

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August:

19 & 20: Teacher In-Service
24: Open House (3-6p)
25: First Day of School

September:

11: Mid Quarter
14: Teacher PD

October:

5: Teacher PD
9: End of Quarter
19: Parent/Teacher
Conferences

November:

2: Teacher PD
13: Mid Quarter
24-27: Thanksgiving Break
[Early dismissal at 12pm]

December:

7: Make Up Day #1
18: End of 2nd Quarter
18-Jan 5: Christmas Break
[Early dismissal at 12pm]

January:

4: Teacher PD
5: Classes Resume
11: Make Up Day #2

February:

1: Teacher PD
5: Mid Quarter
15: Make Up Day #3

March:

1: Teacher PD
15: Make Up Day #3
19: End of Quarter
26: Good Friday/Easter
Break

April:

9: Mid Quarter
12: Teacher PD
26: Make Up Day #5

May:

3: Make Up Day #6
9: Baccalaureate
16: Graduation--2:30pm
21: Last Day of School
[Early dismissal at 12pm]
24 & 25: Teacher Work Days

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Dear Valued Families and Community Members,

It is with great excitement, gratitude, and humility that I welcome you to a new school year as your Superintendent. It is truly a privilege and an honor to serve this community.

This opportunity is deeply personal to me. My educational journey began in kindergarten with Mrs. Anderson, and some of my favorite teachers, lifelong friendships, and most cherished memories were made at Linn County R-1. As a lifelong Mustang and graduate of the Class of 1995, returning "home" to serve the school and community that played such an important role in shaping who I am is both a privilege and an honor. It is especially meaningful to give back to the place that invested in my education, inspired me to pursue a career in education, and helped prepare me for this opportunity. I am grateful for the trust placed in me, and I look forward to partnering with our students, families, staff, and community as we continue to build on the strong foundation that makes our school such a special place.

Our focus will always be on what matters most—**putting students first**. Every decision we make will be guided by what is best for our children, ensuring they have the opportunities, support, and encouragement they need to learn, grow, and succeed.

I also believe that strong schools are built on strong relationships and open communication. My door is always open, and I welcome your ideas, questions, and feedback. Together, we can create an environment where every student feels valued, challenged, and supported.

To help you get to know my family a little better, I'd like to share a glimpse into our lives. My husband, Rev, and I have been married for seven years. Together, we blended our families and have been blessed with five kiddos. He was hired as the lead maintenance/custodian for the district, so you will definitely see him around.

Our oldest, Ethan, is 28 and lives in Linn Creek, where he owns a business specializing in boat repair. Hannah, 26, lives in Brookfield with her husband, Dalton. They both work for Better By Design and have blessed us with two grandbabies: Kaysen, who will be 6 in August and is excited to begin kindergarten in a few weeks, and Bentley, who is 2½ years old. Sierra, 22, will begin her first year as a first-grade teacher in Aurora this fall. Zane, 21, lives in Jefferson City and works for the United States Postal Service. Our youngest, Gabby, 19, is attending MACC and studying Animal Science. Rounding out our family is our 8-year-old German Shepherd, who keeps life entertaining.

One of the things I am most looking forward to is getting to know our families and community members. I hope to see you at school events, athletic competitions, performances, and throughout our community. Building connections with you is an important part of this work, and I am excited to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students together.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve this amazing district. I am honored to be part of this community once again and look forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and opportunities for every student.
Go Mustangs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberley Walters



News From Mrs. Neal



Welcome back to a new school year. We're always excited for a fresh start and this year is no different. We had some fun learning opportunities over the summer. Summer Library in the park was a huge success and all three towns had an opportunity to benefit. We had a Bubble Bash, a Preschool Play Date, and a wonderful summer school experience.

This year we will continue striving to make Linn County feel like a place where everyone matters and feels at home while creating high expectations for learning. Students will walk in feeling happy and better for the hard work they put into their education. We can't wait to welcome you all back and hope to see you at Back to School Night Open House, we hope you make every effort to attend on Monday, August 24th from 3pm-6pm.

Miss Madilynn Lumsden *4th Grade Teacher*

We are excited to welcome Madilynn Lumsden as she completes her studies and student teaching this year under the mentorship and guidance of Jessica Powell in our 4th grade classroom. Together, they bring enthusiasm, dedication, and a shared passion for helping every student learn and grow. We look forward to the positive impact they will have on our students throughout the school year.

Madilynn went to school at Linn County up until 4th grade and graduated from Brookfield high school. She is currently finishing her Elementary Education degree at Northwest Missouri State University and will be graduating in May. *"I chose to become a teacher because I wanted to make a difference in my students lives."*

In Madilynn's free time you can find her at mexican with her friends getting chips and queso! Madilynn also loves doing nails and reading, as well as being a Mustang again!

Jenna Barber *Athletic Director* *Physical Education Teacher* *Head Track Coach*

A new chapter in our school's athletic program is beginning as Jenna Barber takes on the role of the new athletic director. With a passion for student-athletes, teamwork, and building a strong school community, Jenna is looking forward to working with coaches, athletes, families, and fans throughout the upcoming school year.

