

Indian Creek News

March 2017

Marilee McConnell Principal

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Dates To Remember

February 27-March 10 Conference Window

February 28 Late Night Conferences

March 2 Late Night Conferences

March 6 Volunteer Workshop 8:30-10:30 AM

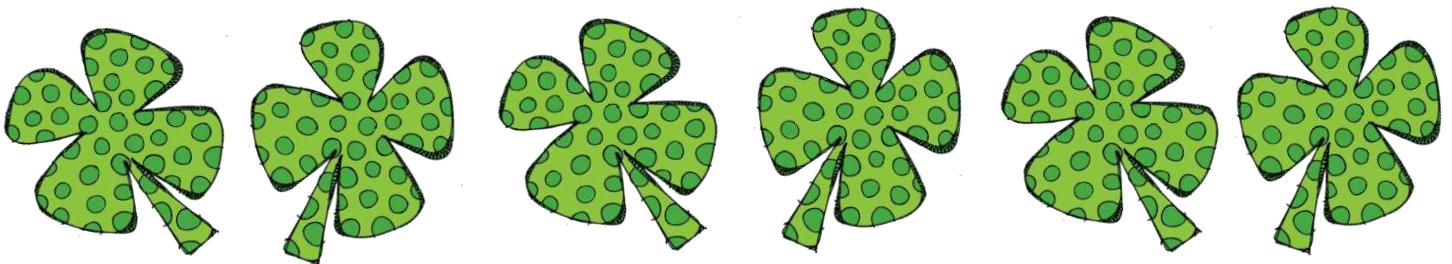
March 6 PTO Meeting 6:45 PM Library

March 13 - 17 No School - Spring Break

March 24 PRIDE Day

March 24 Linn-Mar Mane Event

March 31 No School Comp Day



From the Principal....

March, 2017

Dear Indian Creek Families,

The teaching staff at Indian Creek Elementary School is learning about the research of John Hattie from his book entitled Visible Learning For Teachers, Maximizing Impact on Learning. We have learned about teaching practices that have the highest effect on student learning as well as the practices that have a negative effect on student learning. Along with this learning about effective teaching practices, we have also learned about some important characteristics of visible learners. See the poster at the side of this page. The characteristics of visible learners need to be explicitly taught to our students.

A visible learner is a student who:

- can be their own teacher
- can articulate what they are learning and why
- can talk about how they are learning – the strategies they are using to learn
- can articulate their next learning steps
- can use self-regulation strategies
- is assessment-capable (understands the assessment tools being used and what their results mean and can self-assess)
- seeks, is resilient and aspires to challenge
- can set mastery goals
- asks questions
- sees errors as opportunities and is comfortable saying that they don't know and/or need help
- positively supports their peers' learning
- knows what to do when they don't know what to do
- actively seeks feedback
- has metacognitive skills and can talk about these (systematic planning, memory, abstract thinking, critical thinking, problem solving, etc.)

Hattie, J. (2009). Visible learning: A synthesis of over 800 meta-analysis relating to achievement. New York: Routledge ACS Educational Development www.steveventura.com ACS Educational Development www.steveventura.com

Thank you for your attention to this important information!

Sincerely,

Marilee McConnell

Indian Creek Elementary School

VISIBLE LEARNERS

L EARN FROM MISTAKES
E VALUATE WORK BASED ON SUCCESS CRITERIA
A SK QUESTIONS AND ACCEPT CHALLENGES
R ECEIVE AND RESPOND TO FEEDBACK
N EVER GIVE UP
E FFORT MATTERS
R EACH GOALS
S TATE WHAT I AM LEARNING



Parent Teacher Conferences

We always look forward to parent teacher conferences. It is the perfect opportunity to have one-on-one time with your child's teacher to discuss your child. We are fortunate to have such excellent attendance at our conferences. In case you have forgotten your conference time, please call before 3:45 pm and we will be glad to assist you. On the late conference night, please call 447-3271 with any last minute cancellations. We will do our best to let the teachers know.

State Requirements

State guidelines require that schools inform parents about their child's reading performance at least twice a year. We meet this requirement by providing parents with information about your child's reading level, reading fluency, reading accuracy and reading comprehension. You will receive this information during your parent teacher conference. State guidelines also require that at least once per year teachers obtain a signature showing that parents have been informed of their child's reading performance at school. We meet this requirement by providing parents with their child's reading information mentioned above. Once this information has been discussed with parents, parents will be asked to sign their child's report card to show that they have been informed about their child's reading performance.



