

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August:

13 & 14: Teacher In-Service
18: Open House (3-6p)
19: First Day of School

September:

8: Teacher PD
12: Mid Quarter

October:

6: Teacher PD
10: End of Quarter
20: Parent Teacher Conferences

November:

3: Teacher PD
14: Mid Quarter
25-28: Thanksgiving Break

December:

8: Make Up Day #1
19: End of Quarter/Christmas Break

January:

5: Teacher PD
6: Classes Resume
12: Make Up Day #2

February:

2: Teacher PD
6: Mid Quarter
23: Make Up Day #3

March:

2: Teacher PD
16: Make Up Day #3
18: End of Quarter

April:

3: Good Friday/Easter Break

10: Mid Quarter

13: Teacher PD

27: Make Up Day #5

May:

3: Baccalaureate
4: Make Up Day #6
10: Graduation
15: Last Day of School
18 & 19: Teacher Work Days

LINN CO. LEDGER

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NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Justin Lowman

I was born and raised in north Georgia but moved to Missouri my senior year, and graduated from Mountain Grove High School. I married a Browning girl, Jaime Guffey and we relocated our family including our two girls, Hadlee and Lilly, to the Linn County R-1 School District in 2023. I work as a diesel mechanic and enjoy hunting, fishing, and spending time with my family out on the lake or at the beach.

I am seeking a position on the school board because I want to ensure my girls and the students of Linn County R-1 are able to receive the best education that remains in light with the values and morals represented throughout the majority of our rural community.

My vision for the education in the community is each child being presented with the most opportunities we can give them as a school district. All while, being and feeling safe, protected, and supported.



Bo Brown



I'm 44 years old, married to one woman, and I am a father of two very active boys. I still know how to drive a standard transmission, still own a CD collection, and have no current warrants. I miss Bob Kingsley, Casey Kasem, Paul Harvey, and Rush Limbaugh radio ain't the same without them.

I raise cattle, row crop, and pastor at Bear Branch Church. I enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping, and love just about anything outside--except golf. I never understood the appeal to that sport. I'm 6 ft 2 in tall, too round in the middle. My left leg is longer than my right but if I concentrate hard enough I don't walk in circles.

Seeking this position on the school board is to do my part to ensure that our community's children have the best chance to learn. I believe children should be able to learn and focus on their education in a safe, calm, and politically neutral environment.

I believe the number one goal of education is to prepare students for a life after school. One in which they are sufficiently ready to tackle the challenges of life. Parents are the most important aspect of that preparation. Teachers are a very close second. Working together with transparency and open communication is what will best benefit students.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Charles Phillip Hayes Jr.



Short Description of Self:

I am smart and kind, and I try to help those I can

Plans After High School:

I want to attend Neumont University
in Salt Lake City in Utah

Activities I Am Involved in:

NHS, LCACTC, Academic Bowl

What are you excited for this year?

Graduating and going to college

What is your favorite memory of Linn County?

Getting accepted to Missouri Boys State

What would you tell your younger self?

Try to find those moments in life that are peaceful and
enjoy them, for life itself is chaotic.



Who at Linn County has had the biggest impact on you?

Mr. Burkholder, he was always serious about teaching us
and tells fun stories.

News From Mrs. Neal

The elementary kids celebrated reading week at the beginning of March, they read collectively for over 6,000 minutes! High School students have been taking the ACT or PreACT with much success. Preschool screenings are April 1st and 2nd. The Linn County Spelling Bee will be held on March 31st and a countywide bee will be April 28th. Our DARE Program is running on Wednesdays through the beginning of April.



End of Year Testing

During the month of April students will be participating in the Missouri Assessment Program, commonly referred to as MAP Testing. Students will begin testing on Tuesday, April 4th and running through the first of May. End of Course Exams, referred to EOCs, will be running at the same time. During these tests it is important for students to share what they've learned and be working at the best of their abilities. Getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy and filling breakfast as well as your work with your child reading at home each night will be all the tools you can give them to do their best. If questions or concerns come up, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher to learn more.

