

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 25-Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 9 Early Dismissal  
Dec. 18 End of Second Quarter  
End of First Semester  
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Christmas Break  
Jan. 4 Teacher Workshop  
Jan. 5 School Resumes  
Jan. 13 Early Dismissal  
Jan. 18 MLK Day-No School  
(Possible Make-up Day)  
Feb. 15 President's Day-No School  
(Possible Make-up Day)  
Feb. 17 Early Dismissal  
Mar. 11 End of Third Quarter  
Mar. 17 Early Dismissal  
P/T Conferences 1-7 p.m.  
Mar. 18 No School  
Mar. 24 Early Dismissal  
March 25-28 Spring Break  
April 6 Early Dismissal  
Mustang Relays  
May 17 End of Fourth Quarter  
End of Second Semester  
Early Dismissal  
May 18-19 Teacher Workshop

Possible Snow Make-Up Days

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, May 18, 19, 20, 23

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## Board Election

The Linn County Board of Education has its annual election on April 5, 2016. The election this year will be for two board seats. The seats are presently held by Steve Hardy and Shannon Murrell. Membership to the board is open to residents of the Linn County R-I District who have resided in the state for one year prior to the election, and are at least twenty-four years of age. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and resident taxpayers of the District. To run for a seat on the board an individual must file for office. The Board filing dates are between Dec. 15, 2015 and Jan. 19, 2016. Filing is in the superintendent's office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and until 5:00 PM on January 19, 2016.

The district's offices will be closed starting at 12:00 p.m. on December 18, 2015 through January 5, 2016.

## Dedication for Cora Lee Ford

The family of Cora Lee Ford has dedicated funds in her memory to the R-I Library. Join us Dec. 11 between games as we dedicate a floor globe in her memory and honor. Cora Lee volunteered as a library aide for over 10 years, well after most people would have totally retired. Join us in the HS library for punch and banana cake baked with her own wonderful recipe.

## Canteen Schedule

December 8

Juniors and Mrs. Sayre

December 11

Sophomores and Mrs. Maxwell

December 14

Seniors and Mrs. Wiles

January 22

Juniors and Miss Kingsolver

## **News from Mrs. Gray**

We have been very busy around school as usual. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

The Junior High basketball season just finished and the High School has started their season. I would like to thank everyone that has been out to support the school in anyway so far this year and I would like to encourage the continued support of parents and community members at all events that take place.

The Elementary concert will be held on December 17th at 7:00 p.m. and the Junior High and High School concert is scheduled for December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

The second quarter will end on Friday, December 18th. I encourage all students to continue to work hard in all classes. You can access the Linn County R-I homepage and click on the calendar link to see a schedule of activities that take place.

### **Veteran's Day**

A big THANK YOU to all the Veteran's that were able to join us on Wednesday, November 11th. We sincerely appreciate their service.

### **Elementary Celebration**

The elementary celebration will be held Friday, December 18th. The students will be traveling to Brookfield to watch a movie. School will dismiss at 12:20 pm on December 18th for Christmas break.

### **Elementary Raffle**

The elementary students will be selling raffle tickets for a fundraiser. The raffle tickets will be for items that will be given away at the elementary concert. This fundraiser helps support the movie day and a few other programs and incentives for the elementary. We appreciate your support.

## **PTO TACO SALAD SUPPER FUNDRAISER**

### **Taco Salad Supper**

**December 11, 2015 4:30-7:00 pm.**

### **Linn County R-1 School**

**PLEASE COME OUT AND ENJOY A YUMMY MEAL AS WELL AS  
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PTO!**

**Proceeds from this benefit students directly. We appreciate your support!**

# Sign-Up for School Text Alerts to Stay Up-to-Date

Linn County R-I School District utilizes TextCaster as its alert system designed to broadcast messages to a database of subscribers. TextCaster is a mass notification service sponsored by North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Anyone can sign up for Mustang Alerts and get important information about Linn County (school cancellations, student events, and emergency notifications) sent as email or text messages directly to your mobile phone and/or email account. It is an Automated Sign-up Application (ASA) - Go to our homepage at [www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us) and click Quick Links and select the Mustang Alerts icon to the right of the home page. Signing up is easy and free, just two simple steps.

