

Indian Creek News

June 2017

Marilee McConnell Principal

August

Dates to Remember

August 3	E-Registration Opens
August 8	Kindergarten Camp (last names A-K) 8:30 am - 10:00 am
August 8	Kindergarten Camp (last names L-Z) 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
August 9	Walk in Registration (For those who have not completed their online eRegistration)
August 21	5:30 PM 3 rd Grade Parent Night meet in the Classrooms
August 21	6:00 PM 5 th Grade Parent Night meet in the Gym
August 22	7:30-9:00 AM Meet & Greet and Supply Drop Off
August 23	1 st Day of School
August 28	1 st Grade Parent Night 6:00 PM meet in the Library
August 29	2nd Grade Parent Night 6:00 PM meet in the Library
August 31	4 th Grade Parent Night 6:00 PM Meet in Classrooms



Students NOT Returning to Indian Creek for the 2017-2018 year

If you have a student currently enrolled at Indian Creek that will not be Returning for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact the office at 319-447-3270 to let Pam know: your student's name, reason they are not returning, new address if you are moving, and a phone number that you can be reached at for questions. Once we have the information we can begin to process your student's records for transfer. Thank you so much for your help!

A Note From the Principal...

Dear Indian Creek Families,

As we pack up our classrooms, tuck away our books and file our memories, we are very reflective over the past year. We give you back your child, the same child you entrusted to our care last fall. We give that child back a few pounds heavier, a couple inches taller, months wiser, more responsible and more mature. It was a joy and an honor to be a part of their learning and progress.

We give your child back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded classroom, we have grown close and have become a part of one another's changes in thinking and learning. We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year.

We wish all our students and their families the very best. Enjoy the summer months, be sure to read each day and we will welcome you back to a new school year soon.

Sincerely,

Marilee McConnell



I dreamt
I stood in a studio,
and watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher - the tools she used were books, music, and art,
The other a parent, with guiding hand, and gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher taught,
with a touch that was deft and sure
while the parent labored close nearby
and polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when the teaching task was done
they were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had molded into a child
could never be sold or bought.
And both agree they would have failed,
if each had worked alone.
For behind the parents stand the teacher,
and behind the teacher, stands the
HOME.



Kindergarten Camp



Indian Creek will hold Kindergarten Camp on Tuesday, August 8. Parents who have kindergarten students starting in the fall of 2017 will receive letters explaining Kindergarten Camp this summer.

Part of a great school experience begins with planning for a smooth transition. We hope that Kindergarten Camp will help to begin this very important transition process. Below are some objectives for this day:

- 🍎 Assist the school in creating a balanced class list for each section.
- 🍎 Generate enthusiasm about kindergarten.
- 🍎 Assist parents with an understanding of school wide procedures.

Families whose last name begins with A-K will attend from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and families whose last name begins with L-Z will attend from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. While students are with our kindergarten staff they will be involved in a variety of school related activities including working with manipulatives, table toys, pictures, songs, learning centers, coloring, cutting and community building. At the same time, parents will be with our main office staff in the gym learning about school wide procedures and routines. In addition, parents will have an opportunity to pay school fees, deposit lunch money, and receive handbook materials.

We look forward to seeing our new kindergarteners and their parents in August!



Handy Contact Information for Indian Creek

Principal: Mrs. Marilee McConnell
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School Facilitator: Mr. Maurice Frazier
(mfrazier@linnmar.k12.ia.us / 319-447-3312)

Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Kelly Ward
(keward@linnmar.k12.ia.us / 319-447-3274)

Building Secretary: Mrs. Pam Harder
(pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us / 319-447-3270)



