

Indian Creek News

May 2017

Marilee McConnell, Principal

..... May Dates to Remember

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| May 1-5 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| May 1 | Encore Concert 7:00 PM |
| May 2 | 5 th Grade Band Concert 6:15 PM @ Linn-Mar High School |
| May 4 | 8:30-10:00 Volunteer Workshop (MPR) |
| May 4 | 5 th Grade Track Day 9:30 AM |
| May 5 | Rain Date for 5 th Grade Track Day 9:30 AM |
| May 5 | 1 st Grade Field Trip |
| May 8 | PTO Meeting 6:30 PM |
| May 8-12 | 3 rd Grade Swimming |
| May 8 | Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM @ Linn-Mar High School |
| May 9 | Kindergarten Music Program 6:30 PM |
| May 12 | 4 th Grade Careers on Wheels |
| May 17 | Indian Creek day/night at Buffalo Wild Wings |
| May 19 | 3 rd Grade Bike Rodeo 12:30-2:15 PM |
| May 24 | Indian Creek day/night at Buffalo Wild Wings |
| May 26 | PRIDE Day Wear Red and Black |
| May 29 | NO SCHOOL Memorial Day |
| May 30 | Kindergarten Water Day |
| May 31 | Last Day of School Regular Full School Day |
| | Step Up Day |
| | 3 rd Grade Autobiographies Day |
| | Hotdog Cook Out (NO Alternate lunch choice) |
| | Games Day 1:15-2:15 PM |
| | Report cards sent home with students |



Please let Mrs. Strauser (447-3272) know if you need a turkey hot dog rather than the beef one served for Wednesday, May 31



A note from the Principal...

May, 2017

Dear Indian Creek Families,

Our school year is quickly coming to an end. It has been a good year for our staff and students. We are sad to see the school year come to a close, but we are already looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year!

Planning for a new school year begins in the spring months even though teachers are busy with end-of-the-year assessments and reports. We organize our class lists for next year and begin ordering our supplies

As we plan for next year, we can't forget that our staff will change somewhat. One of our staff members is retiring and will not be returning to Indian Creek Elementary School next year. Mrs. Tracie Koepp, educational assistant, will all say good-bye at the end of this school year. We want to express our wishes that Mrs. Koepp finds success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Students will end their school year on Wednesday, May 31st with a normal 2:45 dismissal. End of the year reports will be sent home with each child on the last day of school. Students will also "Step Up" to their new classroom for the

2017-2018 school year. They will meet their new teacher and greet new classmates for the new school year. Thanks for your attention to the information this newsletter contains! Also, thank you for a great school year. Have a safe summer and be sure to **read!**



Sincerely,

Marilee McConnell

A.L.I.C.E. TRAINING

Alert **L**ockdown **I**nformation **C**ounter **E**vacuation

One day in May we plan to practice our school wide drill. During this drill we will need to evacuate the school and walk to our designated meeting place.

Indian Creek will be participating ALICE drills during the month of May. We will be practicing grade level drills as well as building wide drills.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. McConnell spent time with each classroom in March speaking with students and teaching them about what ALICE means and how to react to emergency situations should they ever arise here at Indian Creek.

Kindergarten Music Program



On Tuesday, May 9th, Indian Creek Kindergarten students will be presenting their music program.

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 PM in the big gym. Students should report to their classrooms at 6:10 PM. Please have students wear nice clothes so that our performance looks as good as it is going to sound!



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!

5TH GRADE TRACK DAY!

Thursday, May 4, is 5th grade track day!! The track day events will begin at 9:30 AM at the Linn-Mar Stadium. Students will need to bring a sack lunch with them to the stadium (please ~ no glass containers, gum, or pop). Water bottles are allowed, however, no coolers. Rain date will be Friday, May 5th.

3rd Grade Bicycle Rodeo

The Bicycle Rodeo for 3rd grade will be held on Friday, May 19th beginning at 12:30. All bikes and helmets need to be brought to the Indian Creek gym between 7:30 and 8:00am that morning and will need to be taken home after school. Please park your cars and walk the bikes to the back of the gym.