Indian Creek Volunteer Workshop
Thursday, March 2nd 8:30 to 10:30
Indian Creek Multi-Purpose Room



MARCH PTO
MEETING

Monday, March 6th
6:30 PM Indian Creek Library



..... Dinosaur Bones.....



Mr. James and a group of 3rd graders checking out a baby dinosaur fossil.

Indian Creek 3rd graders were treated to a special guest speaker, Monte Marti, who brought with him several interesting fossils of dinosaur bones, teeth, and eggs. Students were allowed to ask questions and view the fossils up close after the presentation.

Indian Creek 2016-2017 Yearbook

Don't forget to order you 2016-2017 Indian Creek yearbook! Orders are due to the Indian Creek library by Friday, March 10th. Yearbooks can be ordered online or checks can be made out to Lifetouch. Contact Mrs. Krebsbach with questions.



Congratulations to Indian Creek fourth grade student, AJ Becker, who has qualified to compete in the State Geography Bee!

2017-2018 Kindergarteners

If you know of any neighbors with students entering kindergarten next year who may have missed our Kindergarten Round-up, please have them call Pam (447-3270) to be added to the list of incoming kindergarteners.

We Are 100 Days Brighter



100th Day of School

Tuesday, January 31, was the 100th day of school at Indian Creek! We celebrated the day with a variety of 100 themed activities and ended with a glowing mini dance party in the hallway! We are all proud to be '100 Days Brighter' at Indian Creek!



Lingo and officer Schamberger from the Marion Police K-9 Unit visit Indian Creek 4th graders.

Thank you to Officer Schamberger for bringing his partner Lingo to meet the Indian Creek 4th grade students, and for answering our questions about the K-9 Unit. Officer Schamberger and Lingo are part of the Marion Police Department K-9 unit.



Conference Window ~
February 28 – March 11
Late Night Conference Nights:
Tuesday, February 28
Thursday, March 2



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT INDIAN CREEK

Poetry

Indian Creek 3rd grade LEO students and 5th Grade STARS students participated in a poetry unit during the month of February. The students have been reading and analyzing poems written by Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes.



Fresh off the Presses!

The music program presented by our Indian Creek 4th graders will be showcasing Freedom Train: Songs of the Underground Railroad and learning about Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad.

Hidden Figures

Indian Creek 5th grade students will be taking a field trip to see the movie *Hidden Figures* at the Wehrenberg Movie Theater. The movie is an untold story of three African-American women working at NASA who were instrumental in the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit.





School Bus Safety Tips

School bus safety is a shared responsibility among parents, students, and the bus driver. Please review and reinforce these bus safety guidelines with your children regularly. When we all remember and follow these rules, riding the school bus can be a safe and pleasant experience.

Safety Tips for Students:

- Avoid loose fitting clothes and clothes with long strings. This type of clothing is more likely to get caught on the door while entering or exiting the bus.
- Pack all school items in your backpack or book bag so you won't drop them when you get on or off the bus.
- Leave home early so you can arrive at the stop 5-10 minutes before your assigned stop time.
- Never run to catch the bus. If you miss the bus, go home or contact a parent/guardian.
- Walk on the sidewalk if possible. If not, walk single file on the left side of the road and stay close to the edge of the road.
- If you must cross a street, stop, look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- When possible, parents should go to the bus stop with a young child. Older children should walk in groups.
- Buses are sometimes delayed by weather, traffic, breakdowns, etc. IF your bus is delayed, please know that your bus WILL still be coming. It may be a good idea to arrange a neighborhood watch during the winter months. This way if there happens to be an issue with the bus and it is delayed children will know what to do or where to go while waiting for the bus to arrive.



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.



After School Changes

Our first priority is to make sure your child reaches the proper destination after school. **A written note sent in the morning with your child is best.** If you do need to make an unexpected change, during the school day, in the way your child typically goes home in the afternoon, please call the office as soon as possible and **no later than 2:00 pm**, if there is an emergency, please keep calling until you are able to speak with someone directly. Please do not call or e-mail the classroom teacher. We have seen an increase in e-mails sent as a way to notify the office and or teacher of an afternoon change. **E-mails are discouraged**, as we cannot guarantee that someone will be checking their e-mail in time to see your message. Pink notes are not intended to be a daily communication. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

April 27th is the Art Show!