Preview of Staffing for 2017-2018

We will have a few changes to our staff at Indian Creek next year and we wanted to be sure our families know of these changes. We will be saying good-bye to 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Cleland. We wish her the very best as she starts her new adventure with her husband. We will also be saying our good-byes to Mrs. Crawford, one of our reading support teachers, she will be teaching at Bowman Woods next year. We wish her all the best! We will be wishing Mr. Peterson, a Student Support Services teacher, good luck as he starts a new chapter in Arizona! We currently have only three sections of 2nd grade scheduled to be at Indian Creek for the 2017-18 school year, with that in mind, Mrs. Frangella will be teaching 3rd grade next year. Mrs. Frangella will remain in her current classroom for the 2017-18 school year. We will be welcoming Ms. Marissa Phillips to our Indian Creek family, she will be filling the vacancies of Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Peterson. Lastly, we will be hiring a new 1st grade teacher as we will be needing four sections of 1st grade.



VOTE!
9.12.17 GROWING TOGETHER

On Sept. 12, 2017, voters in the Linn-Mar Community School District will consider an \$80-million bond package that will support the district's grade restructuring plan that requires upgrades to existing facilities as well as the construction of three new schools. The Linn-Mar Board of Education voted unanimously on May 22 in support of the restructuring plan as well as the bond language outlining the following changes:

- Two new 5th and 6th grade intermediate schools constructed for occupancy in 2019
- Students in 7th and 8th grades would attend Excelsior and Oak Ridge middle schools
- Construction of a new elementary school and renovations to Bowman Woods, Indian Creek and Wilkins elementary schools.
- All elementary schools would become grades PK/K-4

The restructuring plan strategically addresses existing and long-term capacity issues at all grade levels in the rapidly growing district. Since the 2005-06 school year, district enrollment has increased 40 percent from 5,471 to 7,671 students.

If approved, the estimated tax increase for residents would be \$1.65 per \$1,000 of taxable value, implemented incrementally. The increase will equate to approximately \$15 a month in additional property taxes for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

For more than a decade, the District has used only Iowa Secure and Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) dollars and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) dollars to fund all facility repairs and upgrades. The last bond referendum in 2006 paid for the construction of Linn Grove and Echo Hill elementary schools.

There will be multiple community meetings to explain the referendum and restructuring plan before the Sept. 12 vote. The district's website also will be updated consistently with information pertinent to the restructuring plan and general obligation bond vote.

To learn more about the grade-restructuring plan and for future updates, visit the district's [Vote 2017 web page](http://Vote2017.linnmar.k12.ia.us). Please send all questions and comments to vote2017@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Additional Space!

The first week in June will bring a big change to Indian Creek! We will be placing our additional classroom space near the front entrance to our building. We are excited to give our students extra learning space while we keep a close eye on the safety and security of all of our students throughout the school year. Two of our fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Bushlack and Mrs. Kolek, have volunteered to set up their classrooms in this additional space. We will be working hard over the summer to make sure these new classrooms are ready to go when our students arrive for the 2017-18 school year.

Child Safety Seat Check

Saturday, June 3rd, 9am-12pm

★ **a certified child safety seat technician will** ★
inspect your seat for safe installation

**Please
bring your:**

- Vehicle
- Child safety / booster seat
- Owner's manuals for vehicle and safety seat
- Child's presence recommended

Safety seat facts:

- 73% are used incorrectly
- 1 of 3 of children are riding in the wrong size of seat for age and size
- Safety seats reduce risk of death by 71% for infants and 54% for children ages 1-4



Marion Fire Station #2 3933 Katz Dr
(across from the Marion Post Office)



Registration for 2017-2018

eRegistration on PowerSchool will open on August 3.

All families will need to log on to PowerSchool and complete an eRegistration for each student at Indian Creek. You will need your PowerSchool username and password to log on (just a reminder the username and password were created by you when you set up your PowerSchool account.) Be sure to go through each screen, making any changes that need to be made and click submit at the bottom of the page (this will save all changes). If you do not need to make changes you will still need to click through the screens on PowerSchool and click submit at the bottom of each screen. Be sure to complete the permissions at the end of the eRegistration as these need to be updated every year. Also, just a reminder the "Use of Student Photographs, Videos, and Likenesses", "Student Internet Access", and "Student Online Accounts" have changed as of July 1, 2015 and now require a letter to be written to their building principal no later than September 15th (or within two weeks of student enrollment if enrollment occurs after this date) if parents/guardians have objections to these three permissions.