HOWDY, PARDNER!



We will put bikes in the gym if it is rainy or we will ask that you walk the bikes to the designated spot on the playground. If there are any parents that are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Hutcheson at 447-3294 or send her an email at:

ahutcheson@linnmark12.ia.us



Games Day

We will be having a fun end-of-the-year GAMES day on May 31st from 1:15-2:15. We will be outside, so you may want to send sunscreen with your child, and a water bottle.

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

**We care at
Indian Creek!**



Wednesday, August 23rd
will be the first day of classes for
the 2017-2018 school year.



Third Grade Swimming!

Indian Creek 3rd grade students will be participating in a five day aquatic experience at the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center during the month of May. Students will be bussed to and from the aquatic center on Monday, May 8th, Tuesday, May 9th, Wednesday, May 10th, Thursday, May 11th, and Friday, May 12th.

The classroom schedule is as follows:

Mrs. Brown 3LB : 8:30 AM to 9:40 AM

Mr. James 3LC : 11:40 AM to 12:50 PM

Mrs. Fritz 3CF : 12:20 PM to 1:30 PM

Mrs. Cleland : 12:50 PM to 2:00 PM

**Last day of
school is
Wednesday,
May 31**

PTO MEETING

Join us Monday May 8th for the final PTO meeting of the school year. Meeting starts at 6:30pm in the Indian Creek Media Center.



Encore Notes

Monday May 1 ~

Final Encore rehearsal after school. Spring Concert 7:00 PM in the Indian Creek gym. Students need to report to the music room by 6:30 PM wearing their Encore shirt and blue jeans.

Monday, May 8 ~

Encore will perform at 2:00 PM for the school. Please wear your Encore shirt (shorts are fine). "Sing, Snack, and Socialize" with the Novak Notes from 2:45-4:15 at Linn-Mar High School. We will be walking up to the High School shortly after school dismisses at 2:45. While we are at the High School, we will be warming our voices up, sharing one of our songs with them, hearing one of their songs and then both choirs will sing a song together. We will have an ice cream treat (!) and then walk back down to Indian Creek. **Please plan on picking your child up at 4:15 at Indian Creek.** (We are extending the time just a bit in order to accomplish all of these activities!) This is going to be such a neat afternoon! Contact me if you have any questions.

Additional Classroom Space!

Indian Creek will gain some additional classroom space next year. Two portable classrooms will be leased and utilized as fifth grade classroom space for the 2017-18 school year. The trailer will be anchored in the front parking lot as close to front entrance as possible. Mrs. Bushlack (5BB) and Mrs. Kolek (5DK) have volunteered to teach in these classrooms. More details will be shared as they become available.

A NOTE FROM THE ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR...

5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

The 5th Grade Orchestra students have been working hard in preparation for their final concert on **Monday, May 8th**, which will be held in High School Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Members of the 6th Grade Orchestra and 6th Grade Choir will also be performing that same evening. All friends and family members are invited to attend!

Students will also have a Dress Rehearsal BEFORE SCHOOL that same morning at Excelsior Middle School – please drop your child off between 7:00 – 7:05 A.M. and have your child meet in the Orchestra Room #905 (across the hallway from the main gym). Students will ride a bus back to their elementary building following the rehearsal. Cello and bass students are welcome to leave their instruments at the middle school until later that evening! Questions: contact Mrs. Vieth at 447-3219 or email at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

4th and 5th grade students interested in starting the Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass are encouraged attend one of the orchestra informational meetings with their parents on **Monday, May 1st**. The meetings will be held at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Ridge Auxiliary Gym. Information will be given about the Linn-Mar Orchestra Program as well as info about the Summer Beginning Strings Program. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes. Representatives from local music stores will also be there to help answer any questions about renting an instrument and can offer suggestions to any family wishing to purchase an instrument. Students should also plan to attend with their parents so they can be fitted for the correct size!

