

# Indian Creek News

May 2020

Kelly Kretschmar, Principal

| SUNDAY | MONDAY            | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY      | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|----------|
|        |                   |         |           |               | 1      | 2        |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           |               |        |          |
| 3      | 4                 | 5       | 6         | 7             | 8      | 9        |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           |               |        |          |
| 10     | 11                | 12      | 13        | 14            | 15     | 16       |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           |               |        |          |
| 17     | 18                | 19      | 20        | 21            | 22     | 23       |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           |               |        |          |
| 24     | 25                | 26      | 27        | 28            | 29     | 30       |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           |               |        |          |
| 31     | 1                 | 2       | 3         | 4             | 5      | 6        |
|        | NO SCHOOL COVID19 |         |           | Happy summer! |        |          |



# A note from the Principal...

May 2020

Dear Indian Creek Families,

This has been a very unusual year that we have had to navigate through. No one could have predicted when we left for Spring Break, we would not be coming back to Indian Creek to finish our school year. Our Indian Creek staff has had to become flexible in planning and providing learning opportunities for our students under these unique circumstances.

Our enrollment numbers for Kindergarten are once again lower than normal. Indian Creek will have three sections of Kindergarten and First Grade for the 2020-2021 school year. Unfortunately, this means staffing changes are occurring at our building. Susan Scharnau-Schultejans, a fourth-grade teacher, will be moving to Linn Grove to teach third grade. Susan will be missed, and we wish her the best with her new teaching adventure. We have two first grade teachers who will be teaching in new grades next year. Gina Merrill will join the fourth-grade team and Tammie Tomash will join the second-grade team. Gina and Tammie are excited about and will be amazing in their new placements.

We thank each you for all that you are doing at home to support your child's learning with the weekly choice boards. Like you, many staff members are juggling how to work from home as well as voluntarily teaching their child/children at home which we know it is not easy. Thank you for allowing your child to participate in the virtual classrooms our staff has been providing. I know the staff LOVE seeing the children just as much as the students enjoy seeing their teacher and classmates!

Thank you for making this unique school year a great one. We miss our students' smiling faces and seeing parents and volunteers in our building. Please be safe and take care!

Sincerely,

Kelly Kretschmar





## Students NOT Returning to Indian Creek for the 2020-2021 year

If you have a student currently enrolled at Indian Creek that will not be returning for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Pam at [pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us) 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!

## Indian Creek's

# VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK!

| MONDAY<br>May 4 <sup>th</sup> | TUESDAY<br>May 5 <sup>th</sup>      | WEDNESDAY<br>May 6 <sup>th</sup>    | THURSDAY<br>May 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | FRIDAY<br>May 8 <sup>th</sup>              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Mixed Up Monday</b>        | <b>Dress like a Teacher Tuesday</b> | <b>Words on Wednesday</b>           | <b>Think Patterns Thursday</b>                        | <b>Favorite Color Friday</b>               |
| Create your craziest outfit!  | Which teacher will you pick?        | Wear a shirt your friends can read. | Plaid, stripes, polka dots, or make your own pattern. | Wear your favorite color from head to toe! |

Send your pictures to Mrs. Harder [pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:pharder@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

We can't wait to see your creativity!

# \*\*\*Supply Packs\*\*\*



## 2020 Supply Kit Order Info Indian Creek Elementary School

Order Online At: [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) Order Online by: 5/24/20

Ordene en linea

Ordenes por internet hasta

Use Account #: 73040

Numero de cuenta

Kit Pick Up: School Drop Off Day

Recojo su estuche

| Grade        | Price   |
|--------------|---------|
| 1st Grade    | \$25.97 |
| 2nd Grade    | \$27.79 |
| 3rd Grade    | \$29.63 |
| 4th Grade    | \$27.70 |
| Kindergarten | \$24.55 |

\*\*Kit components may be viewed online. All sales are final. No returns or refunds\*\*

Los articulos escolares en estuche se pueden ver en linea. Todas las ventas son finales. Sin devoluciones o reembolsos

Don't let back-to-school shopping  
**SPIRAL** out of control



Important Parent Note:

Questions? - Contact Jamila at [jamilavrba@gmail.com](mailto:jamilavrba@gmail.com)

Order your supply kit today!

[www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)

Account # 73040





# COVID-19 UPDATES

## Information & Resources

[Click here](#) for the latest Linn -Mar news and family resources related to COVID-19.

