

November 23, 2021



Classroom to Farm Field

Linn-Mar High School Venture Earth Science students visit Etzel Sugar Grove Farm. Farmer, Scott Koepke, shares with students about biodiversity, traditional and organic farming methods, and the challenges facing organic farmers.

Venture Academics is an exciting, new learning experience available to all Linn-Mar High School students. Venture Academics is a project-based learning program offered in strands which are designed to offer immersive hands-on experiences. Each strand is half-day and offered for a semester.

Strands are offered in the following subject areas: Advanced Business, Behavioral Science, Business Foundations, Digital Design and Communication, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Civics, Health, Life Science, and Writing.

Click here for the Venture Q1 Newsletter. For more information about Venture, please contact **Elyssa McDowell**.

Venture Academics, will present at the next **Lion Learning** event on November 30th.

Follow Venture Academics on social media!

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Menu Pricing FAQs

Question: I thought breakfast and lunch meals are free. Why is



my child still getting charged?

Answer: Your child is either buying an extra milk, an a la carte item, or their meal does not meet the free meal requirements.

Question: What are the requirements for free meals?

Answer: In order for breakfast and lunch meals to be free, it must meet **USDA requirements**. (ie: For breakfast, we offer four

menu components – milk, juice/fruit, meat/meat alternatives and grains. Students may choose three or four components in order for the items to be a meal. If they only chose one or two components, we must charge a la carte prices because the selected items do not meet USDA requirements for a complete meal.)

Question: Where can I see the balance or transactions on my child's account?

Answer: Log in to Total Access to see the current balance and any transactions. If you need help logging in to Total Access, contact **Tracy Ramos**.

Question: Where do I go to add money to my child's lunch account?

Answer: Log in to PowerSchool and select the purchases and payments tab on the left-hand side. It will direct you to a different website where you can select your child's name and add money under the available items. If you need help logging in to PowerSchool, please contact your school building secretary.

Even though meals are free this year, you can still fill out a **Free and Reduced application** for other possible benefits.

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Vaccine Clinic and Return to Learn Update



Linn County Public Health and Linn-Mar Community School District are partnering to offer a vaccination clinic onsite on December 3rd, 2021 for anyone between the ages of 5 and 11 with a parent present. [Click here](#) for more information.

In accordance with the board's earlier action, the district will no longer require masks in the buildings when we return from winter break on **January 3, 2022**.

However, due to a separate CDC directive, masks will continue to be required on all Linn-Mar school buses at all times. [Read More](#)

Sign-Up for Weather Text and Email Alerts



It's that time of year to make sure your PowerSchool and School Messenger contact information are correct to receive important weather-related texts and email alerts.

School Messenger will **ONLY** send text messages to phones tagged as "mobile". So, if a number is listed as "daytime", "home", or "work", it will not text that number.

Please update your contact information and change phone to mobile. Visit our website for detailed instructions. [Read More](#)

Student Spotlight

Levi Adams, a 7th grader at Oak Ridge Middle School is in



charge of Coding Club. He says he created the club to offer peers time to learn 'a real-life skill'.

"This gives kids time to learn to code that they don't get time to do at school or at home". - Levi

Levi sets the club schedule and curriculum and he recently even assigned club members a group project for after the holiday break.



56 Linn-Mar High School students were selected for All-State Band, Orchestra or Choir.

The 75th Annual Iowa All-State Music Festival was held at in Ames on November 20th at 7:30 PM.

Iowa PBS will broadcast the concert Thanksgiving night at 7:00 P.M.



Seven Linn-Mar Student-Athletes recently made it official by signing their College Letter of Intent.



Varsity and JV Linn-Mar Poms both placed 1st in their Pom and Jazz divisions. Both teams also received "Most Entertaining" for our Pom dances and Varsity got the Grand Champion award for their Pom routine.



23 of our finest vocalists from all Linn-Mar intermediate and middle schools, along with high school freshmen have been selected to perform as part of the statewide OPUS Honor Choir.

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Staff Spotlight



Sheryl Bass was named Iowa School Counselor of the Year by the Iowa School Counselors Association (ISCA) for her work in student career development.

Sheryl is the High School College/Career Transition Counselor.

Linn-Mar Trivia

What was the name of the FIRST Linn-Mar mascot?

Mar-Lin the lion

Larry the lion

*The answer to this question will be featured in the next monthly newsletter.
Thank you for participating.*

November's Trivia Question/Answer: The district was formed in 1948, what was the original name? *Marion Rural Independent School District*

Upcoming Dates

November

- 11/24-11/26 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 - Lion Learning (Venture Academics)

December

- 12/3 - Onsite Vaccination Clinic for ages 5-11
- 12/23 - 12/31 - No School (Winter Break)
Classes Resume, Monday, Jan. 3rd, 2022.



January 2022

- 1/17 - No School (Teacher Collaboration Day)
- 1/24 - No School (Professional Learning Day)

Linn-Mar School Board Meeting



The LMCSB School Board will host their next meeting on Monday, **December 13th at 5:00 PM** in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion).

Watch on
YouTube

In The News



- Linn-Mar Students Learning Skills for the Real World in new Project Based Venture Program - **The Gazette**
- Area School Districts Battle Severe Substitute Teacher Shortage - **KCRG**
- Linn-Mar HS Counselor Sheryl Bass named Iowa School Counselor of the Year - **The Gazette**
- Helping Students Prepare For Life After Graduation - **Iowa Dept. of Education**

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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2021-2022 School Calendar



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