Jenna has been with the school district for five year and will continue her role as the physical education teacher and head track coach.

Rev Walters *Head Custodian/Maintenance*

Before joining Linn County R-1, Rev spent 25 years as a fabricator and TIG welder at Osage Ambulance in Linn, Missouri. For the past three years, he worked as Grounds Maintenance at Wentzville School District at Holt High School, where he prepared and maintained athletic facilities while also providing general maintenance support for neighboring elementary schools. Dr. Walters and Rev moved to Linn County to be closer to her oldest daughter and their grandkids.

Outside of work, Rev enjoys listening to live music, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. We are thrilled to have him on our team and look forward to the experience and dedication he brings to our school community.

Brooke Allnutt *ECSE and K-12 Special Education Teacher* *Parents as Teachers Educators*

We are excited to announce Brooke Allnutt as our new Parents as Teachers Educator. In this role, Brooke will work closely with parents and families to provide support, resources, and opportunities that help children succeed both at school and at home.

In addition Brooke will continue to serve as an ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) and K-12 Special Education teacher for Linn County R-1. My experience across a wide range of age groups has allowed me to develop a strong understanding of diverse learning needs and how to support each child's individual growth.

Outside of school, Brooke enjoys spending time on her family's farm with her husband, Wesley, and their three children: Weslynn, Emberly, and Gunnison. I feel incredibly blessed to both live and work in this community and look forward to continuing to serve and connect with the families of Linn Co.

MUSTANG MINUTES

Stacy Buswell

Food Service Director

We are excited to introduce our new Food Service Director, Stacy Buswell! With a passion for providing students with nutritious, delicious, and enjoyable meals, Stacy is looking forward to becoming part of our school community.

As Food Service Director, Stacy will oversee the school's food service program, helping ensure students have access to quality meals each day. Stacy also hopes to hear students' ideas and feedback about their favorite foods and what they would like to see on the menu.

Kristin Morgan

Custodian

Meet Our Evening School Custodian!

Our school is excited to recognize Kristin Morgan, our evening custodian! While most students and staff have headed home for the day, Kristin works hard behind the scenes to make sure our school is clean, safe, and ready for everyone when they return the next morning.

From keeping classrooms and hallways clean to taking care of the many tasks that keep our school running smoothly, Kristin's hard work and dedication often happens after the school day ends, but her contribution is appreciated by students and staff alike.

Kristin recently moved to the area from the Quad Cities to be closer to family.

LADY MUSTANG BASKETBALL

As we gear up for a new year of Linn County Lady Mustang basketball, we would like to welcome our new coaches for the 2026-2027 seasons, head coach Neslie Allnutt an assistant Jaime Lowman. Neslie (2003) and Jaime (2008) are both Linn County R-1 Lady Mustang alumni who were both part of a long era of outstanding Linn County basketball teams and are excited to lead and bring that same fire back to this year's junior high and high school girls basketball teams. When asked what she is most for this year's season, head coach Neslie Allnutt states, "I'm excited to instill hard work and discipline in these young ladies that will serve them well in life. We hope to create a love and passion for the game of basketball while also teaching them important qualities it takes to be a successful adult." Junior high girls basketball will kick off soon with practices starting September 1st.

Nurse Notes

MSHSAA sport physicals are to be completed and turned in by the first practice. Physical forms can be found on the school's website. Be sure all immunizations need to be up to date as well. Any questions, please contact June Woodside at 660-244-5035.

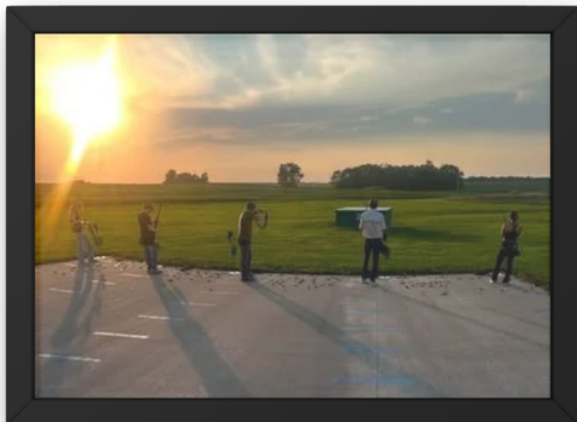
2026-2027 School Year Breakfast and Lunch Prices

PK-5:	Breakfast: \$1.55	Lunch: \$2.05
6th-12th Grade:	Breakfast: \$1.55	Lunch: \$2.20
Adults:	Breakfast: \$2.40	Lunch: \$3.10



