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December 2018 & January 2019

Kelly Kretschmar, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4  6:30 PM 1st Grade Music Program	5	6 volunteer 4th Grade Invention Convention Volunteer workshop 8:30-10:30 AM	7  PTO Movie Night 6:00-8:00 PM Giving Tree Items Due in the office	8
9	10	11	12	13  IC Day at La Cantina in Marion	14  Hy-Vee Receipts due	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Parties Pride Day 	22
23	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 	29
← NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK →						
30	31  NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	1 	2	3 volunteer Volunteer workshop 8:30-10:30 AM	4	5
6	7  PTO Meeting 6:30 PM 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	8  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	9  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	10  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	11  PTO Games Night 6:00-7:30 PM 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	12
13	14  NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	15  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE IC Night at Zio John's in Marion 4:00-9:00 PM 	16  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	17  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	18  1st Grade Dribblers 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	19
20	21  NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	22  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	23  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	24  2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	25  Mini Dance Marathon 6:00 -7:30 PM	26
27	28	29  2019-2020 Parent Information Meeting	30	31  5th Grade Band Concert 6:15 PM @ LMHS	1	2



Dear Indian Creek Families,

As you read this newsletter, Thanksgiving has come and gone and we hope each Indian Creek family was able to take some time to give thanks.

Now it is time to say "Season's Greetings!" The holiday season is a busy time of the year for our students, staff, teachers, and families. There is excitement and, at times, apprehension in the air! It is often difficult to settle the children into their school-day routines during the month of December. Teachers and staff strive to find engaging, high-interest learning activities for the students. Please call a staff member if we can be of any assistance to your family during this time.

The school year gets very focused during January and students typically make good progress during this month. Teachers and staff look forward to settling into a daily routine at school after the hectic month of December.

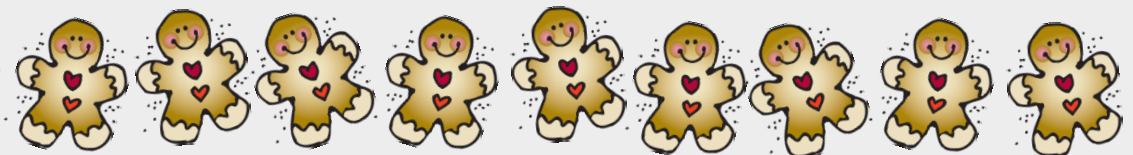
Don't forget on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup> are No School days for our students. Student report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't thought of a New Year's Resolution yet, there is always a most perfect one to consider—a daily reading time with your children. It would be a resolution that could have long-lasting, positive effects on your children's futures!

Thank you for your attention to this information. Have a wonderful month of December, a joyous holiday season and a happy new year! It is our hope that the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for our Indian Creek families and staff members.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kretschmar






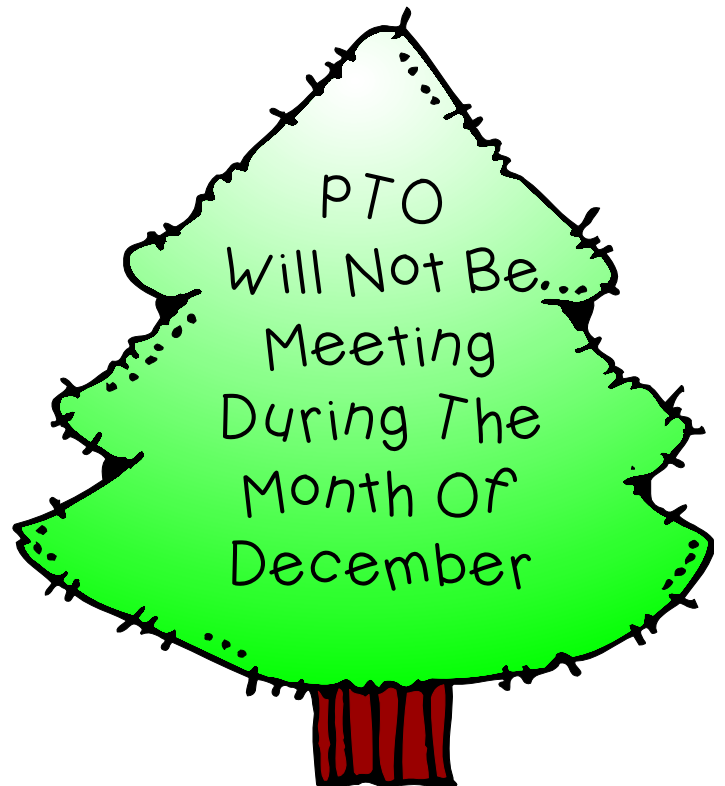
# Invention Convention News!