You may also pay school fees and deposit money into your family lunch account at this time ~ all online. We would encourage you to complete all of your 2017-18 registration online.

For those who would rather pay fees in person we will be holding a walk in registration on August 11th during regular office hours (7:30-3:30). The walk in registration will simply consist of paying your fees in person and completing your eRegistration on a school computer if needed. If you have completed your eRegistration and have paid your fees online you do **not** need to come to the walk in registration.



Healthy Kids Initiative



The staff at Linn-Mar Community schools has committed to promoting the health and well-being of our students. In accordance with Linn-Mar's Designation as a Blue Zone School District, new procedures have been implemented to provide students with healthier lifestyle choices in regards to birthday celebrations in the classrooms.

Student birthdays may be celebrated at school. **However, students will be encouraged to *no longer bring food or beverages to share with classmates.*** Instead, 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 (ie birthday crowns, sit with a special friend at lunch, being designated as the line leader for the day, ect.) Students may also choose to bring in non-food items to share with classmates and school staff such as pencils, special note pads, pens, other writing tools.

Indian Creek is a Blue Zone School!

What is Blue Zone?

Blue Zone began as a National Geographic expedition to find the longest living cultures and has evolved into a recipe for living longer that is now popping up as Blue Zone Projects across the country.

Blue Zone Projects are a community well-being improvement initiative designed to make healthy choices easier through permanent changes to environment, policy, and social networks.

In keeping with the Blue Zone Project here at Indian Creek we are making healthier choices too. Our lunch program has already made healthier choices for our students. We are also asking snacks are in line with Blue Zone guidelines. Listed below are a few suggestions for snacks. Thank you for your cooperation in making Indian Creek a Blue Zone School!

Healthy Snack Options

- Fruits
- Dried Fruits
- Vegetables
- Low and Non-fat Yogurt
- Applesauce (with no added sugar)
- Whole grain crackers
- Hummus
- Canned Fruit
- Popcorn (no trans fat)
- Barnum Animal Crackers (due to peanut allergies Barnum is the only brand)
- Fruit Roll-ups
- Go-gurts
- Pretzels
- Jello
- Snack Pack Pudding
- Welch's fruit snacks
- Cottage Cheese (skim or 1%)
- Sun Chips-Cheddar Harvest
- Whole grain Wheat Thins
- Triscuits

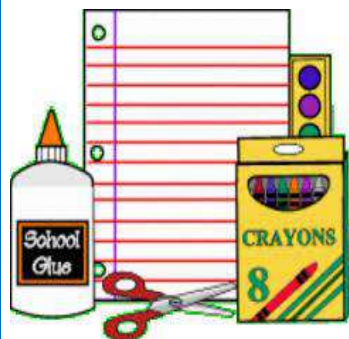


Other guidelines to go by...

- All items must be trans-fat-free
- Snack items must be 200 calories or less per portion as packaged
- Calories from saturated fat must be less than 10% per serving
- Sodium must be limited to less than 230 mg per portion as packaged and less than 480 mg per entrée
- Items should contain no more than 35% of calories from total sugars per portion as packaged
- Products with cereal grains must contain at least 2 grams of fiber per package

Daycare Transportation Forms

Transportation daycare forms are available at the LM website under Transportation. If your child will be transported by a Linn-Mar bus to or from a provider, this form must be completed and returned to the Transportation Department by **August 1, 2017**.



Back to School Supply Kits

2017-2018 school supply kits are available to order online!
Supply kit orders are only accepted online at www.shopttkits.com
Account # 73040

Orders will be accepted until June 2, 2017

Kits will be available for pick up on August 8 for Kindergarteners and August 9 for grades 1-5.

