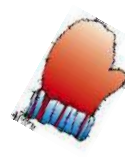


# Indian Creek News

December 2019 & January 2020

Kelly Kretschmar, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 6:30 PM Encore Orchestra Concert	4	5 volunteer Volunteer workshop 8:30-10:30 AM	6	7
8	9 PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION PTO Meeting 6:30 PM	10 6:30 PM 3rd Grade Music Program	11 Giving Tree Items Due in the office	12 IC Night at Zio John's in Marion	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Winter Parties Pride Day	21
22	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
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29	30 No School	31 No School	1 No School	2	3	4
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5	6 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	7 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	8 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	9 volunteer Volunteer workshop 8:30-10:30 AM 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	10 PTO Games Night 6:00-7:30 PM 2nd - 5th Grade Roller Skating Unit in PE	11
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26	27	28 Kindergarten 2020-2021 Parent Information Meeting	29	30	31 Indian Creek PRIDE Day	1



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 13<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> are No School days for our students. Student report cards will made available through your new Unified Classroom account on PowerSchool on January 15<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.

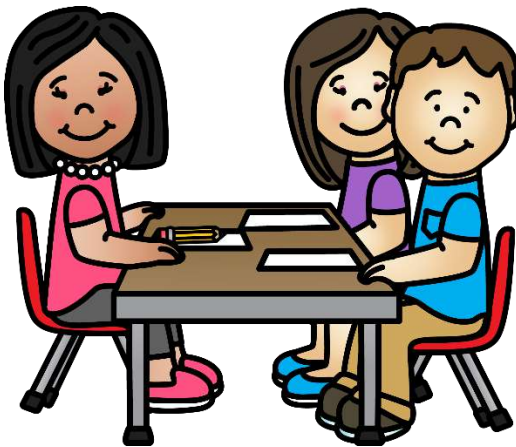
Sincerely,

Kelly Kretschmar



**Parents and guardians be sure you have created your PowerSchool Unified Classroom account before report cards are ready for you to view in January.**

Linn-Mar will now be using Unified Classroom on PowerSchool. You as a parent or guardian will need to create a new user account for Unified Classroom. The PowerSchool link on the Linn-Mar webpage has been redirected to the new PowerSchool Unified Classroom. Please updated your PowerSchool link to the following link. This is the link you will need to use going forward. <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/powerschool-unified-classroom/>



*Thank You!*

*Thank you so much for attending a parent teacher conference with your child's teacher. The Indian Creek staff is grateful to be a partner in your child's learning and growth.*

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Invention Convention participants! What amazing inventions! We are so proud of all of you! The following inventors have been chosen to attend the Linn-Mar District Invention Convention: Lucy Adams, Ava Frank, Aidan Cady, Ashley Hamilton, Elliot Offerman, Isaac Olberding and Jahmel White.





## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, unwrapped with the gift tag attached. Thank you for reaching out to families in need. We all benefit from this experience.



## 3rd Grade Music Program

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
At 6:30 PM

in the Indian Creek Gym  
Students should wear nice  
clothing and report to  
their classrooms by  
6:10 PM





## Encore and Orchestra Concert

The Indian Creek Encore Choir  
and Orchestra will be  
performing on Tuesday,  
December 3 at 6:30 PM in the  
Indian Creek gym.



