

# Indian Creek News

October 2017

Marilee McConnell, Principal

## October Dates to Remember

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| October 2       | National Custodians Day               |
| October 2       | Hearing Screening Grades k, l, 2, & 5 |
| October 5       | Volunteer Workshop 8:30-10:30 am      |
| October 5       | Homecoming Parade                     |
| October 6       | Box Tops Are Due                      |
| October 9-20    | Conference Window                     |
| October 9-13    | Book Fair                             |
| October 9       | PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in Library        |
| October 10      | Late Night Conferences                |
| October 12      | Late Night Conferences                |
| October 18      | Picture Re-take Day                   |
| October 17      | 4th Grade Music Program 6:30 pm Gym   |
| October 19      | America Reads                         |
| October 19      | Zio Johnno's Day                      |
| October 20      | PRIDE Day                             |
| October 24      | Orchestra Concert 6:00 pm High School |
| October 26 & 27 | No School - Staff Development         |
| October 30      | No School - Comp Day                  |
| October 30      | Trunk or Treat 7:00-7:30 PM           |
| October 31      | Fall parties                          |

Dear Indian Creek Families,

We are proud to be a Seesaw school! Don't let the name fool you. It is not a toy. Seesaw gives families an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day and helps to answer the question, "What did you do at school today?"

Seesaw empowers students to independently document their learning and provides an authentic audience for their work. It is also an instructional tool that allows students to build connections, collaborate with others and to reflect on their learning journey.

To be clear, Seesaw is an academic media tool intended to showcase each individual student's learning journey. It allows students to display their current progress on a variety of standards. Students are visible learners when they can state what they are learning. This tool is an academic portfolio that will build year after year to demonstrate students' proficiencies and learning journey. Students can capture their learning in many forms. They can "show what they know" using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. You can also import directly from most popular apps, like Google apps.



## Linn-Mar Communication Notification Options

Sign up for communication notifications for the District in the following ways:

- Text message: Go to the Cancellations and Delays page on the Linn-Mar Web page under Parents, fill in the information boxes, and click submit.

**Reminder: To receive district notifications, you must sign up for them!** Just click on the appropriate icon at the bottom of the Linn-Mar webpage to register!

Weather-related information will be sent out as a District notification. In the event of an emergency, the text notification may be sent to the entire District (if appropriate) or it may only be sent to an individual building. ***It is recommended that you sign up for District and building notifications.***

Delays and cancellations are also shared via:

- Linn-Mar website and red "alert" scrolling banner on website: [www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)
- TV Stations: KCRG, KFXA, KGAN, KWWL
- Radio Stations: KCCK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT



## Crossing Guard Safety

Please help us keep our crossing guards and students safe! Morning crossing at the corner of Indian Creek Road and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a very busy time. Please be sure to watch for directions from our crossing guards while you are at the intersection. A few points to remember. All vehicles must stop once the crossing guard or pedestrian steps into the cross walk and must remain stopped until the crossing guard and or pedestrian has safely crossed the street and is no longer in the cross walk. Making a quick right hand turn is not ever allowed while the crossing guard or pedestrian is still in the cross walk.





## Parent-Teacher Conferences

The elementary school conference window will be October 9-20 with late night conferences on Tuesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 12. Please be sure to keep your scheduled conference time with your child's teacher. If for some reason you will not be able to attend during your scheduled time, please call Mrs. Harder at 447-3270, or your child's teacher directly. We are very excited to hold conferences at Indian Creek. It is a special time for teachers and parents to dialogue.

## conference child care



The Linn-Mar cheerleaders will be providing child care during the common conference days, Tuesday, October 10, and Thursday, October 12 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. In the Indian Creek gym. Please note parents must remain on site while the children are in the cheerleaders care.



## ANNUAL BOOK

### CHARACTER PUMPKIN EXHIBIT

You may decorate a pumpkin as any character from a book. You may use paint, markers, fabric, etc., but **NO GARVING!** Please put your name on the bottom.

Bring your pumpkin to the Indian Creek Media Center on Tuesday, October 31st. The pumpkins will be displayed for everyone to enjoy. Your pumpkin will be sent home on Friday, November 3rd.



