

Indian Creek News

February/March 2024

Kelly Kretschmar Principal

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Volunteer Workshop 9:00 - 10:30 AM IC Multi-Purpose Room	2
5	6	7 PTO Bingo Night (6:00-7:00) multi-purpose room	8	9
12	13 1st Grade Music Program 6:30 Program	14 Friendship Parties	15	16
19 NO SCHOOL	20 3rd Grade Swimming	21 3rd Grade Swimming	22 3rd Grade Swimming	23 Indian Creek Spirit Day 3rd Grade Swimming
26 3rd Grade Swimming	27	28	29	

March 2024

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4	5 2 Hour Early Dismissal 2-7 Parent Teacher Conferences	6	7 Volunteer Workshop 9:00 - 10:30 AM IC Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) 2 Hour Early Dismissal 2-7 Parent Teacher Conferences	8
11 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	12 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	13 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	15 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
18	19	20	21	22 Indian Creek Spirit Day
25	26 4th Grade Music Concert 6:30 PM	27	28 Spring Photos	29 NO SCHOOL

From The Principal....

Dear Indian Creek Families,

We are settling into a great routine after the winter break and students are hard at work in the classrooms. The students seem to soar, and we see lots of academic growth in these winter months! We ask that you keep encouraging 20 minutes of reading every day in your home.

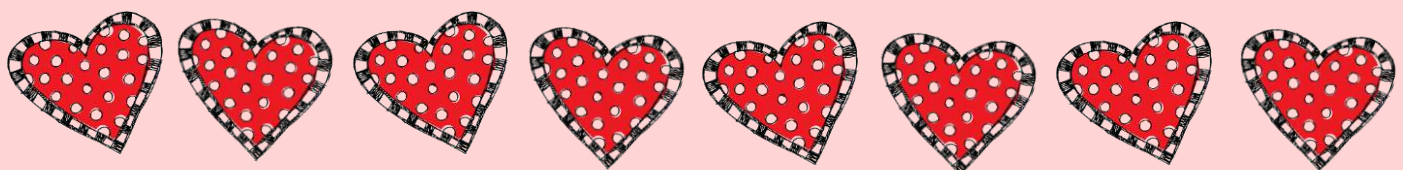
The month of February brings a few special events to keep us all excited. We celebrated our 100th day of school with fun activities in the classroom as well as building wide. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans in US history. Students have a Valentine's exchange on Wednesday, February 14th. Plus, we recognize President's Day this month.

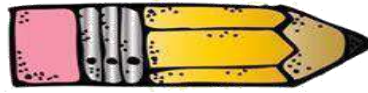
Parent/Teacher conferences will be held the first week of March. We value our partnership with every family and want to thank you in advance for your attendance at your child's conference. It is so very important that families and educators work closely together to communicate about student progress in school. We want the children to see that we are all behind them in their educational journey and that we are a united team working together to enhance their learning.

Please make sure you check the calendar as we have some days off in February and March as well as the first and fourth-grade concert, and third-grade swimming.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kretschmar





PARENT-TEACHER Conference

Indian Creek Parent Teacher Conferences

will be held on Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th. Please watch for an instruction sheet to be sent home with students close to February 16. The online scheduler will open to parents on February 16 and will close on Thursday, February 29th.

2 Hour Early Dismissals

Indian Creek will have 2 hour early dismissals on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 5 (parent teacher conferences)

Thursday, March 7, (parent teacher conferences)

December



This group of Indian Creek student were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating EMPATHY(our character trait for December) not only in their classroom but throughout the whole school! Way to go!

January



This group of Indian Creek student were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating PRESERVANCE (our character trait for January) not only in their classroom but throughout the whole school! Great work!



Recess Reminder

Students will go out for recess every day unless the temperature or windchill falls below zero degrees. Please send your child to school with his or her winter gear daily. Students will need snow boots, snow pants, hats, mittens/gloves, and winter coat to play in the snow while outside for recess.



School pictures!

March 28th, is school picture day at Indian Creek. Halvorson Photography will be here to photograph all students. Please watch for an order form to come home



**We are Respectful,
We are Responsible,
We are Ready,
We Care at Indian Creek!**

The students continue to show our School-Wide PBIS Expectations every day. We are so proud of the many Thank You Notes that are earned every day. During January, we celebrated with Cocoa by Candlelight. Every student was able to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, music and a candlelit lunchroom. A special thank you to our Indian Creek PTO for supporting this celebration!

As winter continues, we continue to focus on our School-Wide Expectations at Winter Recess. Outdoor recess with snow brings new expectations, new activities and new experiences. We've worked hard to practice snow building manners; building, adding on to and not destroying snow sculptures. We also talk a lot about responsibly with snow gear: putting on, cleaning up and always checking the lost and found.

PBIS at Home: National Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th, practice showing kindness throughout the day. Your kindness could be shown towards adults, friends, and community members in a variety of ways: holding doors open, giving compliments, encouraging a friend, or sharing a smile. Practice kindness and make it the new norm!



Since returning from winter break, we have been full steam ahead on our Character Strong traits. While January was very inconsistent for all of us, students and staff at Indian Creek tried our best to persevere and handle all the challenges that came our way. In January our all grade levels focused on the character trait of perseverance. Each grade level had a different area of focus when it came to perseverance which included, following directions, focusing and ignoring distractions, being engaged in their learning, being a flexible thinker and staying organized. Students learned the importance of those skills for their learning here at school, but also how they can take this learning into their lives outside of school.

Over the next few months we will be learning the traits of honesty and cooperation. As we have done for our previous traits, students will continue to focus on learning more about these words over the course of the next 8 weeks (4 weeks for honesty and 4 weeks for cooperation) not only with me in guidance, but also with their classroom teacher. My hope is that the learning they are doing here at school on all these traits is also transferring over and you as parents are seeing your students display them at home too.

It's that time of year where the snow is melting but you never know when that frigid cold weather will creep back in!

Indian Creek's lost and found is starting to fill up again! Please remember to put your child's initials or name on their coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, water bottles and (believe it or not) boots! We try very hard to find the owners to any lost clothing, gear, books and accessories but it makes it very difficult when items aren't labeled.

In addition to checking every item for a name, occasionally, we rotate lost items on display in the lunchroom as well as laying all items out neatly for students to walk by and hopefully recognize any lost items.

Please remind your child(ren) to check out the lost and found weekly!

Attendance Exception Requests for 2024-2025 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 Bob Read, 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.

School will not be in session on the following days:



Monday, February 19

All of Spring Break March 11-15

Friday, March 29

Monday, April 1



Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 13

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

School Year Calendars for 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

To assist our families with their long-range planning, the Linn-Mar School Board has approved the academic calendars for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

[Linn-Mar 2024-25 School Calendar](#)

[Linn-Mar 2025-26 School Calendar](#)