## Step 1: Sign-up - Test Your Phone

In Step 2 of the sign up process, a personal authorization code will be sent to your mobile phone or email address. You will need to enter the 5-digit code in the next screen within (5) minutes in order to verify and complete your enrollment in the system. Do not navigate away from that last screen until your enrollment is complete.

If you have any questions concerning this alert system or any other matter, please contact myself at (660) 244-5035 or by email, [rlivingston@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:rlivingston@linnr1.k12.mo.us).

Sincerely,  
Mr. Livingston  
Superintendent

## School Cancellations/Early Dismissals

Winter is right around the corner, and with that in mind, it is in our best interest to keep our staff and students safe. If we receive a fair amount of snow please listen to the radio for school cancellations. We will still call the radio stations as soon as we know school will not be in session, and will try to do so by 6:30 a.m. If it starts snowing or getting slick during the day, list to the radio to see if we are letting out early. Remember, this is a big district with long bus routes and we have the safety of all of the students as our primary interest. Please have plans in place as to where you want your children to go in case we do let out early and you are at work. Do they know what to do? Does the school know what they are supposed to do? Do they need to ride a different bus, go to a different house, or stay with a friend? In the excitement of letting out early, it is hard to get to all of the phone calls that come in, so please make your plans now. In the case of small children, please let us know what the plans are so that we can insure that the students go where they are supposed to. It is much easier to have these plans ahead of time so the phone lines are not being used to make arrangements during the early dismissals.

The radio stations that we will be announcing on are:

KTVO Kirksville - Channel 3	KZBK Brookfield AM 1470 FM 96.9
KIRX Kirksville AM 1450	KRXL Kirksville FM 94.5
KRES Moberly FM 104.7	KCHI Chillicothe AM 1010 FM 103.9
KMZU Carrollton FM 100.7	KTTN Trenton AM 1600 FM 92.1
KDWD Marcelline 99.1	

If you are signed up for Mustang Alert text messages you will receive a text as well.

## SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Linn County R-I is in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are aware of anyone that would be of interest please have them contact Mr. Livingston at 244-5045.

Substitute drivers are paid based upon the number of times that they drive a bus. While the frequency of driving can vary, it is a nice additional source of income that works well for farmers, stay at home mom's, and self-employed individuals who are free to drive on a flexible schedule.

Substitute bus drivers are typically the first in line when a new permanent bus driver is hired. So being a substitute driver can lead to a more permanent position if desired.

Drivers must be 21 years of age, and be able to receive a CDL license with the Class "S" endorsement, and pass a physical examination. The district will reimburse individuals for the time related to taking the driving test, will pay for the costs of the driving test, the criminal background check and the physical, In addition the district will provide assistance in studying for the driving test .

A school bus driver has a unique relationship with the students. It is an important responsible position that can not be left to just anyone. We need strong community members to help in this important educational role. For application or more information call 244-5045.

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### 2015-2016 Yearbook Order Form

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Namestamp to appear on book (if purchased) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Yearbooks \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**2015-2016** **\$25**  
**Yearbooks** **w/o a namestamp**

**\$30**  
**w/ a namestamp**

Prices will increase \$5 after Christmas Break.

If you would like to purchase a yearbook for a Christmas gift, gift certificates are available.

# LINN COUNTY R-I EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Linn County R-I Educational Foundation was established in January 1994. It has a board of directors consisting of seven community members. The foundation was organized to provide scholarships for training beyond the high school level to graduates of the Linn County R-I School District.

The Foundation will receive funds in the form of either gifts from individuals or organizations, or donations through the estates of individuals. The foundation has received 501 (c)(3) status from the IRS, which allows individuals to take deductions on their income tax for the amount of their donation.

If you find yourself in a position where you can make a donation to a worthy cause, please keep the students of Linn County R-I, and the Educational Foundation in mind. Scholarships will be established in the name of the person making the donation, or who ever they desire. Each scholarship will be administered according to the desires of the individuals, all of which can be formalized in writing before the donation. For more information, please contact Ryan Livingston, superintendent Linn County R-I.



