

Indian Creek News

February 2019

Kelly Kretschmar Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5  Orchestra Concert 6:00 PM @ LMHS Kindergarten Weather Date 2019-2020 Parent Information Meeting	6	7  Volunteer workshop 8:30-10:30 AM 5:30-6:30 Art Reception at Lowe Park  Take Note 6:15 PM 5th Grade Band Concert @ LMHS	8	9
10 Indian Creek Day at Super Skate 4:00-6:00 PM	11  2nd Grade Swimming Unit  6:30 PM PTO Meeting	12  2nd Grade Swimming Unit	13  2nd Grade Swimming Unit	14  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Classroom Valentine Exchange  2nd Grade Swimming Unit	15  2nd Grade Swimming Unit	16
17	18  No School Comp Day	19	20	21  6:30 PM 4th Grade Music Program RESCHEDULED To March 4th	22  Pride Day	23
24	25	26	27	28  Indian Creek Night at Perkins from 4:00-9:00 PM	1 Attendance Exception Requests Due in the District Offices	2



From The Principal....

Dear Indian Creek Families,

This is such an exciting time of the year in elementary schools. The students seem to soar and we see lots of academic growth in these winter months!

We hope everyone is staying as healthy as possible. Please remind your children of good hand-washing habits as one way to remain healthy and ready to learn.

We are proud to continue and deepen our use of an additional academic communication tool here at our school. Teachers are using SeeSaw to showcase student learning at Indian Creek. Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio which allows parents to communicate with their student about the learning process. Seesaw gives families an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day, helping to answer that question "What did you do at school today?" One goal that we have here at Indian Creek with the use of SeeSaw is to mold students that are visible learners. Students that can speak about their learning journey, who know how they learn best and students who own their learning. This tool gives us opportunities to develop visible learners at our school.

The month of February brings a few special events to keep us all excited! Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. In the United States, we also celebrate Presidents' Day on the third Monday of February. Presidents' Day is a United States holiday popularly honoring George Washington's February 22nd birthday and Abraham Lincoln's February 12th, birthday, and sometimes all of the U.S. presidents are recognized.

Please note on your calendar that Monday, February 18th is a No School Day. Our PTO will meet on Monday, February 11th at 6:30 PM in our school library. Lastly, students will enjoy a Valentine Exchange on Wednesday, February 14th. Also, Looking ahead to March, Late Night Conferences at Indian Creek will be held on Thursday, March 7th, and Tuesday, March 12th.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kretschmar

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, Assistant 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.



Kindergarten

RESCHEDULED

Kindergarten Parent Meeting
 Tuesday, February 5
 6:00 PM (Doors Open at 5:45)
 ****Parents Only****

INDIAN CREEK DAY
 at SUPER SKATE
 SUNDAY
 FEBRUARY 10
 4:00-6:00 PM



2nd Grade Swimming

Indian Creek 2nd graders will be going to the Linn-Mar aquatic Center to participate in a five day aquatic experience on February 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. Students will be bussed to and from the Aquatic Center. Students should bring their swimming gear in a bag to take to the Aquatic center each day. The swimming schedule is as follows:



2KF Mrs. Felber 9:00-10:05
 2JD Mrs. Dechant 9:40-10:45
 2JM Mrs. Moore 10:20-11:25
 2AL Mrs. Ludwig 12:30-1:35

CogAT Testing for 5th Grade Students

Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students:

Each year, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is given to all 5th graders in the district. The CogAT is a standardized test, but quite different from NWEA, Fastbridge Assessments, and Iowa Statewide Assessments of Student Progress. The CogAT measures students' learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities in the three areas most linked to success in school--Verbal, Quantitative, and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The CogAT measures the cognitive processes that a child has developed to learn new things and solve problems. Experiences both in and out of school affect this skill development.

The CogAT consists of three separate tests: Verbal, Non-Verbal, and Quantitative subtests. The test battery will be administered over three days during the week of February 19-22 for 45-50 minutes each day. The results of this test, in combination with NWEA, are used in the identification process for the Middle School Talented and Gifted (TAG) program.

Please make sure your child is at school on time each day. It is important that students are well-rested and eat a healthy breakfast to help them do their best. If you have any questions about the test, please contact your school counselor or Brenda Bauermeister, Elementary TAG Coordinator, at bbauermeister@linmar.k12.ia.us.