## Volunteer Workshop

Thursday, December 5

8:30 - 10:30 AM



Indian Creek Day  
at  
**Zio Johnno's**

Thursday

December 12

11:00 AM-9:00 PM

Dine In, Carry Out, or Delivery

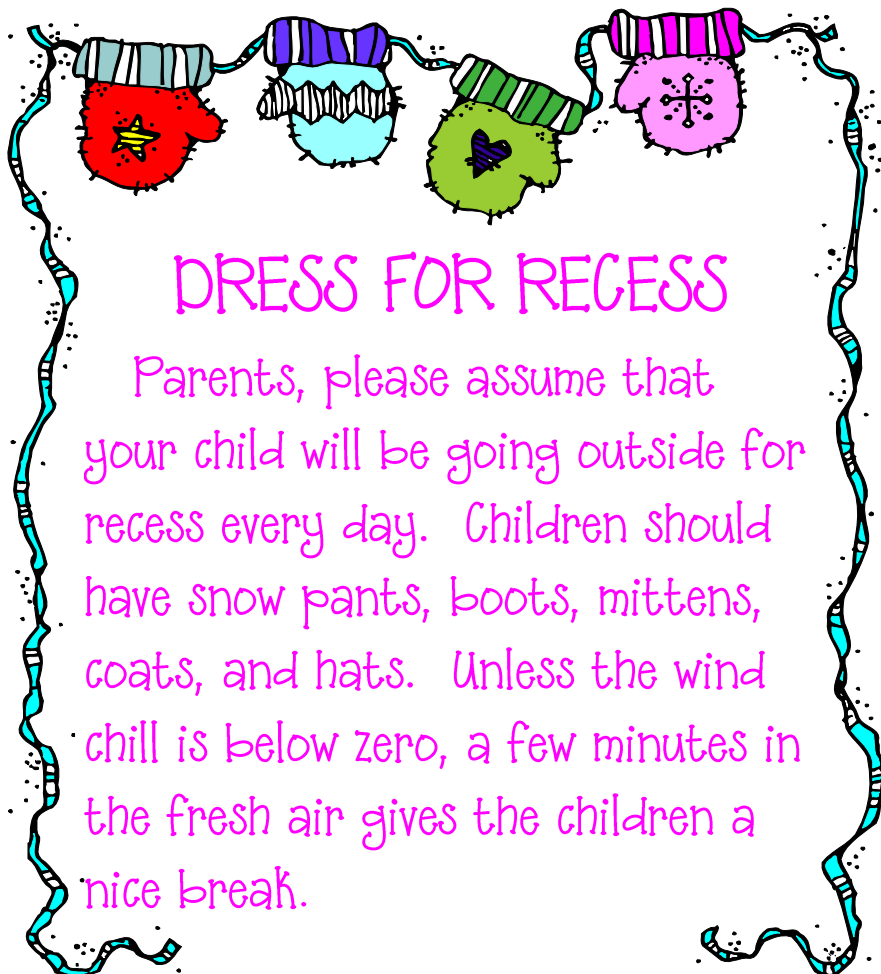
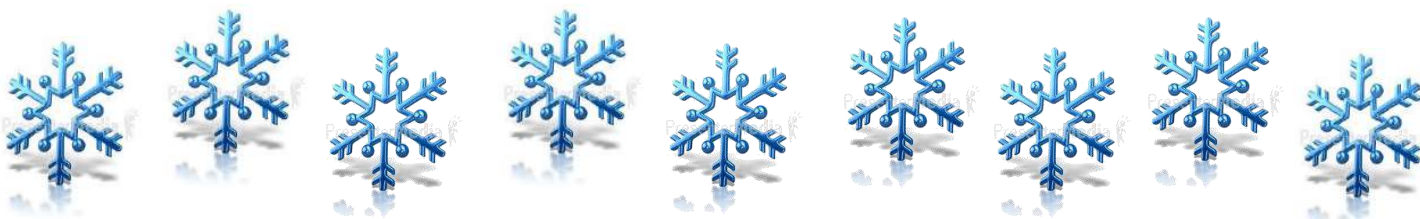
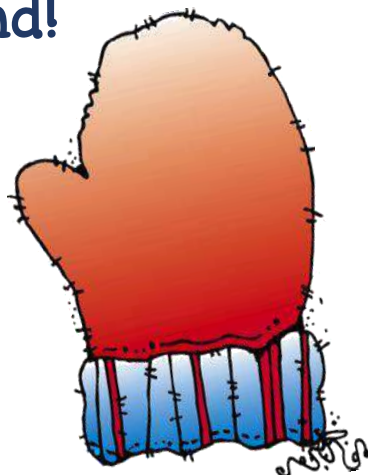


Please check the lost & found!

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.

Lost and Found is located by the gym.



## 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 zero, a few minutes in  
the fresh air gives the children a  
nice break.

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

**We care at  
Indian Creek!**





# Kindergarten 2020-21

We have started compiling our list of kindergarten students for the 2020-10 school year! . If you have a child that will be starting kindergarten in the 2020-21 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 28, 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, 2020 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 6th and will run through January 22nd. 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 6<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 3 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)





# Thank you!

A big thank you to the Prairie Soup Company for providing dinner for our teachers on the conference night of Thursday, November 14.



## Volunteer Workshop

Thursday, January 9  
8:30 - 10:30 am

**NO  
January  
PTO  
Meeting**

## ❄️❄️❄️ 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.

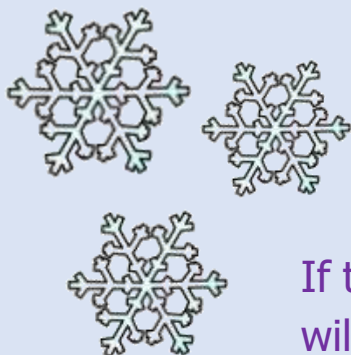
**Please do not call the school.** If a late arrival is declared, school will start at 10:00 a.m. and students may enter the building at 9:45 a.m., with bus pickups occurring two hours later than usual. For example, if the bus usually picks up your child at 7:24 in the morning, he/she will be picked 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 2020-2021 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.