Indian Creek 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in an Invention Convention on Thursday, December 6. All inventions will be judged during the morning. Parents may come to view the inventions from 2:00 to 2:30. Winning inventions will be announced at the end of the day. Parents may take their student's inventions home at this time and if you wish to take your child home please sign out with your child's teacher.

Indian Creek Day at  
La Cantina  
in Marion is  
Thursday,  
December 13th



**1st Grade**   
**Music Program**  
Tuesday, December 4th  
At 6:30 PM  
in the Indian Creek Gym  
Students should wear nice  
clothing and report to  
their classrooms by  
6:10 PM





## The Indian Creek Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have taken a tag from our Giving Tree. Please remember all gifts should be returned to the office by December 7<sup>th</sup>, unwrapped with the gift tag attached. Thank you for reaching out to families in need. We all benefit from this experience.



Thursday, December 6

8:30 - 10:30 AM

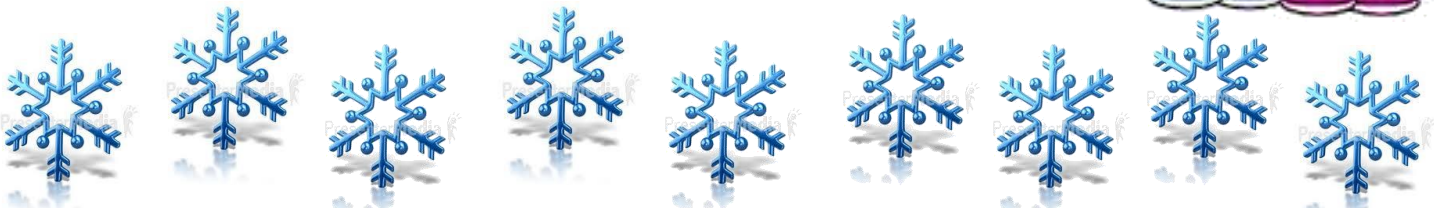


## Cash 4 Students Contest

Help your child's classroom win a popcorn party! We will be collecting Hy-Vee receipts from now until December 14<sup>th</sup>. The classroom that collects the most Hy-Vee receipts will win a popcorn party compliments of the Indian Creek PTO. Please send in your Hy-Vee receipts with your child in an envelope or baggie with their teachers name clearly marked on the outside.

# FIRST GRADE DRIBBLERS

On Friday, January 18th, all 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students will have the opportunity to perform at halftime of the Linn-Mar Boys Varsity Basketball Game. In physical education class I will teach all students a dribbling and skills routine to music. We will perform this routine at the varsity boys' game during halftime. Please accompany your child to the game by 7:30 pm and have them meet me in the cafeteria 5 min. before halftime. Dribbler's will be admitted free into the game.



## DRESS FOR RECESS

Parents, please assume that your child will be going outside for recess every day. Children should have snow pants, boots, mittens, coats, and hats. Unless the wind chill is below five, a few minutes in the fresh air gives the children a nice break.

## Lost & Found

We have an over flowing amount of coats, hats, mittens, water bottles and other various items in our lost and found. Please check to see if you might have lost something.

# Kindergarten 2019-20

We have started compiling our list of kindergarten students for the 2019-20 school year! . If you have a child that will be starting kindergarten in the 2019-20 school year or have a friend or neighbor with a first child starting kindergarten in the fall, please ask them to call Pam (447-3270) as soon as possible, to be added to our growing kindergarten list.

Our kindergarten parent orientation meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is for PARENTS ONLY. Students will visit their classrooms in August. Paperwork may be dropped off beginning at 5:45.

Children must be 5 years old by September 15, 2019 to enter school in the fall. Verification of birth (hospital certificate, baptism certificate, or certified birth certificate) must be presented on or before school registration in August. These documents may be presented during registration at the orientation meeting in February.

Parents should attend the orientation meeting in the building assigned to their home address. If a request for an Attendance Exception Request (AER) to a different building is desired, parents should still attend their assigned building's orientation. Anyone who has questions regarding the boundaries of the elementary attendance areas may call any of the secretaries at the elementary buildings.



