



Indian Creek News

October 2020

Kelly Kretschmar, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  PTO Meeting 6:30 PM Virtual	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30  Pride Day	31



Dear Indian Creek Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We want to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning and new families. The staff is excited to be back at school and we look forward to another successful school year at Indian Creek. We know high levels of learning will be achieved by all and our students will have a tremendous year!

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 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. Our staff is working hard to notice the positive behaviors from students, and we are all acknowledging their positive behavior choices with red thank you notes. Ask your child if he/she has received a paw or a thank you note!

September has proved to be a busy month at Indian Creek as staff and students get re-acquainted and settle into a new routine. It is hard to believe that October is already here, but we can feel it in the crisp air and the changing of the seasons. Good communication is important to us in working collaboratively to impact student learning. Please contact us with any concerns, questions, or compliments and please watch for weekly updates from your child's classroom teacher as well as the office.

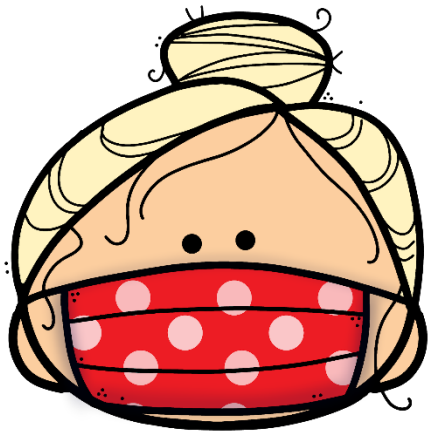
Finally, I would like to thank all our families for being patient as we adjust to a new normal. A new normal at the elementary level is not easy for anyone but we are starting to recognize our masked students and building wonderful relationships with each of them. On top of it, we miss seeing the smiling faces of all our families as well as our volunteers and all you do for us.

Take care!

Kelly Kretschmar



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.

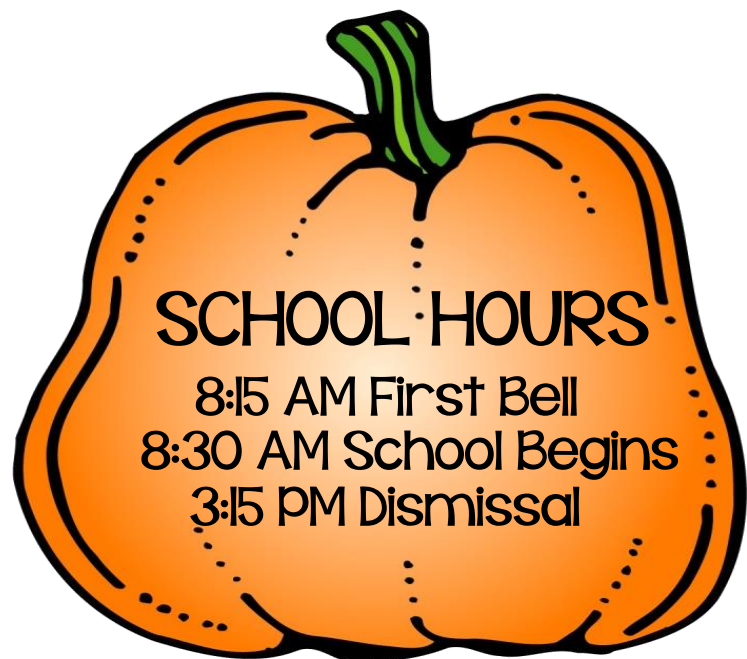


**Face Masks are
required at
school, thank you!**

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to accommodate forgotten items such as ~ water bottles, snacks, library books and homework. Please remember to send these items with your student daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep Your Child Home If...

- Has a fever (100.0 F without fever reducers) or Chills
- A Cough
- A Sore Throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Excessive Tiredness
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea



COVID Information/Questions for School

When calling your child out for illness please have the following information ready.

Due to COVID concerns will be asking and needing a little more information than we have in the past.

Student's Name ~

Student's Teacher ~

Does your student have a fever?

- If yes, is the fever equal to or greater than 100.0 F?
- If fever is 100.0F or greater without fever reducers student must stay home.

Do any family members have COVID or symptoms of COVID at this time?

- If yes, student must stay home for 14 days since last exposure.

Does you child have any of the following symptoms?

- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/vomiting
- Muscle/body aches
- Sore throat
- Fatigue/lethargy
- Rash
- Congestion/runny nose
- If your student has two or more of possible COVID symptoms we are requiring that he or she remain at home for 10 days or be tested for COVID or another illness.