To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.shopttkits.com
2. Enter the school's account number (73040)
3. Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL.
4. Enter your child's first and last name
5. Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout

IMPORTANT NOTE: You do not need to sign in or create an account when checking out. You may check out without an account by entering your e-mail address only.



PLEASE JOIN US!

Linn-Mar School Foundation Annual Lion Open Golf Classic

Lion Open proceeds will help fund classroom & curriculum projects throughout the Linn-Mar Community School District in 2017-2018

Enjoy a fun day on
the links with the
Lion Pride!



THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH
Hunters Ridge Golf Course

Tee off at 8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.* Four person best shot

*Limited afternoon spots available

*\$100 per person/\$90 per alumni or LM staff

Catered lunch served 11:30-1:00

Flag Events, Golf Contests, Raffles & Prizes!

Golf sponsorship opportunities available
contact Shelley Woods at 730-3638

To register to golf visit linnmarfoundation.org or call 447-3065 today!



Congratulations to our Retiree!

*Wishing Mrs. Koepp happiest of retirement days ahead.
Indian Creek staff and students will sure miss you!*

Thank you to our 100+ Hour Volunteers

Indian Creek is very fortunate to have a community of volunteers that never cease to amaze us with their time, talents, and generosity. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! Congratulations to the following volunteers who donated 100 or more volunteer hours this year.

100 Hour Volunteers ~

Regan Dahlstrom K'Dean Dunnwald Terri Hodge Jean Jones
Julia Neihart Thielen Stephanie Rosendale Pam Smith

200 Hour Volunteers ~

Angela Burke Jessi Pfaff

300 Hour Volunteer ~

Shawn Burke Jenny Hemmes

400 Hour Volunteers ~

Al Alcock Debbie Tyson



Thank you so much!

Thank you everyone who recognized Teacher Appreciation Week! A BIG thank you for all of the special treats during Teacher Appreciation Week! It made the week even more special for all the staff at Indian Creek.



A Cheer for Our Volunteers!

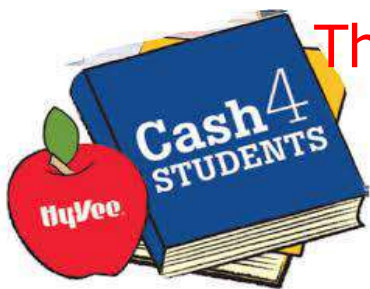
Our school is a better place because of our wonderful volunteers.

Thanks for your efforts helping chaperone fieldtrips, volunteering in classrooms, baking, sending items for parties or Family Fun Night, attending and working at the monthly volunteer workshops, shelving books in the media center, reading with a student in the E.A.R. program helping with our fundraisers, serving on PTO, helping in the lunchroom, teaching Junior Achievement, pressing out thousands of die-cut shapes when Indian Creek had the Ellison Press Traveling Production Lab, serving as room parents, and anything else that was done by our volunteers to make Indian Creek such a special place. Thank you all!



Thanks to Our Volunteer Coordinators!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Volunteer Coordinators Jenny Hemmes, Angela and Shawn Burke for the 2016-2017 school year. They did an awesome job recruiting helpers for many Indian Creek events and workshops throughout the school year. Thank you, Jenny, Angela, and Shawn for devoting your time and talent to the students of Indian Creek. Thank you all!



Thank You for Collecting Hy-Vee Receipts

Thank you to all the families who took the time to collect the Hy-Vee receipts throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

A special thank you to Casey Stenfeldt for coordinating receipts throughout the year.

Hy-Vee is continuing the promotion so keep shopping at any Cedar Rapids or Marion Hy-Vee Store or Fuel Station over the summer. You can turn them in when school starts in August.

BOX TOPS!

Thank you to all who collected Box Tops for Indian Creek!! This last round of collecting Box Tops as reached 4462 tops! Way to go Indian Creek families!! Mrs. Oliver's classroom collected 862 tops earning top honors and a special treat! Please continue to collect Box Tops over the summer!