If you are unable to attend either of the meetings and would like to receive more info about joining the Orchestra, please email Mrs. Vieth at kvieth@linnmar.k12.ia.us. Families may also visit the Linn-Mar Beginning Orchestra website and **register for Summer Classes** at: <https://lmorchestraregistration.wordpress.com/>

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5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band will give its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 2nd.

The concert will be held in the HS Auditorium and begin at 6:15 p.m. All band students should report to the HS Little Theatre between 5:45 - 6:00 p.m. The program will last about 30 minutes. Nice dress clothes should be worn for this MAJOR performance. In preparation for the Concert, we will be rehearsing together THAT MORNING at L-M HS. Please drop your student off at the HS Auditorium Main Entrance (circle drive) between 7:15 – 7:20 am for our 7:30 – 8:30 am rehearsal. Students will be bused to school after the rehearsal. Since this is our only chance to practice together before our concert it is very important that ALL Band students attend.

Current 5th Grade Band students are able to sign up for the Summer Band Program. They can participate in Program #2 - Private Band Lessons. Students receive a weekly, 15-minute individual lesson with a MS Band Director for 6 weeks. Program #2 will run from June 5th – July 14th. 5th Grade students can also participate in the 5th Grade Band Camp – Program 3.5. This is a Group Band experience directed by Mrs. Nuss that meets daily from 8:00 – 9:00 am Mon – Fri for two weeks beginning June 5th. This year all of the Summer Band Programs will be held at Oak Ridge MS. Sign up forms will be sent home with band students in late April and will be due by May 19th. If you don't see one before our May concert we will have extra's available there...

Keep the kids working hard at home!

Beginning Band for Current 4th Graders – THE BAND IS COMING!!!

All 4th graders will meet during late April to see a Band instrument demonstration, and try out some instruments. On April 26th they will hear the 8th Grade Band and MS Chamber Orchestra perform. It is a very exciting time to be a 4th Grader! Students will be bringing home information about the band program, instrument choices, and parent meetings at that time.

Informational meetings for Parents of 4th Graders who would like to start a band instrument are being scheduled for Monday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held in the High School Little Theatre and last about 45 minutes. Parents only need to attend one meeting and your child does not need to attend. At the meeting parents will receive information about the 5th Grade Band program and our Summer Beginner lessons. Parents will also sign their child up for an individual 15 minute *Band Interview* to try out instruments (with parents in attendance). **NOTE: All beginner band students MUST interview to select an Instrument.** Interviews will be held between May 16th – 24th. Parents who are unable to attend either meeting can call/email for information and to sign up for an interview beginning May 4th. Voice mail - 447-3310 or kmakinster@linnmar.k12.ia.us (email is preferred).

Congratulations to Miss Krusie!

Miss Krusie was married on Saturday, April 22, and her new name is Mrs. Moore.
Her classroom will be named 2JM.

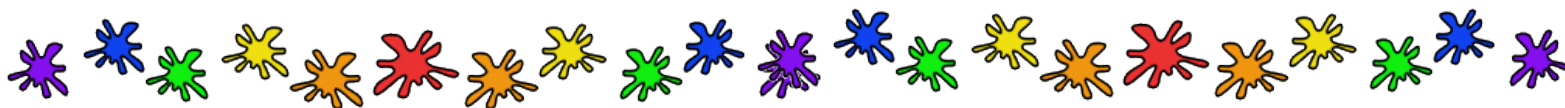
2017 Indian Creek Masterpiece Award

In loving memory of Maddeson Tersinar, the art department selects an Annual Indian Creek Masterpiece award. Maddeson was a gifted artist and encouraged her classmates to be dedicated artists too. The award is presented before the Indian Creek Art Show. This year, 6th grader, **Drake Miller** was the recipient of this special award. Drake's work will be displayed in a masterpiece frame in the Indian Creek hallway after the Art Show for a full year. Congratulations to Drake!