Have Fun!  
Mrs. Krebsbach



## FAST or Formative Assessment System for Teachers

Three times a year, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will be assessed on a variety of skills that are essential to reading. The staff in the Linn-Mar Community School District is using the FAST assessment. FAST stands for Formative Assessment System for Teachers.

Throughout the school year, Kindergarten students are assessed on the following skills:

- Reading letter names and identifying letter sounds.
- Understanding concepts of print (eg. We read from left to right on a page).
- Identifying individual sounds they hear in a word (eg. "at" has two sounds" /a/ and /t/).
- Reading commonly used words by sight (eg. "the").
- Blending sounds together to read simple words.

The FAST/CBM assessment screens the following First Grade skills:

- Reading simple sentences.
- Number of words read correctly in one minute – related to decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Identifying individual sounds they hear in a word (eg. "at" has two sounds" /a/ and /t/).
- Reading commonly used words by sight (eg. "the").
- Blending sounds together to read simple words.

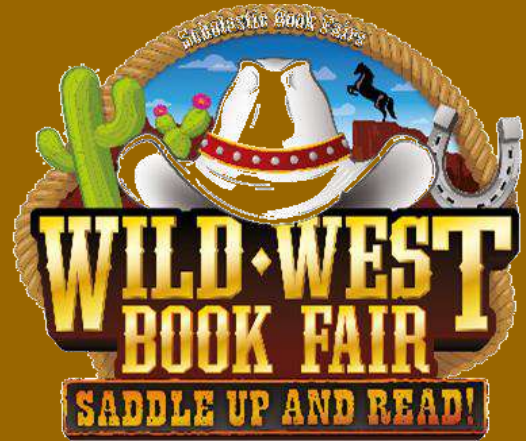
The FAST/CBM assessment screens the following Second through Fifth Grade skills:

- Overall measure of reading skills where the student reads aloud a passage for one minute. The teacher records the number of words the student reads correctly along with reading accuracy. The CBM Reading provides an overall indication of how well the student is reading and is related to other reading skills like decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Teachers will be sharing information at fall conferences to inform you of your child's FAST scores.



# INDIAN CREEK FALL BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 9 – OCTOBER 13



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Indian Creek Library!

Monday, October 9th 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10th 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11th 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12th 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13th 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

The students may also bring money to school to shop after school and during their library class.

All proceeds of the book fair help go towards buying more books for the library. Thanks for your support!!!

# TRUNK or Treat

Indian Creek PTO will be hosting  
Trunk or Treat

On Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

From 7:00-7:30 PM

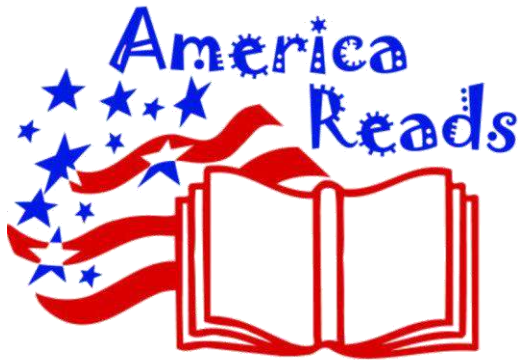
In the Indian Creek Front Parking lot

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

**We care at  
Indian Creek!**



# America Reads Thursday, October 19



Reading Is Contagious

On Thursday, October 19th the *America Reads* event will be hosted at Linn-Mar's K-5 schools. This event brings more than 400 guest readers into our schools to share their support of literacy and their passion for reading. Guest readers share children's books with our K-5 students.

If you are interested in reading or helping during this event please contact Rachel Wall or Stephanie Meier at the following e-mail address: [indiancreekamericareads@gmail.com](mailto:indiancreekamericareads@gmail.com)



# Indian Creek PRIDE Day Friday, October 20th!



## THE INDIAN CREEK NEWSLETTER

The Indian Creek Newsletter is published monthly. You can find the full version of the newsletter on the Indian Creek website. If you are unable to access the newsletter online please let the office (447-3270) know and we will be glad to add you to our list of folks who receive the full printed copy.