Winter Band Concert

The 5th Grade Band Winter Concert has been RESCHEDULED to Thursday, February 5th, 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.

HEALTHY KIDS INITIATIVE & BLUE ZONE!

The staff at Linn-Mar Community Schools is committed to promoting the health and well-being of our students. In accordance with Linn-Mar's designation as a Blue Zones School District the following procedures are in place to provide students with healthier lifestyle choices in regards to birthday celebrations in the classroom.

Student birthdays may be celebrated at school. Birthdays can be celebrated with non-food options including (but not limited to) name recognition on the school announcements, a special acknowledgement from the school office and classroom recognitions (i.e. birthday crowns, sit with a special friend at lunch, being designated as the line leader for the day, etc.). Students may also choose to bring in nonfood items to share with classmates and school staff such as pencils, special note pads, pens, other writing tools, etc. Sugary treats should be avoided and are discouraged for birthday treats at school.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with our Blue Zone district!



Indian Creek Night at Perkins

Thursday, February 28,
From 4:00-9:00 PM

Indian Creek PTO will receive 25%
of your sale with a flyer or
mention of Indian Creek Night.



Indian Creek
Pride Day
Friday
February 28

Orchestra News.....



The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working very hard on new notes and rhythms in preparation for the Winter Orchestra Concert on Tuesday, February 5th. Students will be meeting in the High School Auditorium for the Dress Rehearsal before school that morning from 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Parents, please drop your child off on the north side of the building (door #3) by 6:50 a.m. to allow students enough time to unpack and find their seat on stage. A bus will provide transportation back to school following our rehearsal together.

The concert begins that evening at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and support our 5th Grade Orchestra!!

~ Ms. Vieth ~

Upcoming Orchestra Events...

- Monday, May 6th – 5th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert at Excelsior Middle School



Fourth Grade Music Program



Please join us Thursday, February 21st **RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 4th** for the fourth grade music Program at 6:30 PM in the Indian Creek gym. Students should report to their classrooms at 6:10 PM as the program will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Students should wear nice clothes as we want to look as good as we will sound.

Hy-Vee Receipt Challenge

The Hy-Vee receipt challenge winning classrooms are:

KRS Mrs. Shumaker's kindergarten classroom and

5KM Mrs. Meidlinger's 5th grade classroom

Each classroom will receive a popcorn party!



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

We care at Indian Creek!



The Indian Creek lost and found is filling up with all kinds of

things, so you might want to stop by and take a look for those missing mittens, gloves, hats, sweatshirts, jackets, coats, snow pants, lunchboxes, water bottles, and an assortment of other various things.



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.

Morning Car Drop Off Reminders

All students arriving to school as car riders are expected to be dropped off in the back parking lot. For everyone's safety please be sure to follow the following procedures for drop off.

- Pull up in the lane closest to the building, next to the side walk.
- The first car should pull up and stop at the start of the sidewalk (just past the corner of the gym). The next car in line should pull up directly behind the car in front of them and continue this pattern the length of the side walk. Our goal is to get as many cars off of 29th as possible and to unload the full length of the sidewalk at one time.
- Students will exit from the passenger side of the vehicle. Staff will be on duty to help students if needed.
- Drivers will remain in the car.
- All cars next to the sidewalk and all the way back to where the side walk ends will have students exit the vehicles safely then pull forward in line (do not pull around other cars) around the corner to the back lane to exit the parking lot.
- Please be alert to the staff on duty, helping children exiting vehicles, as they may indicate that students can exit before your vehicle reaches the sidewalk.
- Students should not be dropped off in the front parking lot.
- If after 8:00 AM students will need an adult to walk them into the building to sign them in for the day.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of our morning drop off procedures. We want all of our students, families, and staff safe during the busy drop off time.



♡Thank You ♡ Thank You ♡ Thank You♡

Thank you to the Indian Creek PT♡ for the December Staff Appreciation treats. We do have the best PT♡!
Thank you!



Thank you volunteers!

We would like to say Thank you to all of the volunteers who braved the cold to help us at our December and January volunteer workshops
Thank you so much!!