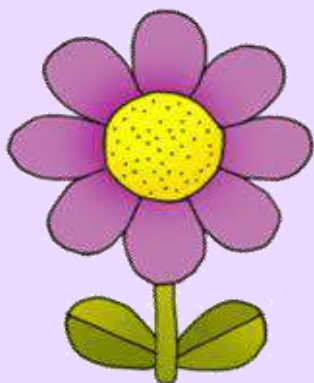


Special thanks to the volunteers for all their help with the art show! Over 4050 pieces of artwork were put up and torn down in 24 hours.

We couldn't have done it without the SUPERB HELP from wonderful volunteers. Thank you!
~ Mrs. Havlicek



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS!



Indian Creek is so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered in big and small ways to make Indian Creek such a wonderful place for our students. We could not do all that we are able to without so many helping hands.

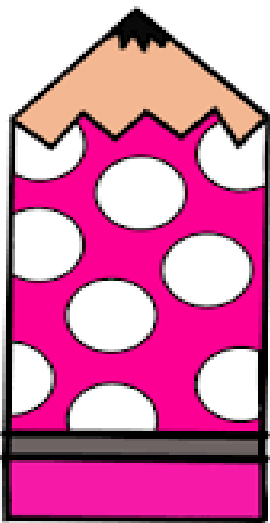
Thank You ~ Thank You

Family Fun Night was a huge success! Thanks so much to all of you who sent awesome cakes, cupcakes, cookies, books, water, silent auction items, and to the many, many folks who were able to volunteer that evening or help us by bidding on the auction items. A special thanks to our Family Fun Night Chairs. All of their time spent before the event really made everything run smoothly. Thanks to event chairs and to all of the committee leads for all of your hard work. Thanks to all of our families for the huge support of this event with such great attendance.



A Reminder from the Health Office ...

Please be sure to pick up your student's medication from the Health Office by the last day of school, Wednesday, May 31st. For safety reasons it is imperative that parents/guardians pick up medications as they will not be sent home with students. Any medications not picked up by June 1st will be disposed of.



2017-2018 E-Registration

All Linn-Mar students will be required to complete the E-registration process on PowerSchool for the 2017-18 school year. You will be asked to log on to PowerSchool sometime during the month of August to complete the e-registration, this will ensure that the permissions will be valid for the 2017-2018 school year. If e-registration is done prior to the opening date in August the permissions will not carry over, and you will need to complete the process once again.



Virtual Backpack

Be sure to check out the Linn Mar virtual backpack at

<http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/pages.asp?uid=868AFC410C5B4D159895091FB7DC17D0&pid=1>

In the virtual backpack you will find lots of information and flyers for various groups and camps.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Family Fun Night's silent auction team: Kate Frale, Jenny Hemmes, Becky Rasmussen, Regan Dahlstrom, Hayley Foster, Megan Knatz, Nicole Studt and Jessi Pfaff. The silent auction raised more than \$8800.00 - thanks again to all of our Indian Creek families, teachers, and staff members that either donated or bid on an item!



Volunteer News for the 2017-2018

Linn-Mar Community Schools is currently asking **active** volunteers to complete their volunteer disclosure forms now for continuation in the volunteer program in the 2017-18 school year. The volunteer disclosure form may now be found at the volunteer sign in station in your K-5 schools or online in your "profile" on the volunteer website. This form must be completed annually and provided to the Community Services Office to continue receiving communication and information about the volunteer program and continue your active volunteer status.

Do you need help in printing your volunteer disclosure form? Here are a few simple instructions to help you access the system and print it from home:

1. Go to Linn-Mar volunteer portal: <http://volunteers.linnmarki2.ia.us/>
2. Click on "Log In" and enter your user name and password
3. Click on profile, double check your information for accuracy, click submit, select children's grade level for 17-18, click submit.
4. Print your populated volunteer disclosure and check, date and sign to be valid.
5. Return to school secretary, drop off or mail to the Community Services Office, 2999 N. 10th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

Do you need help in accessing your information? Contact Sarah, 447-3145 for additional assistance in accessing your record. Hardcopy forms are available in your school's office.

We want you back!