MUSTANGS MINUTES

Spring Baseball

The Linn Co./Meadville boys started the season off by traveling to Newtown on March 20th to play Grundy Co/Newtown-Harris. Rattling the bats and making quick plays, Kaden Fainter (Linn Co. Jr.) scored a 2 run-home run during the 5th inning. Coach Blaine Smith and his team brought home a win of 10-0.



Choir

On Tuesday, March 10th, the Linn Co. R-1 7th and 8th grade choir members participated in the Tri County Conference Choir Tour. On Monday before the tour, the students practiced with about 30 other choir members from our conference schools to prepare for the performances at La Plata, Bevier, and New Cambria schools. Everyone did a great job and it was a fun learning experience! Pictured from left to right: Fallon Lane, Aubriana Wood, Mayscie Crowe, Brantley Armstrong, Alanah Gaudet, Westyn Neal, and Mrs. Livingston.

100th Day of School Festivities

We celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 25th. Students and teachers had a fun day in the gym. The sixth grade students along with other upperclassmen helped run fun games for the Elementary students to play. These included games such as soccer, tic-tac-toe, and many more. The kids also wore bright, neon colors which only helped to brighten everyone's spirits on the amazing day!



Track and Field

The JH and HS track team went to LaPlata on March 30th for the Early Bird Practice Meet. Elementary Track and Field Day will be held, May 8th. All family and community members are welcome to attend. More information to come.



Junior High Team



High School Team

Academic Bowl

I am excited to share that the junior high and high school Scholar Bowl season is off to a great start. Our students have already demonstrated strong teamwork, quick thinking, and considerable enthusiasm during the first few competitions. It has been great to watch the players support one another, confidently buzz in with answers, and represent our school with pride.

Scholar Bowl challenges students in various academic areas, including history, science, literature, and math, and our teams have done an excellent job of preparing and competing so far. Most importantly, the students are having fun while learning and growing together as a team.

Thank you for your continued support of these students and their hard work. We look forward to the rest of the season and the many opportunities ahead for our teams to compete and improve.

LINN COUNTY BASKETBALL
ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Lady Mustangs Carson Coram Honorable Mention Harlow Miller Defensive Team	Mustangs Nathaniel Singleton Honorable Mention Avery Phillips Defensive Team
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Linn County R-1 Aggie Boosters

FISH FRY

Saturday

11

6-8 PM

APRIL

PURDIN COMMUNITY CENTER



To-Go
Meals
Available



*Please come help support us through a “**free will**” donation meal with proceeds supporting local youth scholarships in agriculture and our communities.*

LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO PRESENTS:

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Family Glow Dance

**SATURDAY
APRIL 18**

- OPTIONAL SMALL MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY PICTURE @ 5:30
- GRAND MARCH @ 6:00
- DANCE FROM 6:30-8:00

ADMISSION:

OPEN TO ALL LINN COUNTY R-1
TODDLERS & STUDENTS

IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE
BRING A FINGER-FOOD
SNACK TO SHARE.

APRIL 2026

LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



6

7
PANCAKE on a STICK
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN ALFREDO
STEAMED BROCCOLI
FRUIT / BREADSTICKS

13

14
BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN STRIPS
MAC&CHEESE / GREEN BEANS
STRAWBERRIES
2nd grade menu

20

21
EGG /TOAST/SAUSAGE
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN SUIZO
ROASTED CORN / FRUIT

27

28
FARMERS CASSEROLE
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN RANCH PIZZA or
CHEESE
TOTS / FRUIT

1
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
CORN / STRAWBERRIES
BREADSTICKS / DIRT CAKE
Kindergarten menu

8
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

HAMBURGER on BUN
CURLEY FRIES
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

