

February 25th, 2022



Linn-Mar Students Are Making Waves In Aquatic Safety

Each year, approximately 1,500 students participate in Aquatic Experiences, the district Aquatic Safety program for elementary students. During this program, all second, third and fourth-grade students visit the Aquatic Center for five days during the school year to learn how to swim better and about aquatic safety.

The Linn-Mar Aquatic Center opened in the fall of 2013 and the Aquatic Experiences program started in the spring of 2014. When the program began, 33 percent of the district's fourth-grade students were able to pass the deep end test. In the spring of 2020, (before the district shut down due to COVID), the percentage had grown to more than 87 percent.



"My daughter would come home and proudly declare her progress in the program. Ringing the bell was a big deal. The big deal to me however is that I still see the benefits of this program in her swimming today." – CJ McDonald, parent, and Echo Hill Elementary Principal.

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Preschool, JK, and Kindergarten Enrollment

Is Preschool, Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten right for your family?

Unsure of the difference? Don't worry, we created an **Early Childhood Comparison Chart** for easy reference. The chart includes age requirements and enrollment information for each grade/program.

Please note, preschool online registration for 2022-2023 is **open through February 28th, 2022**.

| Linn-Mar Community School District Early Childhood Comparison Chart | | | |
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| | Preschool | Jr. Kindergarten | Kindergarten |
| Age Requirements | Must be 4 years old by September 10th | Must be 5 years old between March 15 and September 10th | Must be 5 years old by September 10th |
| Days | Tuesday-Friday | Monday-Friday No JK 1st Monday of every month | Monday-Friday |
| Times | Morning Session: 8:30am - 11:10am Afternoon Session: 12:15pm - 3:00pm | Full Day: 8:30am - 3:15pm | Full Day: 8:30am - 3:15pm |
| Locations | Bowman Woods, Echo Hill, Linn Grove, and Wilkins | Novak | Bowman Woods, Echo Hill, Indian Creek, Linn Grove, Novak, Westfield, and Wilkins |
| Before & After Daycare | Onsite daycare is not available. Please contact local childcare businesses for availability. | Onsite daycare is available through Hand in Hand. Please contact them directly. | Onsite daycare is available through Hand in Hand. Please contact them directly. |
| Transportation | District transportation is not available. Please contact area daycares for transportation availability. | District transportation is available. Once placement is confirmed, families will have a deadline to sign up for district transportation. | District transportation is available. Students must live at least two miles away from their school to qualify for bus transportation. |
| Meals | Snack time is offered daily. Snacks are provided by the family. | Breakfast & Lunch is offered daily. Snacks are provided by the family. | Breakfast & Lunch is offered daily. Snacks are provided by the family. |
| Enrollment Process | Lottery system opens in February and placement is determined in March. Online registration form must be submitted with all required documents to be entered into the lottery. Due to the volume of interest in preschool, not all children who apply will be placed. | Register your child for Kindergarten online through PowerSchool. Attend the Kindergarten Enrollment Fair in March to learn about JK and Kindergarten, including how to sign up for a JK screening in April. Not all students will be given a placement in JK as students are screened and only placed if their score qualifies. A year in JK is considered a year of retention. | Register your child for Kindergarten online through PowerSchool. All students who register are guaranteed a Kindergarten placement. All documents are required by August. |

Preschool Enrollment

JK and Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair

Date: March 8th, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: [Click here](#) to find out which elementary school your child will attend.

Details: Kindergarten Enrollment Fair (formally Kindergarten Round-Up) is an information night for parents who are interested in enrolling their child for Kindergarten or Jr. Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.



What's Happening Throughout The District



LIONS Awards

Nominations are currently being



Venture Academics Receives

accepted for the 2022 LIONS and Volunteer Awards. A completed nomination form, cover letter written by the nominator, and up to three letters of recommendation are due to Linn-Mar's Human Resources Department by 4 p.m. on March 11, 2022.

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\$40,000 Grant

The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council announced Linn-Mar Community School District's Venture Academics as one of the 38 school districts receiving the STEM BEST (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) H.D. Program models for 2021.

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Iowa Secretary of State Visits Boulder Peak Intermediate

5th graders studying Iowa government had a special guest, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate stopped by to show the students a replica of the state constitution and answer questions about how a bill becomes a law. He also encouraged students to take an interest in student council when they get older.

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Public Schools Week

Join us to say THANK YOU to the dedicated teachers and staff keeping our students safe, learning, and growing this year. Celebrate Public Schools Week Feb. 21-25, 2022

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Linn-Mar Trivia

Who broke the wrestling school record for pins this year? A record that lasted nearly 20 years!

Kane Naaktgeboren

Tate Naaktgeboren

The answer to this question will be featured in the next newsletter.

Thank you for participating.

Trivia Answer:

Q: Which two buildings are named after original one-room schools that merged to form our district?

A: Excelsior and Hazel Point (Originally called Hazel Ridge).



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Upcoming Dates

March 2022

- 3/1 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal (Conferences)
- 3/14-3/18 - No School (Spring Break)
- 3/28 - No School (Teacher Collaboration Day)

April 2022

- 4/25 - No School (Professional Learning Day)

May 2022

- 5/26 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal (Last Day of School)
- 5/29 - High School Graduation

Linn-Mar School Board Meeting



The LMCSB School Board will meet on **Monday, March 7th at 5:00 PM** in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion).

Watch on
YouTube

Event Calendar



Calendar of events of everything that is happening throughout the district.

Event Calendar

COVID-19 Information



In an effort to keep students, staff, parents, and the community aware of how COVID-19 is impacting our district, we update our dashboard every Friday,

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