# Roller-skating at Indian Creek!



We will begin our PTO sponsored 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Roller Skating Unit after winter break. It will begin on Monday, January 7th and will run through January 24th. Permission slips will be sent home in December. They need to be signed before your child will be able to skate. All students will need to bring and wear their own bike helmet or check one out to wear while participating in this roller-skating unit. We will not be sharing helmets and we only have a few helmets to check out. If you have any further questions, please contact Amy Hutcheson at 447-3294 or [ahutcheson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:ahutcheson@linnmar.k12.ia.us).



All Indian Creek students will soon have artwork displayed on the ARTSONIA ART GALLERY. This is a wonderful Internet Showcase of Indian Creek artists. See [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)

If your child's artwork is not displayed it is because you specifically requested that student work not be published at registration time. You can change this by logging onto the Artsonia website listed and updating that. Be looking for your student's code on a paper that will sent home Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason you would like to remove your students' artwork from the website, let me know. You may also purchase gifts with any of your student's artwork printed on it. These make very memorable keepsakes. By the end of the school year, it is our hope that your student will have at least 5 pieces of Art on their own mobile museum. You may share this site with relatives and friends to show how creative your students are. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Mrs. Havlicek  
[lhavlicek@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:lhavlicek@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

January  
 PTO Meeting  
 January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30 PM

Indian Creek Night  
 at Zio Johnno's  
 in Marion  
 Tuesday, January 15  
 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM




Volunteer  
 Workshop  
 Thursday, January 3  
 8:30 - 10:30 am



## ❄️❄️❄️ Attendance Procedures ❄️❄️❄️

- If your student will be absent or arriving late, parent are asked to call the Indian Creek attendance line (447-3272) by 8:00 AM. Please be sure to state your students name, the homeroom teacher and the reason for their absence. If you child is ill please give a short description of the illness (for state health reporting).
- If your student will be arriving late, please indicate their lunch choice either hot, alternate, Lion Cub, or cold lunch.
- If your student will be leaving early, please call the attendance line at 447-3272 and let us know who will be picking up your student and the time he/she will be leaving.
- **We will not call students to the office until you arrive**, please allow a few extra minutes when picking up your student.





## "Inclement Weather" Policy

It's that time of year when we need to give some thought to weather-related late arrivals and early dismissals. If severe weather, including fog, forces a late arrival or the closing of school for the entire day, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations, starting by at least 6:30 a.m. Announcements can also be accessed on the Linn-Mar website at [www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us), or online at KGAN.com or KCRG.com. You can choose to receive notification of an early dismissal/late arrival by Twitter or Facebook, just go to the Linn-Mar website and click on the corresponding icons (at the bottom of the page) to sign up for notification via these social media sites, including the option to have text messages sent directly to your cell phone. You may also get a text notification from KCRG; just sign up on their web sites.

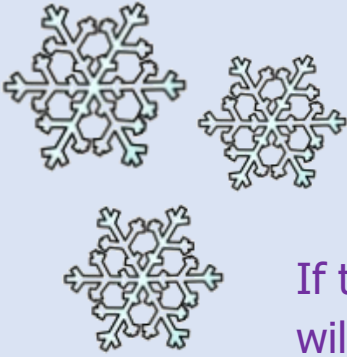
**Please do not call the school.** If a late arrival is declared, school will start at 10:00 a.m. and students may enter the building at 9:45 a.m., with bus pickups occurring two hours later than usual. For example, if the bus usually picks up your child at 7:24 in the morning, he/she will be picked up at 9:24 a.m. on a late arrival day. Early dismissals are announced on the local radio and television stations as well. If the weather seems threatening, keep in mind that an early dismissal is possible and listen for news announcements on your radio or television. Please discuss with your child where he/she is supposed to go in the event of an early dismissal. Unless we have been notified by a parent or guardian, we have them go home in their usual way. Thank you!

***Breakfast will be something very simple (granola bar and juice) on late arrival days, even to Hand in Hand students. If the late arrival occurs on a "band" day, band will not be held, but lessons will continue as usual, so have your child bring their instrument.***

## Attendance Exception Requests for 2019-2020 due March 1

Parents/Guardians of Linn-Mar resident students wishing to attend a Linn-Mar school outside their assigned attendance center area must submit their annual letter for an attendance exception request in writing by March 1. Letters may be mailed to Nathan Wear, Associate Superintendent, 2999 North Tenth Street, Marion, IA 52302. Requests will be evaluated after an assessment of classroom seat space is made. Requests are **NOT** guaranteed from year to year. Interested parents should be aware that district transportation is NOT available to students receiving approval for an attendance center request.