INDIAN CREEK ANNUAL ART SHOW

Don't get worried if you child isn't bringing home their artwork. We save it for the students to select their best pieces for the exhibit. Every Indian Creek student will have at least 4 pieces on display. Please save the date -THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2016 to visit the Indian Creek student show. Students will be able to take their 3-Dimensional Art home the night of the show. Two-Dimensional work will be sent home in their portfolios towards the end of the school year.



Indian Creek Attendance: 447-3272
Indian Creek Health Office: 447-3273





PTO NEWS



MARCH PTO MEETING

Monday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm in the Indian Creek Library.

We would love to have you come share your thoughts and ideas with us.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

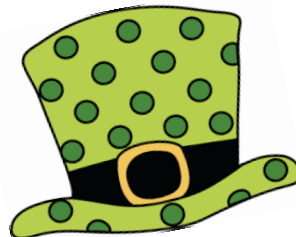
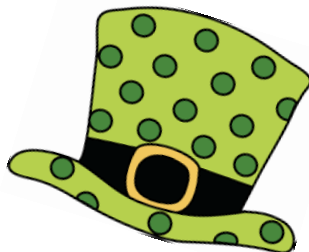
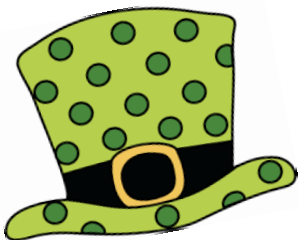
Mark your calendars...Family Fun Night is Friday April 21st!

HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Please keep saving your Hy-Vee and Hy-Vee Drug Store receipts! They can be turned in anytime, and photocopies of receipts can be accepted. Indian Creek receives \$1 for every \$200 collected. All receipts for this school year are due by the end of April, and an email will be sent closer to the due date as a reminder.

Grade Level Baskets for Family Fun Night

Grade level baskets will be returning for Family Fun Night 2017! We will need two or more parent volunteers for each grade to help collect and put the donations together in to beautiful baskets. If you would be willing to help us out, please let Amanda Bakk ajbakk@yahoo.com know and she can help you get started on this fun project.



REMINDER



Just a friendly reminder....
we do not allow fast food for lunch at Indian Creek.
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Linn-Mar School Foundation News



MANE EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 6:00 P.M.

KICKING IT UP FOR LINN-MAR KIDS!

ROARING 20s
MANE EVENT
DINNER & AUCTION

REGISTER ONLINE AT
linnmarfoundation.org

or return reservation card with check

Purchase individual tickets or gather a table of 10

Doors, Casino & Underground Escape open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, Improv Theatre & Live Auction at 7:30 p.m.
Gaming & Speakeasy reopen after Live Auction

EARLY BIRD tickets through March 3rd

\$60 per person / \$55 LM Staff & Alumni

After March 3rd, \$70 per person, \$65 LM Staff & Alumni

TABLES FILL FAST, BE SURE TO REGISTER TODAY!

EVENT FEATURES

NEW Mobile bidding

Shores Event Center
Underground Escape Room

Exciting Silent & Live Auctions

Roaring Improv Dinner Show

Philips Diamond Booth

Blackjack, Roulette,
Craps & Cash Raffles

Fun Photo Booth & Speakeasy

Mane Event provides fund classroom & curriculum projects throughout the Linn-Mar District

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Linn-Mar School Foundation Funding in Action!

The next few months are exciting for the K-5 students in our building! The Linn-Mar Foundation is bringing three very special programs to our elementary students across the district. Over 3500 students will receive these enrichment opportunities treasured by staff and students alike.

March - Orchestra Iowa will be bringing in brass, string and woodwind ensembles to our district 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. Both educational and entertaining, Orchestra Iowa performers bring music to life for our students!

April - Stories Alive, a 27 year tradition at Linn-Mar is made possible by the Linn-Mar School Foundation and community partner Hills Bank & Trust. <https://www.hillsbank.com/> National author Betsy Lewin, <http://www.betsylewin.com/> children's author & illustrator, will meet and visit with all district elementary students. Our students will go on exciting journeys as she takes them from her studios to far-flung reaches of the world, and back again - with stories to tell! Mountain gorillas in Africa! Tigers in India! Camels and elephants and bears. Oh my!

The Stories Alive program encourages and inspires our young Linn-Mar readers!