15
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

BBQ RIB on BUN
TRI TATER
BROCCOLI / FRUIT

22
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

TENDERLOIN on BUN
FRIES / PEAS & CARROTS
FRUIT

29
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

SLOPPY JOE on BUN
WAFFLE FRIES
COLE SLAW
FRUIT

2
DONUTS
FRESH FRUIT

MEATBALLS
SCALLOPED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

9
CINNAMON ROLL
FRESH FRUIT

WALKING TACO
MAC & CHEESE /CORN
PINEAPPLE / ICE CREAM
5th grade menu

16
PANCAKES
FRESH FRUIT

STEAK FINGERS / M. POTATO
GREEN BEANS /ICE CREAM
STRAWBERRIES / BANANAS
3rd grade menu

23
MIFFIN / YOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN WINGS
GREEN BEANS / PEACHES
MOZZ. STICK / ICE CREAM
4th grade menu

30
BACON and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
MAC & CHEESE / CORN
APPLE
Preschool menu

3
FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

FISH
FRIED POTATOES
BAKED BEANS
FRUIT

10
BREAKFAST BISCUIT
FRESH FRUIT

HOT HAM & CHEESE
FRIES / PEAS
FRUIT

17
LONGJOHN
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
M. POTATOES / ROLL
WATERMELON
1st grade menu

24
WAFFLES
FRESH FRUIT

SPAGHETTI
SALAD / FRUIT
GARLIC TOAST



DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, POPTARTS, / UNCRUSTABLES OR CHEF SALAD IF ORDERED AT LUNCH COUNT.
MILK, JUICE, and BREAD OF SOMEKIND SERVED DAILY. MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO AVAILABILITY.

APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1ST AND 2ND.</p>	<p>SCHOOL IN SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 30TH.</p>		<p>APBPI! 7:30am: Northeast District CDE Contest Day-2 1pm: Atlanta JH Track Meet @ LaPlata</p>	<p>2 1:30pm: Assembly FCA Meeting 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs Northwestern</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY/ EASTER BREAK</p>	
5	6 1:30pm: HS Track Meet @ LaPlata	7 Honor Roll Field Trip	8 JH/HS Track Pictures 5pm: BB @ DeKalb	9 6pm: Title Night	10 Mid-Quarter FFA State Officer Interview 2pm: NHS Initiation 4pm: JH Track Meet @ Brookfield 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs Brashear	11 6pm: Aggie Booster Fish Fry FFA State Officer Interview
12	13 Teacher Workday JH Track Meet @ LaPlata 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs BMC	14 FFA State Convention 2:30pm: HS Track Meet @ Salisbury	15 FFA State Convention 9am: JH/HS Track Meet @ Carrollton	16 FFA State Convention 5pm: BB @ Glasgow	17 FFA State Convention BB @ St. Joe (Wood Bar Townn.) 5/17-5-18 8:30am: JH/HS SW Ludlow Track Meet @ Chillicothe	18
19	20 1:30pm: JH/HS Track Meet @ Princeton	21 1pm: HS Track Meet @ Milan	22 5pm: BB @ Trenton	23 2pm: JH Track Meet @ Salisbury 5pm: BB @ Green City	24 1pm: HS Track Meet @ Carrollton 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs LaPlata	25
26	27 Make Up Day #5 9am: JH/HS Conference Track Meet @ LaPlata	28 5pm: BB @ Salisbury 6pm: Linn Co. Spelling Bee (Brookfield)	29	30 2:45pm: JH Track Meet @ Milan 5pm: BB @ Tina vs Tina/Hale	<p>School Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th @ 7pm in Rm 10.</p>	

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the ledger.

Administration

Ryan Livingston, Superintendent
Lindsay Neal, Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY, PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

Board of Education

Jack Green, President- 5 years
Racheal Neal, Vice President- 13 years
Chad Gooch, 13 years
Daniel Singleton, 6 years
Bryon Rojas, 3 years
Tod Sparks, 1 year
Wesley Allnutt, April 2025