Does you child ride the bus?

Names of other students in the house?

Would you like the school nurse or health assistant you contact you regarding the symptoms and or absence?

- Someone may contact you for further information even if you do not request a call.

Reduce the COVID Spread at School



Wear a mask.



Keep your Distance.



Wash your Hands.



Lunch & Recess Times

Please see Indian Creek's lunch and recess schedule listed below.

Grade Level	Lunch Time	Recess Time
Kindergarten	11:30-11:55	11:55-12:15
First Grade	12:00-12:25	12:25-12:45
Second Grade	12:30-12:55	12:55-1:15
Third Grade	11:00-11:25	11:25-11:45
Fourth Grade	1:00-1:20	1:20-1:45

Students Arriving Late and Leaving Early

Bringing your child to school late or picking your child up early will look different this year.

If you are bringing your child to school late you will need to pull into the parking lot off Indian Creek Road and park in a parking space and call the Indian Creek office. Once you reach someone in the office, they will send a staff member out to walk your child into the building.

If you have to pick your student up early for an appointment, going out of town, or whatever the case maybe you will need to pull into the parking lot off of Indian Creek Road and park in a parking space and call the Indian Creek office (319.447.3270 or 319.447.3272). Once you reach someone in the office please provide a description of your vehicle and location as to where you are parked. The office staff will call your child from his or her class and walk him or her to your vehicle. Please allow for extra time when picking up your child early from school. Please note we will not be able to call students from class and walk them out until you are parked in the parking lot. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Crossing Guard Safety

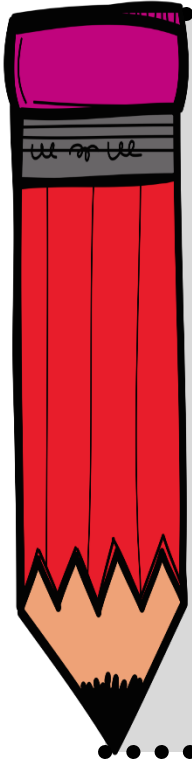
Please help us keep our crossing guards and students safe! Morning crossing at the corner of Indian Creek Road and 2nd Avenue is a very busy time. Please be sure to watch for directions from our crossing guards while you are at the intersection. A few points to remember. All vehicles must stop once the crossing guard or pedestrian steps into the cross walk and must remain stopped until the crossing guard and or pedestrian has safely crossed the street and is no longer in the cross walk. Making a quick right-hand turn is not ever allowed while the crossing guard or pedestrian is still in the cross walk.



Front Parking Lot Procedures



To allow our school busses 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 8:00 AM until 8:30 AM. Parents who will be dropping off children at Hand in Hand will need to have them dropped off by 8:00 AM. Dismissal is another challenge. We have 4 busses to load after school and will need to have the entire parking lot cleared by 2:45 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.



Office Contact Information

Principal: Mrs. Kelly Kretschmar

E-mail: kkretschmar@linnmar.k12.ia.us Phone: 319-447-3271

School Facilitator: Mrs. Courtney Skoneczka

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Administrative Secretary: Mrs. Pam Harder

E-mail: pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us Phone: 319-447-3270

Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Laura James

E-mail: Laura.James@linnmar.k12.ia.us Phone: 319-447-3274

Guidance Secretary: Mrs. Kitty Strauser

E-mail: kstrauser@linnmar.k12.ia.us Phone: 319-447-3272

Indian Creek Health Office

Please keep this information handy.

Indian Creek Health Office Phone Number

319.447.3273

Indian Creek Health Assistant:

Stephanie Rosendale

E-Mail: srosendale@linn-mar.k12.ia.us

Indian Creek District Nurse:

Marilyn Calcara

E-Mail: mcalcara@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Online Learners

Online School Principal:

Mr. Read

e-Mail:

bread@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Phone:

319.447.3016



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Indian Creek Website: <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/school/indian-creek/>



Morning Drop Off Procedure:

Enter the back parking lot off of 29th Avenue. Pull into lane 5, next to the sidewalk, and as far forward as possible. If you are the first vehicle you will park just beyond the corner of the gym and **wait for an on-duty staff member** to assist your student. Students will exit the vehicle on the passenger's side of the vehicle. *Drivers: please REMAIN in your vehicle* and watch for direction from staff on duty. If Lane 5 is full pull behind the vehicles in the lane forming a U shape (see the arrows above) holding pattern. Lane 5 will fill as vehicles exit the lane. All vehicles need to **stay in the line (do not pull out and around the vehicles in front of you)** following the vehicle in front of them to the end of the lane where vehicles will turn left, staying along the edge of the parking lot back to the 29th Avenue driveway.