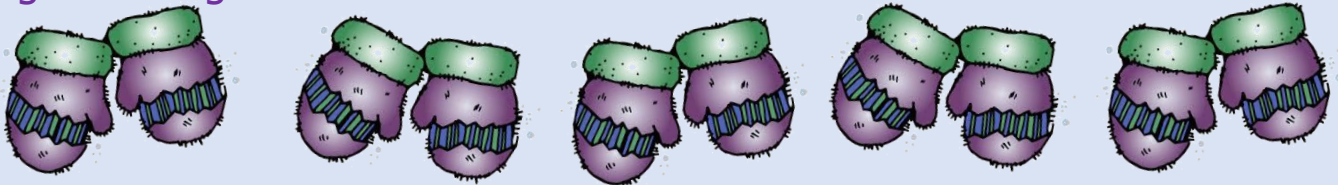


## Snowy Weather and the Playground

If there is snow on the ground, these are the guidelines we will be using at Indian Creek for the playground:

1. Children without snow boots (boots that are not worn all day long) will be asked to play on the shoveled areas of the playground only.
2. Children with snow boots will be allowed to walk in the snowy areas.
3. Children with snow boots, snow pants/snow suits, and mittens/gloves will be allowed to play in the snow.

It is also a good idea to send hat/hood, ear band or earmuffs, mittens/gloves as well. Since we all know the weather in Iowa changes quickly, it would be helpful if you could send these things with your child daily (a plastic grocery bag or a one of the new recyclable grocery bag would be a great carryall bag). This way we all are sure to enjoy the snowy days on the playground without becoming wet and cold. **Please label each item with your child's name.** Our health office is no longer loaning winter wear for students to use at recess. Thanks!!!!



**Mini Dance Marathon**  
**Friday, January 25**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Indian Creek Gym**





# PTO News



Next PTO meeting is January 7th at 6:30 pm.  
There will be no meeting in December

## Box Tops

Thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops so far this year! Keep on collecting those Box Tops! A few helpful hints when trimming, please make sure that the expiration date & the 3 or 4 digit merchant code are clearly visible. We cannot send in any Box Tops that are expired. When you turn them into school, please mark the teacher's name on the bag or paper so credit can go to the correct classroom. Thanks everyone!

## CASH for Kids

HY-VEE receipts due Friday, December 14th. There will be a popcorn party for the class that has collected the most HY-VEE receipts. Please place receipts in an envelope/baggie with your child's name and classroom teacher clearly marked on the



**Indian Creek  
PTO Game Night  
Friday, January 11th  
6:00-7:30 PM**



**Indian Creek  
PTO Movie Night  
Friday, December 7th  
6:00-8:00 PM**

# Winter Band Concert

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, January 31st, 2019 in the HS Auditorium. Concert time is 6:15 PM, and monetary donations will be accepted. Band students from all 7 buildings will be performing together!

All fifth grade band students should arrive at the High School between 5:45 and 6:00 PM and be in the Little Theatre ready to warm-up NO LATER than 6:05 PM. Coats and cases can be kept in the LT. Students will need to bring their Instrument, and Band music from home. Tubas, baritones, and all percussion instruments will already be at the HS. Please have students wear nice dress clothes for this MAJOR concert (no jeans or tennis shoes please). During the concert we will be having a group photo taken by Hall's Photo. 8 x 10 color photographs can be ordered for \$10.00. Order forms will be sent home with students that day, and available at the concert.

In preparation for the concert we will be practicing together THAT morning BEFORE school (7:30 am – 8:30 am) in the HS Auditorium. Please drop your student off at the HS AUDITORIUM Circle Drive entrance (DOOR 1) – Not the North Entrance...between 7:15 and 7:20 am. All students will be transported from the HS to their building after our rehearsal. Because this is our only chance to rehearse with all 173 students together, it is VERY important that every Band student attend this rehearsal! The students have been working extremely hard to prepare for this big concert. We hope you will attend.

Kevin Makinster & Amy Sams  
Directors of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands  
[kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us)



## Linn-Mar Virtual Backpack

Don't forget to check in the Linn-Mar Virtual Backpack for additional information on school and local events. You can find the Virtual Backpack on the Linn-Mar website under quick links. Check back often for additional information.