## Picture Re-Take Day!

Wednesday, October 18, is picture re-take day for Indian Creek.





## PINK NOTES

Pink notes are a communication tool sent at the end of the day to students who have a change in their typical way home ~ please remember the notes are not meant to be a daily communication. It is best to send a note to your child's teacher in the morning indicating how he or she will be going home if you have a change in plans. If you need to call to make a change you will need to call before 2:00 pm and know who your child's teacher is and what their bus number is ~ these are safety measures to ensure safety for our students. We ask that you do not send an e-mail indicating changes for your children as we cannot guarantee the person receiving the e-mail will be able to see the message in time, or they may be out of the office for the day, or in meetings. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## Arriving Late to School &

## Leaving Early From School

Students who are arriving to school after 8:00 AM need to be escorted into the school office by an adult, the adult will then sign the student in for the day. All students arriving after 8:00 AM, whether they are tardy or coming from an appointment are required to be signed into school by an adult.

If your child needs to leave school during school hours, a written note should be sent to your child's teacher the morning of the day your child will need to leave school. Please include the name of the individual(s) who will be responsible for picking up your child. It is also helpful if you let the person picking up your child know which teacher your child has, this is also a safety precaution for our staff.

When signing a child out of school early, go directly to the Indian Creek Office where you may sign your son or daughter out on the appropriate list, at that time we will call your student to the office, we do not call students to the office unless a parent is in the office to pick them up. When returning to school, we ask all parents and students to please report to the Indian Creek Office to sign-in. Students should not go to their classrooms before their parents sign them into school and parents are asked to let their students return to their classrooms on their own. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## FALL PARTIES COSTUMES AND PARADE

Fall parties will be held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, first thing in the morning. Parents are invited to come and watch our parade.

The Indian Creek Costume Parade is starting at 8:15 a.m.. We are going to have the parade inside. We will parade inside throughout the hallways of the school. Parents are asked to line the gym if they wish to watch the parade. After the parade, the room parents will go back to the homerooms to help with the treat. Parade visitors will be able to leave. This will allow the room parents do what they need to do for the parties.

Please respect the following costume guidelines:

- Costumes should be worn over regular clothing.
- Costumes should be such that children can remove them by themselves if possible. Room parent's will help the younger children with their costumes should they need it.
- Costumes should not reflect violence including blood or be bias-based on gender and/or ethnic background.
- No weapons of any kind should be brought to school as part of a costume.
- Costumes should be easy to walk in, and children must be able to see where they are going.
- All students in kindergarten through fifth grade may dress up if they wish
- Please remember that dressing up is optional and can be very simple, such as wearing a silly hat.



Please call Mrs. McConnell if you are unsure about a costume choice.



# The Counselor Corner

Many children and families have discovered the fun entertainment of video games. From handheld individual devices to large interactive game systems, our children are able to enter imaginative worlds of fun challenges and competition. For most kids their video game time provides a chance to relax and enjoy some free time either alone or with family and friends. But, how much is too much and how do parents decide which games are okay for kids to play?

Fortunately there are many groups that provide guidelines and suggestions for age appropriateness and limits for video games. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) suggests limiting screen time (TV or video games) to two hours per day or 14 hours per week. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and the AAP take the view that exposure to violent media (including video games) can contribute to real-life violent behavior and harm children in other ways.

So how can parents determine which games are okay for kids to play? The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) has developed a rating system for video games, similar to movie ratings. Checking the ESRB rating of a game can help you determine if a game is appropriate for your child. Video games with a T (Teen) rating should be carefully previewed and monitored by parents to determine the level of questionable and objectionable content.

Know that it is our belief here at Indian Creek that NONE of our students are old enough to play or watch video games with an M (Mature) rating. Developmentally, their brains aren't ready to process the violence and mature scenarios that are presented in the games. Often students who have the opportunity to play or watch video games rated T or M will come to school 'acting out' the scenes from the games 'shooting' their fingers around the playground or at peers. Others become de-sensitized to some of the language used in the games and begin using those words while playing and interacting with peers. This language and behavior can cause concern and hurt feelings among peers.