Afternoon Pick Up Procedure:

Notice we have five lanes designated for pick up lanes. Lane 1 and 2 are in between the first and second row of the parked cars and lanes 3, 4 and 5 are located between the parking lot and the sidewalk next to the school. Enter the back parking lot off of 29th Avenue filling lanes 1 and 2 first, then lanes 3 and 4. Lane 5 is reserved for the daycare busses and vans. The first vehicle should pull up as far as possible in the lane. If the lanes are full vehicles should form a U shape (see the arrows above) holding pattern and wait for instructions to be given by the staff on duty. Indian Creek staff will use walkie-talkies to communicate. Staff will identify drivers and call for students. Students will walk down the passenger side of each lane to load vehicles and follow instructions given by the staff on duty. *Drivers: Please REMAIN in your vehicles.* If your student has not been loaded and the lane is ready to exit please pull forward and park on the re-load area (located on the north end) of the lot. A staff member will escort your student to your vehicle. Once your child(ren) have been loaded please **stay in the line (do not pull out and around the vehicles in front of you)** and follow the car in front of you to exit the parking lot.

Thank you to all of our families for following these procedures and keeping our students, staff, and families safe during these very busy times of the day.

Ways to Help Our School..

amazonsmile
 You shop. Amazon gives.



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice ~ like Indian Creek PTO! For more information about AmazonSmile donations, go to org.amazon.com Look for Indian Creek Parent Teacher Organization EIN 21-0572257

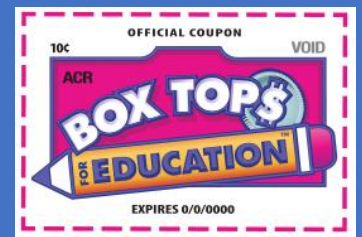
Box Tops For Education

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

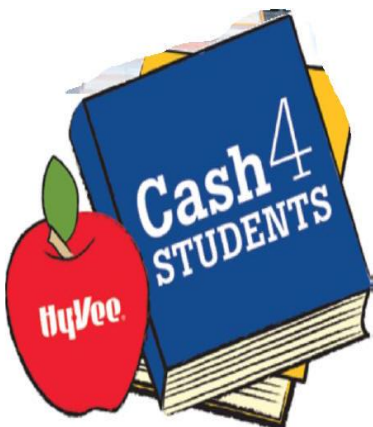
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Cash 4 Students



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 in. 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, 2019 to April 1, 2020. 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.

CASEY'S Rewards CASH for CLASSROOMS

Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards, supports teachers through cash donations to schools for the things they need most. Members can turn their points into a Cash for Classrooms donation that is directed specifically to the school of their choice.

Casey's Rewards members can search our database of more than 35,000 schools across the 16 states that Casey's calls home.

Get started today by signing up for Casey's Rewards and selecting the school you'd like to support!

Link: <https://www.caseys.com/schools>



A small act can make a huge difference

Everyone's connected to a school in some way. Maybe you work there, or have family enrolled in one, or you have a great school in your community. No matter the connection, schools and the education they provide are important, and anything that can help stretch a school's budget allows them to provide the best education possible.

How it works

Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide your school's ID at checkout (in store and online) and your designated school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies!

It's a small act that can make a huge difference.



PINK NOTES

Pink notes are a communication tool sent at the end of the day to students who have a change in their typical way home ~ please remember the notes are not meant to be a daily communication. It is best to send a note to your child's teacher in the morning indicating how he or she will be going home if you have a change in plans. If you need to call to make a change you will need to call before 2:00 pm and know who your child's teacher is and what their bus number is ~ these are safety measures to ensure safety for our students. We ask that you do not send an e-mail indicating changes for your children as we cannot guarantee the person receiving the e-mail will be able to see the message in time, or they may be out of the office for the day, or in meetings. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

PTO NEWS

October Virtual PTO Meeting

When: Monday, October 12th Time: 6:30 PM

Indian Creek PTO has a Facebook page! Please follow the link below and *like* our page to receive updates and reminders from Indian Creek PTO!

<https://www.facebook.com/Indian-Creek-PTO-132334564071200/>

Thank you for your support of Indian Creek!