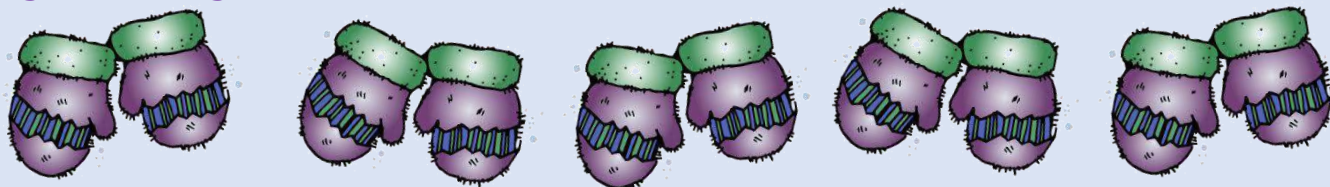


## Snowy Weather and the Playground

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!!!!



**The first semester report cards will be available for parents and guardians to view through your Unified Classroom account on PowerSchool. After the first semester grades are complete you will be able to log on, view, and print your child's report cards.**







# PTO News



Next PTO meeting is December 5 at 6:30 pm.  
There will be no meeting in January

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](http://org.amazon.com) Look for Indian Creek Parent Teacher Organization EIN 21-0572257



## Family GAME Night

### Indian Creek PTO Game Night

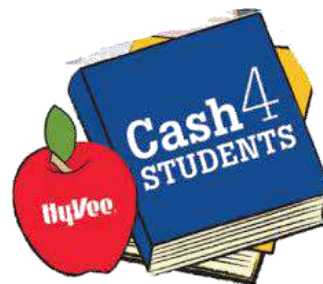
Friday, January 10th  
6:00-7:30 PM

Bring a game and  
join the fun!



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## 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 2019-20 Elementary Cycle Menu

Breakfast (includes cereal, milk, juice and posted entrée): Student 1.60

Adult: \$2.00

Lunch: (Includes choice of entrée, milk and sides):

Student \$2.70

Adult: \$3.75

A la carte milk \$0.50

It's a holiday feast!

Chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes & gravy,  
fresh baked roll, fruit and dessert. NO ALTERNATE

### November

M	T	W	T	F
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Elementary school not in session

### December

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### January

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Cereal bar	Mini Pancakes	Pancake on a stick*	Waffle sticks	Toast/hard boiled egg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal pan pizza (Cheese)</li> <li>Hamburger</li> <li>Broccoli &amp; cheese</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>Stuffed cheese sticks</li> <li>Tater tots</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Strawberry cup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken strips with fresh baked roll</li> <li>Hot Dog</li> <li>Baked beans</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Apple slices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotini &amp; meat sauce w/ cheese filled breadstick</li> <li>Chicken Patty</li> <li>Romaine blend lettuce &amp; tomato salad</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Pears</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shrimp poppers w/b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Garlic cheese bread</li> <li>Corn</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Mandarin oranges</li> </ul>
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Sun butter & jelly sandwich w/string cheese & pretzels
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Long john	Bagel/hard-boiled egg	Muffin w/yogurt	French toast sticks	Toast w/string cheese
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast sandwich</li> <li>Hamburger</li> <li>Tater tots</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Grapes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taco w/ tortilla chips</li> <li>Stuffed cheese sticks</li> <li>Lettuce &amp; tomato</li> <li>Refried beans</li> <li>Juicy orange wedges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popcorn chicken w/b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Hot Dog</li> <li>Mixed vegetables</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Pineapple</li> <li>Chocolate chip cookie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pancakes and Little smokies*</li> <li>Chicken Patty</li> <li>Potato triangle</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fruit cocktail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini corn dogs</li> <li>Garlic cheese bread</li> <li>Green Beans</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Apple slices</li> </ul>
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: WG Poptart	Mini WG donuts	Frudel pastry	Breakfast burrito	Toast/hard boiled egg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza Crunchers</li> <li>Hamburger</li> <li>Baked beans</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Applesauce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken noodle soup w/crackers</li> <li>Stuffed cheese sticks</li> <li>Peas and carrots</li> <li>Pears</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macaroni and cheese</li> <li>Hot Dog</li> <li>Sweet potato fries</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Fresh fruit slushie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lasagna w/cheese filled breadstick</li> <li>Chicken Patty</li> <li>Romaine blend lettuce &amp; tomato salad</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Peaches</li> <li>Oatmeal Scotchie cookie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken nuggets w/b&amp;b sandwich</li> <li>Garlic cheese bread</li> <li>Mashed potatoes &amp; gravy</li> <li>Fresh veggie cup</li> <li>Mandarin oranges</li> </ul>
• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Lion Cub Meal	• Sun butter & jelly sandwich w/string cheese & pretzels

• 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

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