## PTO Pizza Pick-Up

Saturday, December 5

1:30 p.m. at school



**Congratulations** to the Junior High Boys Basketball team on a first place win in the Atlanta Tournament!

## Thank You

The Junior class would like to thank everyone that attended and donated to their pulled pork dinner. A special thanks to Kym Knifong, Brenda Search, Angela Murrell, Valerie Coke, Sinclair Oil of Milan, Farmland, and McDonald's of Brookfield.

## Library News

All library fines and dues need to be paid by the end of the semester, Grades K-12. Notices will be sent home before Thanksgiving.

## NOTICE!

If you do not want your child or guardians name or picture to be placed in the media by the school district, please notify the district office at 660-244-5045. An example is listing their name with the Honor Roll in the Ledger, newspaper, or on the district's internet site.



**Linn County R-1  
Home of the Mustangs**

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Message Line  
660-895-1234**

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**Look for the Mustang Alerts  
button on the right side of the  
homepage.**

**Administration:**

Ryan Livingston - Superintendent  
Candi Gray - Elem./HS Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY,  
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

[www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)

**Board of Education**

Janis Guyer, Pres., 3 yrs  
Chad Gooch, V.P., 5 yrs  
Steve Hardy, 11 yrs  
Racheal Neal, 5 yrs  
Brenda Search, 5 yrs  
Shannon Murrell 2 yrs  
Amy Johnson

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**Elementary Concert**  
December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**Junior High and High School Concert**  
December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

## **PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

The Linn County R-1 School District Board of Education believes that engaging parents/families in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. The Board recognizes that a student's education is a responsibility shared by the district, parents, families and other members of the community during the entire time a student attends school. The Board believes that the district must create an environment that is conducive to learning and that strong, comprehensive parent/family involvement is an important component. Parent/Family involvement in education requires a cooperative effort with roles for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the district, parents/families and the community.

### **Parent/Family Involvement Goals and Plan**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of eliminating barriers that impede parent/family involvement, thereby facilitating an environment that encourages collaboration with parents, families and other members of the community. Therefore, the district will develop and implement a plan to facilitate parent/family involvement that shall include the following six (6) goals:

1. Promote regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school.
2. Promote and support responsible parenting.
3. Recognize the fact that parents/families play an integral role in assisting their children to learn.
4. Promote a safe and open atmosphere for parents/families to visit the schools their children attend, and actively solicit parent/family support and assistance for school programs.
5. Include parents as full partners in decisions affecting their children and families.
6. Use available community resources to strengthen and promote school programs, family practices and the achievement of students.

The district's plan for meeting these goals is to:

1. Provide activities that will educate parents regarding the intellectual and developmental needs of their children at all age levels. This will include promoting cooperation between the district and other agencies or school/community groups (such as parent-teacher groups, Head Start, Parents as Teachers, etc.) to furnish learning opportunities and disseminate information regarding parenting skills and child/adolescent development.
2. Implement strategies to involve parents/families in the educational process, including:
  - < Keeping parents/families informed of opportunities for involvement and encouraging participation in various programs.

- < Providing access to educational resources for parents/families to use together with their children.
  - < Keeping parents/families informed of the objectives of district educational programs as well as of their child's participation and progress within these programs.
3. Enable families to participate in the education of their children through a variety of roles. For example, parents/family members should be given opportunities to provide input into district policies and volunteer time within the classrooms and school programs.
  4. Provide professional development opportunities for teachers and staff to enhance their understanding of effective parent/family involvement strategies.
  5. Perform regular evaluations of parent/family involvement at each school and at the district level.
  6. Provide access, upon request, to any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
  7. If practical, provide information in a language understandable to parents.

### **Title I, Migrant Education (MEP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Programs**

The Board also recognizes the special importance of parent/family involvement to the success of its Title I, MEP and LEP programs. Pursuant to federal law, the district and parents will jointly develop and agree upon a written parental involvement policy that will be distributed to parents participating in any of these programs.