We understand that some families use video game time as a way for their families to participate in an activity together. It is our belief that this family together time should not include video games with a T or M rating.

For further guidance to the video game rating system you may visit the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) website at: [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org) The ESRB rating website may also be downloaded to your Smartphone or downloaded as an app at [www.m.esrb.org](http://www.m.esrb.org)

For a printable brochure that further outlines the ESRB ratings go to [http://www.esrb.org/about/news/downloads/ESRB\\_PTA\\_Brochure-web\\_version.pdf](http://www.esrb.org/about/news/downloads/ESRB_PTA_Brochure-web_version.pdf) This document also details how to set up parental controls on all the major gaming systems including; Wii, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, PSP, Nintendo ds, and Windows Vista gaming systems.

If you have further questions about determining which video games are age appropriate for your child or how to establish limits on your child's screen time, please contact me at school.

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Indian Creek Counselor  
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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Titles rated **EC (Early Childhood)** have content that may be suitable for ages 3 and older. Contains no material that parents would find inappropriate.



## EVERYONE

Titles rated **E (Everyone)** have content that may be suitable for ages 6 and older. Titles in this category may contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.



## EVERYONE 10+

Titles rated **E10+ (Everyone 10 and older)** have content that may be suitable for ages 10 and older. Titles in this category may contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes.



## TEEN

Titles rated **T (Teen)** have content that may be suitable for ages 13 and older. Titles in this category may contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling, and/or infrequent use of strong language.



## MATURE

Titles rated **M (Mature)** have content that may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Titles in this category may contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.



## ADULTS ONLY

Titles rated **AO (Adults Only)** have content that should only be played by persons 18 years and older. Titles in this category may include prolonged scenes of intense violence and/or graphic sexual content and nudity.



## RATING PENDING

Titles designated as **RP (Rating Pending)** have not yet been assigned a final ESRB rating. This icon appears only in advertising, marketing and promotional materials related to a game that is expected to carry an ESRB rating. The RP is replaced by a game's rating once it has been assigned.



# Music Notes...

We have had a great start to the year in music! Programs are scheduled and we're excited to continue a great year of music making! Please read the following schedule carefully:

|             |           |                               |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| October 17  | 6:30 p.m. | 4th Grade Program             |
| November 7  | 6:30 p.m. | 3rd Grade Program             |
| November 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Encore/Orchestra Concert      |
| December 5  | 6:30 p.m. | 2nd Grade Program             |
| February 22 | 6:30 p.m. | 1st Grade Program             |
| April 10    | 6:30 p.m. | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program |
| May 8       | 7:00 p.m. | Encore Concert                |
| May 10      | 6:30 p.m. | Kindergarten Program          |

Please contact me if you have any questions —

Ms. Tanya Rosenkranz [trosenkranz@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:trosenkranz@linnmar.k12.ia.us)



## Fourth Grade Music Program

will be held on

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 PM**

**in the Indian Creek gym.**

Students should report to their classrooms at 6:10 PM  
and wear nice clothes so we look as good as we

## Clothing Donations For the Nurse's Office

If you are cleaning out closets and have clothing in sizes 4, 6, or 8 we could sure use them in the nurse's office. We are especially in need of pants. Thank you in advance for anything you may be able to share with us.

## From the Nurse

If your child comes down with an illness that requires taking medication at school, your pharmacy will split your prescriptions so that your child can bring only the needed amount of his/her medication to school. This will eliminate sending prescription bottles back and forth. Please let Mrs. Rosendale know if your child changes medications, so that the information can be added to their health records.



# News From The Art Room



INDIAN CREEK ARTWORK ON DISPLAY- Throughout the year Indian Creek Student Artwork will be displayed in many ways. The halls are always filled with artwork (thanks to our tireless volunteers). Other exhibitions:



ARTIST OF THE MONTH-

Each month an artist from each grade level is selected for quality work and effort. These are displayed in the art room.



ARTSONIA-

[www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) Check out your child's work on Artsonia, an on-line gallery. All students will have artwork uploaded to this site throughout the year. Artwork from past years is also visible.

