

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

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Join Us in Welcoming Dr. Kimberley Walters as Our New Superintendent!

Dr. Kimberley Walters has been selected as the new superintendent for the Linn Co. R-1 School District, a proud 1995 graduate and alumni of our district. With 27 years of experience in education, she brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and a deep commitment to student success. Dr. Walters is currently the principal at Heritage Elementary in the Wentzville School District where she has been employed since 2023. Her career has spanned multiple districts, including Bucklin, Brookfield, Hale, Blair Oaks, and Wentzville, where she has served in a variety of impactful roles—special education teacher, reading coach, principal, and assistant superintendent. These experiences have shaped her strong instructional leadership and dedication to meeting the needs of all learners. Dr. Walters has an admirable record of working to improve student achievement, and strong staff/community engagement.

“While searching for our next Superintendent, our board was fortunate to have a multitude of strong candidates. Through the interview process, Dr. Walters exhibited the strength in leadership, educational experience, and sense of community pride that our board believes will continue to move the district in the right direction.” Board President Jack Green stated.

“Returning to the community that raised me is truly an honor. I’m excited to serve in this capacity giving back to the school and families that helped shape my own educational journey.” Dr. Walters shared.

Dr. Walters begins formal employment on July 1, 2026.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Gracie Elaine Small



Short Description of Self:

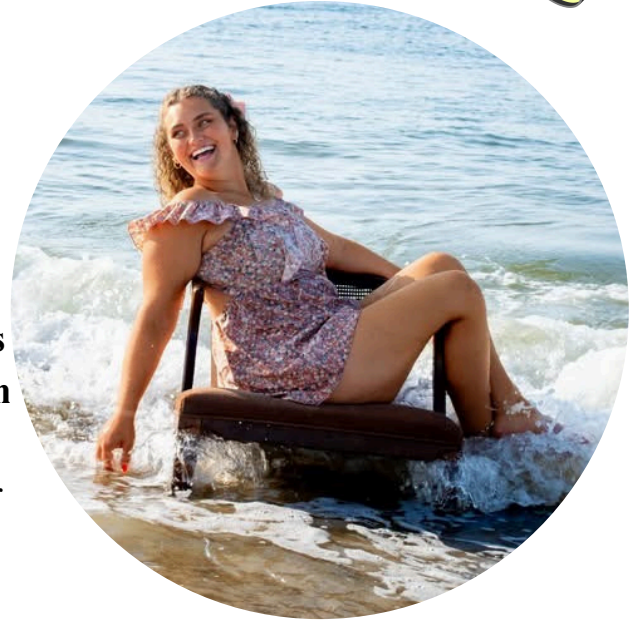
I am a kind and considerate person who enjoys helping others. I train dogs with patience and care, and stay involved in my church community, where I like being part of something meaningful.

Plans After High School:

Attend NCMC Nursing School to become a Registered Nurse

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

Miss Violet, I could never thank her enough for always being there.



Activities I Am Involved in:

Softball, Student Council, FFA, NHS, and Cheerleading

What are you excited for this year?

My favorite event so far was Softball Senior Night due to all the love I received. I am most looking forward to graduation to celebrate the amazing accomplishment with my fellow classmates.

What is your favorite memory of Linn County?

Watching Kolby throwing a fit on his first day of preschool.

What would you tell your younger self?

Find the good in the other people around you instead of letting the negativity of some consume you.

News from Mrs. Neal

January is upon us and we're in full basketball mode. Homecoming was the 15th and we celebrated Senior Night on the 6th. Students are antsy when it's too cold to go outside so we all work hard to keep them busy but build in breaks for our best learning. Our Mini-Mustang camp is coming up and we've raised tons of money for seniors going on their trip and prom. Honor Roll students have been announced on Facebook.

Compassion in Action

During December our elementary students participated in an activity where the elves they created took off and ran through the town. So many businesses participated and we'd like to send a sincere thank you to all of them who did. Lisa Hoskins taught us about the post office, Brandi Biggs shared her restaurant with us and Karen Cook brought previously uncirculated bills to raffle from their family and Bank of Brookfield-Purdin. Our local sheriff's office participated as well as our cooks, and other community members. It was such a nice way to get the community interacting with the students and we are incredibly grateful.