### Frequently Asked Questions: 4th Quarter 2020

**QUESTION: When will we go back to school?**

**ANSWER:** The first day of school for the 2020-21 school year is scheduled for Monday, August 24th for students in K-9th grade. For 10th-12th grades the first day of the school year is scheduled to be Tuesday, August 25th. The State has agreed to allow schools to start at an earlier date next school year. At this time the plan is to continue with our already established start dates. There are just too many unknowns at this time to commit to an earlier start date including if the COVID-19 impact will be at a safe level to return to school. We are also concerned that the construction of our two new schools will not be completed in time for an earlier start date. If these plans were to change we will let families know in advance.

**QUESTION: How will Linn-Mar continue student learning?**

**ANSWER:** Linn-Mar will continue 'voluntary' instruction for PK-8th grades and 'required' instruction for grades 9-12 through the end of the school year ending on (June 3rd, 2020). Students will continue to learn through online instruction from their teachers and Parents and students will receive updated information from their principals.

**QUESTION: Will my student move onto the next grade level?**

**ANSWER:** All students, Pre-K through 8th grade, will move on to the next grade level for the 2020-21 school year. ***Students will receive an end-of year report card or progress report that will be based on all learning prior to the closure.*** All students in grades PK-8 will continue to be provided with voluntary learning opportunities through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, with a scheduled last day of June 3, 2020. We recognize that there will be some gaps in learning. We will be working on a "return to learning" plan yet this year, to plan how we will ensure the essential content missed this year will be covered in the 2020-21 school year.

**QUESTION: What additional resources are available to help my child continue learning?**

**ANSWER:** Linn-Mar created a [link](#) on our website for online instruction.

**QUESTION: Can I get more details about Linn-Mar's educational plan?**

**ANSWER:** At the beginning of April, the Iowa Department of Education gave schools three options for learning.

1. **No continuous learning** (School days have to be made up)
2. **Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities** (School days do not have to be made up)
3. **Required Educational Services** (School days do not have to be made up)

The Linn-Mar Community School District chose to do a combination of "Voluntary" and "Required" teaching models as defined by the [Iowa Department of Education](#). We will continue to do so through the end of the academic year.

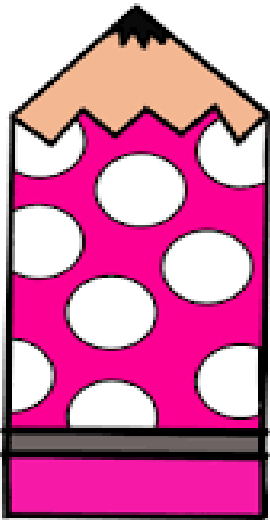
- **Grades PreK-8** are using the "Voluntary" model: Schools may not require students to participate or grade any work.
- **Grades 9-12** are using the "Required" model: Academic work is equivalent in effort and rigor to typical classroom work.

**QUESTION: How do I find the educational materials for my child's grade level?**

**ANSWER:** The information is posted on the [district website](#).

**QUESTION: I know of a family with limited technology resources, are printed copies of the K-8 voluntary instructional materials available?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. A limited number of printed copies are available WEDNESDAYS ONLY at the [Grab and Go Lunch Pick-up Sites](#). We encourage families to access the materials [through the website](#) if possible.



## 2020-2021 E-Registration

All Linn-Mar students will be required to complete the E-registration process on PowerSchool for the 2020-21 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 2020-2021 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.

## 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.

Last day of school via  
distance learning will be  
**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



Instagram

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have sent photos to share on the Indian Creek Instagram page! We have loved seeing what our students are doing while we are distance learning!





## Volunteer News for the 2020-2021

Linn-Mar Community Schools is currently asking **active** volunteers to complete their volunteer disclosure forms now for continuation in the volunteer program in the 2020-21 school year. The volunteer disclosure form may be found 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.linnmar.k12.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 20-21, click submit.
4. Print your populated volunteer disclosure and check, date and sign to be valid.
5. Mail to the Community Services Office, 2999 N. 10th Street, Marion, Iowa 52302

We want you back!



Monday, August 24th  
will be the first day of  
classes for the  
2020-21 school year.



## Indian Creek PTO

PTO still has some open positions for next school year. Please contact [indiancreekpto@gmail.com](mailto:indiancreekpto@gmail.com) if you would be interested in these positions. We appreciate your consideration and hope to have some support to fulfill these roles.

### PTO 2020-2021 Open Positions

**PTO Co-Chair (2 year commitment) - Assist the current chair in decision making and facilitation of PTO activities.**

**Box Top Coordinator - Keep track and assist in reminders for Box Top collection.**

## Box Tops & HyVee Receipts

Please continue to keep Hy-Vee Receipts and Box Tops. We are working on a scheduling a time for folks to drop off their Box Tops and Hy-Vee Receipts. Be watching for an announcement to come with additional information. Thank you for your help!