MUSTANG MINUTES

2026 Fall Softball and Baseball Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
8/28	Grundy Co. SB/BB	Home	5:00 PM	
9/1	Higbee SB/BB	Away	5:00 PM	2:45 PM
9/3	Tri-County SB only	Away	5:00 PM	
9/4	Brashear SB/BB	Away	5:00 PM	2:45 PM
9/8	Bevier SB/BB	Away	5:00 PM	3:15 PM
9/10	Bucklin/Macon Co. SB/BB	Home	5:00 PM	
9/14	Green City SB/BB	Home	5:00 PM	
9/18	Novinger SB only	Home	5:00 PM	
9/21	Meadville SB only	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
9/25	Atlanta SB/BB	Home	5:00 PM	
9/26	Atlanta Softball Tourn.	Away	TBA	TBA
9/28	Thunder (Brunswick) SB only	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
10/2	LaPlata SB/BB	Away	5:00 PM	2:45 PM
10/6	Milan SB only	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
10/6	Mercer SB only	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
10/13-17	District Softball	Away	TBA	TBA



LIFE WILL ALWAYS THROW YOU CURVES, JUST KEEP FOULING THEM OFF. THE RIGHT PITCH WILL COME, BUT WHEN IT DOES, BE PREPARED TO RUN THE BASES.

AUGUST 2026

LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, OR CHEF SALAD. MILK JUICE, AND SOMEKIND OF BREAD ALSO SERVED DAILY.

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE

MySchoolBucks.com

SEPTEMBER 2026

LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

PANCAKE ON A STICK
FRESH FRUIT

1

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

2

BREAKFAST SANDWICH
FRESH FRUIT

3

LONG JOHN
FRESH FRUIT

4

SMOTHERED CHICKEN
CHEESEY POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
PEARS

CRISPITOS
TRI TATER
MIXED VEGETABLE
PEACHES

CORNDOGS
MAC AND CHEESE
PEAS
PINEAPPLE

HOT HAM AND CHEESE
SUN CHIPS
RAW VIGGIES
GRAPE

HONEY BUN
FRESH FRUIT

8

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

9

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

10

DONUTS
FRESH FRUIT

11

CHICKEN ETTI
GREEN BEANS
BREAD STICK
MANDARIAN ORANGES

WALKING TACO
LETTUCE/TOM/ONION/CHEESE
CORN
BROWNIE/PEACHES

SLOPPY JOES
FRENCH FRIES
CARROTS
PINNAPPLE

CHEESE OR BUFFALO PIZZA
SIDE SALAD
MIXED FRUIT

MUFFINS
YOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

15

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

16

MINI CINNI
FRESH FRUIT

17

DONUT HOLES
FRESH FRUIT

18

CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES / PEAS
PEACHES

SPAGHETTI
GREEN BEANS
BREAD STICK
PEARS

TENDERLOIN ON A BUN
ONION RINGS
CARROTS
MIXED FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
MAC AND CHEESE
PEAS
BRAKED APPLES

FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

22

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

23

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

24

GLAZED DONUTS
FRESH FRUIT

25

TACOS
LETTUCE/TOM/ONION/CHEESE
CORN
MANDARIAN ORANGES

BBQ RIB ON A BUN
TATER TOTS
PEAS
STRAWBERRIES

SALIBURY STEAK
MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY
BROCCOLI AND CHEESE
PINEAPPLE

CHICKEN PATTIE ON A BUN
CHIPS
GREEN BEANS
PEACHES

EGG AND TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

29

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

30

RAVIOLI
COTTAGE CHEESE
PEAS
PEARS

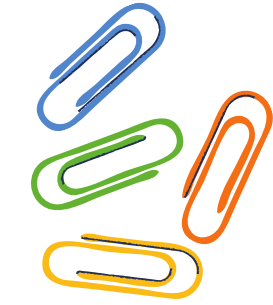
HOTDOG
FRENCH FRIES
CARROTS
APPLES

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AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 19 7pm: School Board Meeting: in Room 10					1
2	3	4	5	6 11am: Tri-County Conference Meeting @ Atlanta	7	8
9	10 9am: Preschool Playdate	11	12	13 9am: Tech-Free Day <i>Grades 1-5</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19 Teacher In-Service	20 Teacher In-Service	21	22
23	24 Open House (3-6pm)	25 	26 7:45am: FCA Meeting	27 Jostens Meeting- Sophomores (10am) & Seniors (10:30am)	28 5pm: SB/BB @ LC vs Grundy Co.	29
	30	31				

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Administration

Dr. Kimberley Walters, Superintendent
Lindsay Neal, Principal

**LEARNING FOR TODAY,
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW**

Board of Education

Jack Green- President- 6 years
Bryon Rojas- Vice President, 4 years
Daniel Singleton, 7 years
Tod Sparks, 2 year
Wesley Allnutt, 1 year
Bo Brown, April 2026
Justin Lowman, April 2026

POSTAL PATRON



**MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH
FROM 3PM-6PM.**

**GRILLED HAMBURGERS AND
HOTDOGS PROVIDED BY LINN
CO. FFA AND HOMEMADE
ICE CREAM SERVED BY OUR
PTO**