MUSTANGS MINUTES

Principal's Honor Roll

GPA of 4.0 or above

Junior

Isaiah Alvarado
Charlotte Banta
Alex Coffman
Carson Coram
Kenadi Head
Lexi Kiel
Lizbeth Reyes
Nathaniel Singleton

Sophomore

Ellie Jennings

Freshman

Rylee Rhoades

6th Grade:

Addison Hollon
Hayden Kehr
Karson Livingston
Remi McCoy

Regular Honor Roll

GPA of 3.5-3.99

Senior

CJ Hayes
Taylor Jasinski
Kolby Livingston
Avery Phillips

Isabela Rojas

Gracie Small

Junior

Isaiah Bell
Iryn Doyle
Kaden Fainter
Daniel Palmer
Andrew Shoemaker

Sophomore

June Barber
Mia Castellon
Makayla Eppy
Mallorie Gibson
Susan Ruiz
Paityn Sparks

Regular Honor Roll Cont.

Freshman

Reyna Bell
Piper Leonard
Harlow Miller
Ruger Palmer
Jace Wiles

8th Grade

Erich Mittelstaedt
Chayse Reyes
Quincy Tornow
Chloe Walton
Aubriana Wood

7th Grade

Alanah Gaudet
Tripp Leonard
Westyn Neal

6th Grade

Jake Barber
Graceyn Floyd
Layton Flummer
Bennett Gardner
Jaycee Robinson



Elementary Valentine's Parties

Mark your calendars for the
Elementary Valentine Parties
on Friday, February 13th.
More information to come.



First Grade is Rewarded with a PJ Day



The 100th day of school is anticipated to be
Wednesday, February 25th. The Linn Co.
faculty and staff are planning some exciting
activities to celebrate throughout the day.

EOC Reward Trip

EOC stands for End of Course assessments.
These are the state assessments given in
Algebra I, English II, Biology and
Government. The following students scored
proficient or advanced on their assessments
last year.

9th

Reyna Bell
Piper Leonard
Rylee Rhoades
Drae Parker
Emery Werner
Layne Hoerrmann

11th

Isaiah Alvarado
Riley Dyer
Kenadi Head
Alex Coffman
Carson Coram
Iryn Dole

10th

Makayla Eppy
Mallorie Gibson
Ellie Jennings
Mia Castellon

Daniel Palmer

Nathaniel Singleton
Lizbeth Reyes
Lexi Kiel

12th

CJ Hayes
Gracie Small
Isabela Rojas

Sports and Club News

Once a Mustangs, Always a Mustang

January 15th, Linn County hosted the Hale Cardinals staking a double victory for our varsity Mustangs and Lady Mustangs. Coronation took place between the two games recognizing the students who serve as a role model of and for the school's student body. Seniors Kolby Livingston and Gracie Small were crowned the 2026 Homecoming King and Queen. Avery Phillips (Sr.) and Carson Coram (Jr.) were 1st runner up followed by Juniors Nathaniel Singleton and Kenadi Head as 2nd runner up.



HOCO

The Junior High and Varsity cheerleaders united together to perform a dance routine during halftime of the boys' game for Homecoming.



Junior High & High School

Academic Bowl

Junior High and High School Scholar Bowl has started its season! The students have been practicing for two weeks now, and they've been getting ready for their meets in March! Make sure you come to the meets and support both our teams!

Scheduled Meets

March 4th at LaPlata (4pm and 5pm)
March 11th at Linn Co. (4pm and 6pm)
March 17th at Linn Co. (4pm and 6pm)
March 18th at Brashear (5pm and 6pm)

READY SET BUZZ

Feb. 1: Mini Mustang Clinic- 1pm-4pm

Feb. 3: Varsity Basketball @ Home vs BMC- 6pm, PTO Dinner and Mini Mustang Performance

Feb. 5: Varsity Basketball @ Southwest Ludlow- 6pm

Feb. 6: Varsity Basketball @ Bevier- 5:30pm (boys play 2 extra quarters).