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

The Indian Creek PTO Needs You!

We would love to have you join us at one or all of the Indian Creek PTO VIRTUAL meetings this year.

Monday, October 12th, 6:30 PM

Monday, November 9th, 6:30 PM

Monday, December 14th, 6:30 PM

No January meeting scheduled

Monday, February 8th, 6:30 PM

Monday, March 8th, 6:30 PM

Monday, April 12th, 6:30 PM

Monday, May 10th, 6:30 PM





2020-2021 Indian Creek PTO Information

E-mail: indiancreekpto@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook: Indian Creek PTO

The **Indian Creek PTO** would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! We are looking forward to a new school year, even though this year will likely look different from years past! Please join in supporting our efforts.

What the PTO does

- ★ We provide an opportunity for parents to connect directly with our teachers and school administrators to learn about important news and upcoming events that impact our school.
- ★ We FUNdraise to support Indian Creek students and staff.
- ★ We typically host various social events and activities for students and their families throughout the school year, however at this time these events will not be able to be held

Why we FUNdraise

- ★ Technology for the classroom
- ★ Updated supplies and equipment for the school (such as: classroom microphones, books)
- ★ Staff appreciation events
- ★ Back to school start-up funds for our teachers
- ★ Special activities and events for students during the school year
- ★ And more!

How we FUNdraise

- ★ Annual Campaign (replacing fundraising efforts from Stride for Pride and Family Fun Night)
- ★ Box Tops for Education
- ★ Hy-Vee Cash 4 Students
- ★ Restaurant Nights

PTO Board

Angela Burke, **Chair**
 Nicole Phillips, **Co-Chair**
 Greg Meier, **Treasurer**
 Cari Foss, **Secretary**

PTO Meetings

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Virtual Meetings 2nd Monday of the Month

- ★ October 12
- ★ November 9
- ★ December 14
- ★ January - No PTO Meeting
- ★ February 8
- ★ March 8
- ★ April 12
- ★ May 10

PTO Committee Chairs

- ★ **Box Tops**, Gretchen Ketels
- ★ **Clothing Sales**, Jamila Vrba
- ★ **Hy-Vee Receipts**, Amanda Rink
- ★ **Restaurant Nights**, Lea Black
- ★ **Staff Appreciation Coordinators**, Amber Nelson & Jennifer Pate
- ★ **Volunteer Coordinator**, Stephanie Meier
- ★ **Yearbook**, Regan Dahlstrom



Linn-Mar Community School K-12

2020-21 Cycle Menu

Breakfast: (entrée, milk, juice or fruit)

Lunch: (Includes: entrée, milk, fruit and vegetable)

Student: FREE; Adult: \$2.10

Student: FREE; Adult: \$3.85

A la carte milk \$.50

September

M	T	W	T	F
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Cereal	Mini pancakes	Cereal bar	Pop tart	Cereal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburger Corn Carrots Applesauce Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French toast sticks with egg omelet Tater tots Cucumber slices Blueberries Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken tenders with dinner roll Broccoli Cauliflower Fresh fruit slushie Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot dog Baked beans Celery sticks Peaches Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garlic cheese bread w/marinara sauce Romaine salad Grape tomatoes Grapes Apple slices Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Cereal	Waffle sticks	Cereal bar	Yogurt w/muffin	Cereal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popcorn chicken with bread and butter sandwich Mixed Vegetables Broccoli Pineapple Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking taco w/tortilla chips Lettuce/cheese/tomato Green peppers w/hummus Mixed fruit Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macaroni & cheese with breadstick Peas & carrots Cucumber slices Orange wedges Apple slices Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken patty French fries Cherry tomatoes Cantaloupe Honey dew melon Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese pizza Green beans Carrots Mandarin oranges Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Cereal	Mini WG donuts	French toast sticks	Pop tart	Cereal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Crunchers Sweet potato fries Cauliflower Grapes Apple slices Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grilled chicken sandwich Carrots Fresh broccoli Hummus cup Strawberry cup Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandarin orange chicken w/rice Stir fry vegetables Cucumbers Applesauce Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast sandwich Potato wedges Green peppers Orange juice cup Milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuffed cheese sticks w/marinara sauce Romaine salad Grape tomatoes Pears Milk

Menu Subject to Change without notice

*May contain pork

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

***Meals are being provided curbside for virtual learners from 9:00-9:30 at Novak Elementary and Linn Grove Elementary.**