teachers with a safe place to teach 21st Century skills.

Scan this code or visit this link for more information: https://goo.gl/8msKLN



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



Community School District

Inspire Learning. Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.

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DISTRICT SCHOOLS High School Jeff Gustason, Ph.D. Principal

Excelsior Middle School John Christian Principal

Oak Ridge Middle School Travis Axeen Principal

Bowman Woods Elementary Tina March Principal

Echo Hill Elementary Dan Ludwig Principal

Indian Creek Elementary Kelly Kretschmar Principal

Linn Grove Elementary Chad Buchholz Principal

Novak Elementary Carol O'Donnell Principal

Westfield Elementary Ed Rogers Principal

Wilkins Elementary Amanda Potter Principal 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 games.

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>Please avoid bringing backpacks to the stadium.</u> They will not be allowed inside the bleachers and if so will be stored in an area by the front gates.

<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. They will be asked to leave if this is the case.

Our first home football game is Friday, September 7th against Cedar Rapids Jefferson. 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 Shannon Bisgard, Superintendent

★ Thursday, September 13 ★



Promotion applies ALL DAY* and includes take-out and delivery!

★ Attendees must present flyer or mention Dine Out fundraiser prior to ordering at each participating restaurant ★

Chick-fil-A at Lindale

217 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids



Country Kitchen Café

699 7th Ave. Marion

Culver's Frozen Custard & ButterBurgers - Marion

1375 Red Fox Way, Marion

Dairy Queen -Uptown Marion

2100 7th Avenue, Marion

Hy-Vee Hickory House & Chinese Express

3600 Business Hwy 151 E, Marion

Jimmy John's

3350 7th Avenue, Marion

Kettel House Bakery & Cafe

945 6th Avenue, Marion

La Cantina

3217 7th Avenue, Marion

Louie's Scoreboard

740 10th Street, Marion

Moe's Southwest Grill

1121 Blairs Ferry Rd #800, Cedar Rapids

Noodles & Company

310 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids



Ramsey's Wine Bistro

1120 7th Ave, Marion

Scooter's Coffee

(These two locations only) 690 Marion Blvd, Marion 7037 C Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

Zio Johno's

755 7th Avenue, Marion

Zoey's Pizzeria

690 10th Street, Marion

Dine Out for Our Schools is a cooperative fundraiser between the Marion School Foundation and Linn-Mar School Foundation. Funds received by the Foundations are used to enhance classroom technology and learning tools, support innovative curriculum, and provide educational enrichment programming in all of the schools they support.



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