Important Safety Reminders

We ask that all forgotten items at home, or school projects be delivered to the main office and our staff will make sure to get items delivered to your child's classroom. We ask any parent walking children into our building in the morning to use the front door and say good-bye to your child in the front foyer area. If you need to meet with your child's teacher, that will need to be prescheduled.

All visitors for lunch will wait for their student with whom you are having lunch in or right outside of the office after filling out a visitor's badge. We need to know if you plan to go out to recess and make sure your visitor's badge is visible on the outside of clothing.

Regular volunteers will continue to sign-in as you have done so well in the past.

You are welcome here at all times. We are simply following district safety protocol.

Linn-Mar School Foundation News



ALL ABOARD

Cruising for Linn-Mar Kids!

SAVE THE DATE:

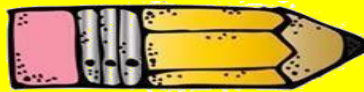
Friday 1st March 2019

Cedar Rapids Marriott

LINN-MAR
School Foundation

Linn-Mar Foundation's Mane Event Benefiting
the Linn-Mar Community School District

Early Bird Tickets
through February 15th



PARENT-TEACHER Conference

Indian Creek Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 12th. Please watch for an instruction sheet to be sent home with students mid-February. The online scheduler will open to parents on Tuesday, February 19th and will close on Thursday, February 28th.

Parent Tips

Why Should My Child Read For 20 Minutes At Home?



Tommy reads an average of **20 minutes** per day.



Jenny reads an average of **5 minutes** per day.



Kelly reads an average of **1 minute** per day.

Tommy reads **100 minutes** in one week.

Jenny reads **25 minutes** in one week.

Kelly reads **5 minutes** in one week.

Tommy reads **3600 minutes** in a school year.

Jenny reads **900 minutes** in a school year.

Kelly reads **180 minutes** in a school year.

Tommy reads **1,800,000 words** in a school year.

Jenny reads **282,000 words** in a school year.

Kelly reads **8,000 words** in a school year.

By the end of 6th grade Tommy will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days, Jenny will have read for the equivalent of 12 whole school days, and Kelly will have read for the equivalent of 3 whole school days.

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- How do you think each student will feel about himself or herself as a learner?



**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 \$.50

Elementary school not in session

February

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

March

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Cereal bar	Mini pancakes	Bagel bites	Waffle sticks	Toast
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal pan pizza (Cheese) Pigs in a blanket Corn Fresh veggie cup Apple sauce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French toast sticks with egg omelet Fish sandwich Smiley potatoes Fresh veggie cup Grapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken strips with fresh baked roll San butter & jelly s/w w/string cheese and goldfish Baked beans Fresh veggie cup Mixed fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken patty s/w Rotini & meat sauce w/garlic breadstick Romaine blend lettuce & tomato salad Fresh veggie cup Apple slices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot dog with bun Chicken teriyaki & brown rice Sch fry vegetables Fresh veggie cup Mandarin oranges
• 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuffed cheese sticks Chili with bread/butter sandwich Fresh veggie cup Warm cinnamon apples Chocolate chip cookie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancakes & little smokies* Macaroni & cheese Tator tots Fresh veggie cup Orange wedges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taco with tortilla chips Hoagie sub s/w lettuce & tomato Befried beans Pears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popcorn chicken with bibb sandwich Breakfast sandwich Mixed vegetables Fresh veggie cup Pineapple 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini corn dogs Soft pretzel with cheese sauce Potato wedges Fresh veggie cup Strawberry cups
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: WG Popart	Mini WG donuts	Fruited pastry	Pancake on a stick*	Toast
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburger Grilled cheese sandwich Baked beans Fresh veggie cup Apple slices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken noodle soup with cracker Pigs in a blanket Pears and carrots Fresh veggie cup Mandarin oranges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza crunchers Pretzel roll with hot ham & cheese Sweet potato fries Fresh veggie cup Fruit juice slushie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken patty s/w Lasagna w/ garlic breadstick Romaine blend lettuce & tomato salad Fresh veggie cup Orange wedges White cake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken nuggets with bibb sandwich Shrimp poppers with bibb sandwich Mashed potatoes & gravy Fresh veggie cup Peaches
• Lion Cub Meal	• 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 on the menu)

San Butter & 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