## Notes from the Health Office



•If your child contracts a communicable illness, such as strep throat, pink eye, etc., please call Mrs. Rosendale, our health assistant, at 447-3273. She will distribute informational notes to the other students in your child's classroom. Then, teachers and classmates can take additional measures to reduce the spread of these illnesses. In the case of a communicable illness, please wait 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment before sending your child back to school.

•Since the cold and flu season is upon us, please do not send your child to school if they are ill. Students who have been ill should not return to school until they have been fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours.

•If a student needs to take cough drops during the school day, you may send cough drops from home. Our health assistant can give students cough drops with written permission from parents. A doctor's signature is not required. Students should bring cough drops to the health office; they should not be taken to the classroom. Cough drops will be labeled with the student's name and will be kept in the health office. An entry will be made in our health log every time a student is given a cough drop.

•A physician's order (which can be faxed to the school office at 373-9233) and written parental permission is required for over-the-counter medications to be given to students at school. All medications will be distributed through the health office.

•Students in elementary school are allowed to refrain from participation in outdoor recess or physical education classes for health reasons for up to three (3) consecutive school days with a written request from the parent or guardian. A physician's note, explaining the nature of the student's limitation and recommended length of non-participation, shall be requested after the third excused day.

•Emphasize the importance of hand washing to your child/ren. Washing hands after using the restroom, sneezing, coughing, blowing your nose, and before eating can help keep us healthy.



**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**

**November**

M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

**December**

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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**January**

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Elementary school not in session

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast: Cereal bar</b>	<b>Mini pancakes</b>	<b>Bagel bites</b>	<b>Waffle sticks</b>	<b>Toast</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal pan pizza (Cheese)</li> <li>Pigs in a blanket Corn</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Applesauce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French toast sticks with egg omelet</li> <li>Fish sandwich</li> <li>Smiley potatoes</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Grapes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken strips with fresh baked roll</li> <li>Sunbutter &amp; jelly sandwich w/string cheese</li> <li>Baked beans</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Mixed fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken patty s/w</li> <li>Rotini &amp; meat sauce with garlic breadstick</li> <li>Romaine blend lettuce &amp; tomato salad</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fruit cup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot dog with bun</li> <li>Chicken teriyaki &amp; seasoned rice</li> <li>Stir fry vegetables</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Mandarin oranges</li> </ul>
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast: Long john</b>	<b>Bagel/hard boiled egg</b>	<b>Fresh baked muffin</b>	<b>French toast sticks</b>	<b>Toast</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stuffed cheese sticks</li> <li>Chili with bread/butter sandwich</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Warm cinnamon apples</li> <li>Chocolate chip cookie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pancakes &amp; little smokies*</li> <li>Macaroni &amp; cheese</li> <li>Tator tots</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Juicy orange wedges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taco with tortilla chips</li> <li>Hoagie sub s/w</li> <li>Lettuce &amp; tomato</li> <li>Refried beans</li> <li>Pears</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popcorn chicken with b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Breakfast sandwich</li> <li>Mixed vegetables</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fresh fruit cup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini corn dogs</li> <li>Soft pretzel with cheese sauce</li> <li>Potato wedges</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Strawberries</li> </ul>
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast: WG Poptart</b>	<b>Mini WG donuts</b>	<b>Frudel pastry</b>	<b>Pancake on a stick*</b>	<b>Toast</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamburger</li> <li>Grilled cheese sandwich</li> <li>Baked beans</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fresh apple slices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken noodle soup with cracker</li> <li>Pigs in a blanket</li> <li>Peas and carrots</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Mandarin oranges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza crunchers</li> <li>Pretzel roll with hot ham &amp; cheese</li> <li>Sweet potato fries</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Pineapple</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken patty s/w</li> <li>Lasagna</li> <li>Garlic breadstick</li> <li>Romaine blend lettuce &amp; tomato salad</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fresh fruit cup</li> <li>Sugar cookie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken nuggets with b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Shrimp poppers with b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Mashed potatoes &amp; gravy</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Peaches</li> </ul>
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• **Entrée Choice**  
**Lion Cub Meal**  
Fruit, yogurt, cheese, crackers and a veggie (including beans when menued)

**Sunbutter & jelly sandwich** Peanut free option made with sunflower seeds  
Menu subject to change without notice  
\*May contain pork  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Tues., Nov. 20 and Thursday, Dec. 21  
It's a holiday feast!  
Turkey & gravy with mashed potatoes, fresh baked roll, corn, peaches, ice cream cup. NO ALTERNATE