#### ***Title I Program Parent Involvement***

The district and parents of children participating in the Title I program will jointly develop and agree upon a written parent involvement policy that will describe how the district will:

1. Involve parents in the joint development of the Title I program plan and in the process of reviewing the implementation of the plan and suggesting improvements.
2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.
4. Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with those of other educational programs.



5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content of the parental involvement policy and its effectiveness in improving the academic quality of the schools served. This will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by law, particularly by parents who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The district will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies.
6. Involve parents in the activities of the schools served.

Each school receiving Title I funds will jointly develop with and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a written parental involvement policy agreed upon by such parents in accordance with the requirements of federal law:

1. The policy must be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
2. The policy shall contain a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility of improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children.
3. Each school participating in the Title I program will convene a meeting annually to inform parents about Title I and to involve parents in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review and improvement of the school parental involvement policy.

#### ***Migrant Education Program Parent Involvement***

Parents of students in the MEP will be involved in and regularly consulted about the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the Migrant Education Program.

Parents of MEP students will receive instruction regarding their role in improving the academic achievement of their children.

#### ***Limited English Proficiency Program Parent Involvement***

Pursuant to federal law, parents of LEP students will be provided notification regarding their child's placement in and information about the district's LEP program.

Parents will be notified of their rights regarding program content and participation.

#### **Policy Evaluation**

The district, with parent/family involvement, will review and evaluate the content and effectiveness of this policy and each school-level policy at least annually. The district will revise this policy as necessary to improve or create practices that enhance parent/family involvement.

# LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO TACO SUPPER

December 11, 2015

LINN COUNTY PTO WILL BE HOSTING A TACO SUPPER ON December 11, 2015.  
WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS FOR THE SUPPER.

Menu will be:

Taco Salad

Dessert

We are asking for donations from the classes as follows:

Preschool- Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Kindergarten- Shredded Cheddar Cheese

1st and 2nd grade—Tortilla Chips

3rd and 4th grade- Tortilla Chips

5th and 6th grade- lettuce or taco sauce

7th and 8th grade- Canned diced tomatoes or sour cream

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade- pies, cakes, cookies or brownies

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade- Pies, cakes, cookies or brownies

The donations, with the exception of the desserts, need to be at the school by Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, so we know how much we have. Desserts should be delivered on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

WE WILL ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN. PLEASE CHECK THE TIME YOU COULD WORK.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00-5:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30-7:00 \_\_\_\_\_ CLEANUP AFTER 7:00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL HEATHER PHILLIPS at 660-895-5290 or 660-734-3453 OR ROBYN BRINKLEY AT 660-895-5403.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET BACK TO MRS. GRAY BY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

THE MEAL WILL BE SERVED FROM 4:30-7:00

Cost of the meal will be a Free Will Donation

The class with the highest amount of donations will receive a pop during their lunch.

Please keep in mind all profits go back into the school for needed items. All classes benefit at some point. As we are approached by the faculty/administration for requests, we can only fill those requests if we have the appropriate funds. You can be a big part in helping your child get the necessary items needed to enhance their education.

## A Touch of Glass

*With a touch of glass the holiday spirit will last!*



# Decorative Wine Glasses and Cookies in a Jar



The Ag. Business class has started their own business, called “A Touch of Glass.” We will be selling decorative wine glasses as well as cookies in a jar. Proceeds from these products will go to an organization within the Linn County School.

### Glasses Available:

- Santa
- Male and female snowmen
- A Penguin
- Let It Snow

### Cookies in a Jar:

- Chocolate Chip
- M&M'S
- Reese's Pieces

### Prices:

- **One glass \$12.50 OR two glasses for \$20**
- **Cookies in a jar: \$6 each**

### Contact Information:

You can call or email to place orders or for more information.  
Linn County School: 660-244-5035 ext.262  
Email: [linncotouchofglass@gmail.com](mailto:linncotouchofglass@gmail.com)







# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 <i>Northwestern Invitational Basketball Tournament</i>	1	2	3	4	5 → <i>State Band Auditions PTO Pizza Pick-Up</i>
6	7	8 <i>Pep Band 6 pm HSBB @ LC vs Brashear Fan Appreciation Night</i>	9 <i>12:20 pm Early Dismissal</i>	10 <i>7 pm Linn County Winter Band/Choir Concert</i>	11 <i>6 pm HSBB @ LC vs Atlanta</i>	12
13	14 <i>6 pm HSBB @ LC vs Northwestern 7 pm Board Meeting</i>	15 <i>6 pm HSBB @ Meadville</i>	16	17 <i>7 pm Elementary Christmas Program</i>	18 <i>12:20 pm Early Dismissal</i>	19
20	21 <i>Christmas Break</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Christmas Break</i>	29	30	31		

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 <i>Cereal, Toast, Fruit</i> <i>Cheeseburgers,</i> <i>Fries, Peas, Pears</i>	1 <i>Pancakes, Fruit</i> <i>Spaghetti, Tossed</i> <i>Salad, Corn, Garlic</i> <i>Toast, Fruit</i>	2 <i>Biscuit, Gravy</i> <i>BBQ Chicken,</i> <i>Mixed Vegetables,</i> <i>Scalloped Potatoes,</i> <i>Fruit</i>	3 <i>Eggs, Sausage,</i> <i>Toast, Fruit</i> <i>Taco Soup/Potato</i> <i>Soup, Carrots,</i> <i>Fruit, Cookie</i>	4 <i>French Toast, Fruit</i> <i>BBQ Pork, Ranch</i> <i>Potatoes, Green</i> <i>Beans, Fruit</i>	5
6	7 <i>Muffin, Yogurt,</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Popcorn Chicken,</i> <i>Mac &amp; Cheese,</i> <i>Broccoli, Fruit</i>	8 <i>Toast, Sausage,</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Tenderloin, Curley</i> <i>Fries, Buttered Car-</i> <i>rots, Fruit</i>	9 <i>Biscuit, Gravy</i> <i>Burrito, Cheese</i> <i>Stick, Spanish Rice,</i> <i>Applesauce, Cinna-</i> <i>mon Roll</i>	10 <i>Sausage, Egg,</i> <i>Cheese Potatoes</i> <i>Chicken Fried</i> <i>Steak, Mashed Po-</i> <i>tatoes, Gravy, Cau-</i> <i>liflower w/ Cheese,</i> <i>Fruit</i>	11 <i>Breakfast Pizza,</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Chicken Pot Pie w/</i> <i>Mixed Vegetables,</i> <i>Biscuit, Fruit</i>	12 <i>No Salads or Salad</i> <i>Bar after the 11th</i>
13	14 <i>Breakfast Bar,</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Pizza, Green Beans,</i> <i>Fruit</i>	15 <i>Pancake on a Stick,</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Ham, Hashbrown</i> <i>Casserole, Creamed</i> <i>Peas, Layered Let-</i> <i>tuce, Jello Cake,</i> <i>and More</i>	16 <i>Biscuit, Gravy</i> <i>Ravioli/Broccoli</i> <i>Cheese Soup, Raw</i> <i>Veggies, Crackers,</i> <i>Cheese Sticks</i>	17 <i>Poptarts, Fruit</i> <i>Baked Potato Bar</i> <i>with Trimmings,</i> <i>Corn, Fruit</i>	18 <i>Cereal, Fruit</i> <i>Sack Lunch: Sub</i> <i>Sandwich, Chips,</i> <i>Apples, Carrots,</i> <i>Ranch, Candy Bar</i>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26



# The Linn Co. R-1 FCA packs 50 OCC Boxes



A special thank you to everyone involved in making this year's **Operation Christmas Child** a success. Your donations, whether monetary or items donated, will make a difference in a young child's life...THANK YOU for your generosity. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the after school shopping trip, to those who helped pack the boxes, to the Browning Baptist Church for hosting and the ladies of the church fixing a fantastic Taco meal for everyone.

Finally to Anita Smith for transporting these and more boxes to Kirksville, where they will be loaded onto a semi-truck and dropped off at a processing center in Minnesota and loaded onto a plane to be delivered to remote areas in Mexico.



***We wish you  
all a  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!***