Visitors can browse [www.artsonia.com/schools/IndianCreek6](http://www.artsonia.com/schools/IndianCreek6), to view artwork in the school gallery by grade level, or by specific exhibits. Artsonia provides online fan clubs and personal guest books, as a way for families to encourage the creativity and imaginations of their young artists.

In addition, family members can purchase keepsakes imprinted with the child's artwork, with Artsonia donating a percent of their annual product revenue back to Indian Creek art program.



MRS. MCCONNELL'S OFFICE -

One of the highest honors an artist can receive is to be selected for display in Principal McConnell's office. One artwork is selected each month.



OFFICE FRAMES:

We also have frames in Mr. Frazier's, Mrs. Burn's, Mrs. Hofer's, Mrs. Harder's, and Mrs. Ward's offices. These will also display quality artwork throughout the year. These will get changed out every month.



INDIAN CREEK ANNUAL ART SHOW-

Don't get worried if your 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 26th, 2018 to visit Indian Creek student show.



PERMANENT COLLECTION -

Each year the art department selects artwork to become part of the Permanent Collection. Watch for the framed artwork in the foyer. Students can collect their artwork when they leave Indian Creek.



INDIAN CREEK MASTERPIECE AWARD In honor of Maddeson Tersinar's birthday, the art department sponsors the Indian Creek Masterpiece Award. Maddeson was a gifted artist and encouraged her classmates to be dedicated artists. This award will be presented at the yearly Art Show in April. The award will be given to one of the Indian Creek Students. The chosen artwork will be displayed in a masterpiece frame in the Indian Creek hallway after the art show.



Other Art shows:

Watch for announcements from Mrs. Havlicek @ 319 447 3295.





## A Note from the Orchestra Director

~ Mrs. Kelly Vieth ~

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra members have been working very hard on reading notes and rhythms in preparation for our very first concert on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. All family and friends are encouraged to attend!!! Students will receive more information about our performance later this month.

### *Attention All Adopt-a-Beginners....*

All students who signed up for this year's Adopt-a-Beginner Program will be finding out who their High School practice buddy will be very soon! Students accepted into the program will have the chance to meet and greet their buddy at our annual Adopt-a-Beginner Pizza Party, which will take place before our concert on October 24th. More details to come ☺

Keep up the hard work, orchestra students!!! Go Lions!



## Virtual Backpack

Be sure to check out the Linn Mar virtual backpack at <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/backpack/> In the virtual backpack you will find lots of information and flyers for various groups and camps. Check it out!

## BOX TOPS



Box Tops are due on Friday, October 6. The classroom with the highest number of Box Tops turned in in grades 1-5 will receive a prize. There will also be a prize for the kindergarten classroom with the highest number of Box Tops turned in. Please remember to mark the envelope or baggie with your child's classroom teacher name.

No School on Thursday, October 26,  
Friday, October 27, and Monday, October 30!



# PTO NEWS

## October PTO Meeting

**When: Monday, October 9th**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Where: Indian Creek Library**

Indian Creek PTO has a new facebook page! Please follow the link below and \*like\* our page to receive updates and reminders from Indian Creek PTO!

<https://www.facebook.com/Indian-Creek-PTO-132334564071200/>

Thank you for your support of Indian Creek!

## 10 Volunteers.....

We would like to remind all of our volunteers (whether you are volunteering at home or at school) to record your hours on the volunteer website: <http://volunteers.linmark12.id.us/>. You can also access the volunteer website on the computer in the office where you are signing in and out of school. Every minute you volunteer matters, so please make sure that you are keeping track of and recording *all* of your volunteer hours. If you have any questions about recording your hours, please let us know!

### September Volunteer Workshop

Thank you to the following volunteers for your help at our September Volunteer Workshop: Jenny Hemmes, Breiana Schoeneman, Sandrine Cochet, Shannon Meadows, Kelly Smith, Lisa Marasch, Liz Finley, Barb King, Regan Dahlstrom, Melissa Kehm, Jen Digmann, Rachel Wall, Stephanie Meier, Julie Wegmann, Lea Black

Don't forget to join us at the Volunteer Workshop!

Thursday, October 5th  
from 8:30 am to 10:30 am