FCA Meeting

FFA Proficiency Applications Due

Feb. 10: Varsity Basketball @ Home vs Green City- 6pm. Jr. Class Dinner

Feb. 12: Varsity Basketball @ Milan- 6pm

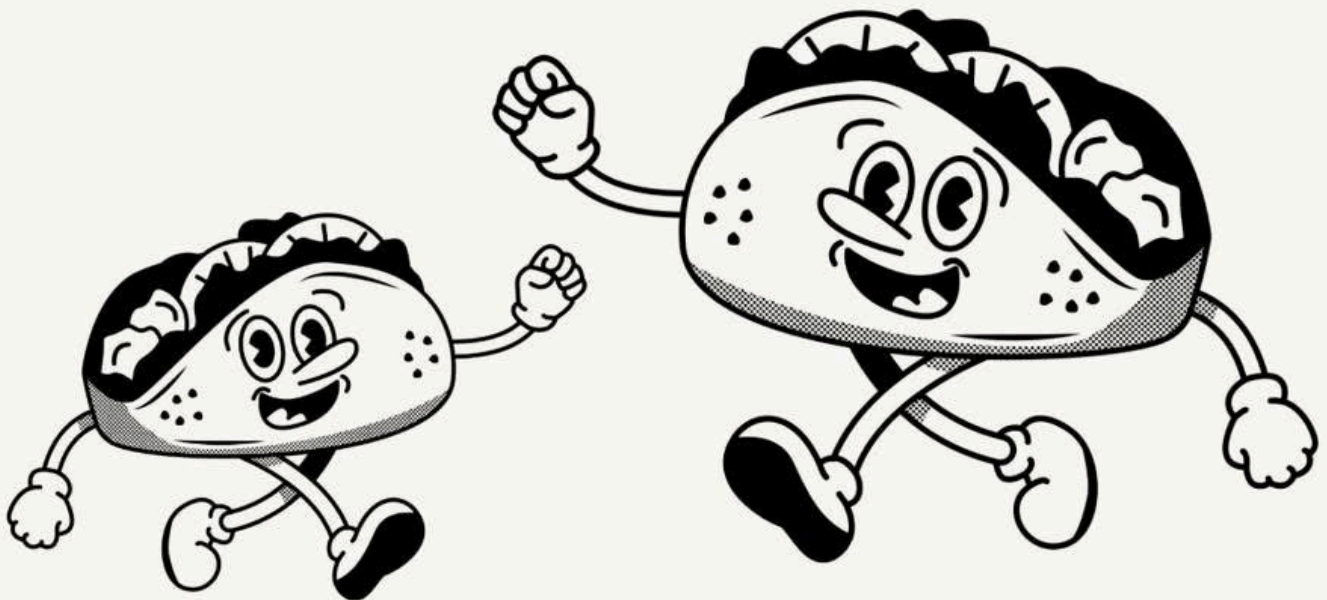
Feb. 13: FFA Choir and Talent State Applications Due

Feb. 17: Varsity Basketball @ Home vs North Harrison -6pm

Feb. 19: Varsity Basketball @ Home vs Tina Avalon- 6pm

Feb 23-28: Varsity Basketball Districts

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LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO
TACO TUESDAY
DINNER



..... **FREE WILL DONATION**

FEBRUARY
3, 2026



5pm-7:30pm
OR SELL OUT

.....
TACO SALAD

DESSERT

TEA/LEMONADE
.....

H3 Basketball vs Navinger
& Mini Mustang Night

JR CLASS

Fundraiser

CHILI-SOUP SUPPER

LC VS GREEN CITY

You are invited to our annual Chili-Soup Dinner, where you can watch your Mustangs & enjoy a home-cooked meal. Free will donation. All money goes to fund Prom '26.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

- ☒ Chili/Soup
- ☒ Refreshing drinks
- ☒ Homemade desserts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

5-7:30PM

February 2026

Linn County R-1 School

Monday

2

HAM and CHEESE BISCUIT
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN PATTIES
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
BROCCOLI w/ CHEESE
STRAWBERRIES

9

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

SALISBURY STEAK
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
CARROTS
FRUIT

16

SAUSAGE BISCUIT
FRESH FRUIT

CORN DOG
MAC and CHEESE
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRUIT

23

MUFFIN and YOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

SPAGHETTI
GREEN BEANS
APPLESAUCE
FRUIT / BREAD STICKS

Tuesday

3

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

BURRITO / SALSA
MEXICAN CORN SALAD
ROASTED VEGETABLES
FRUIT

10

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

NACHO SUPREME
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRUIT / COOKIE

17

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

BAKED POTATO BAR w/ toppings
BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP
RAW VEGGIES
FRUIT

24

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

HOT TURKEY PLATE
MIXED VEGETABLES
FRUIT / BROWNIE

Wednesday

4

LONGJOHNS
FRESH FRUIT

HOT BEEF PLATE
GREEN BEANS
COTTAGE CHEESE
FRUIT

11

BREAKFAST BURRITO
FRESH FRUIT

TATER TOT CASSEROLE
PEAS / COTTAGE CHEESE
FRUIT

18

DONUT and GOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

TENDERLOIN on BUN
FRIES / BAKED BEANS
FRUIT

25

COFFEECAKE
FRESH FRUIT

MEATBALLS
SCALLOPED POTATOES
STEAMED BROCCOLI
FRUIT

Thursday

5

FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER on BUN
FRIES
COLE SLAW
FRUIT

12

PANCAKES
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
HASH BROWNS
PEAS and CARROTS
FRUIT / CUPCAKE

19

CINNAMON ROLL
FRESH FRUIT

SLOPPY JOE on BUN
POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

26

HAM / EGG and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

HOT HAM and CHEESE
TRI TATERS
COLE SLAW
FRUIT

Friday

6

FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER on BUN
FRIES
COLE SLAW
FRUIT

13

PANCAKES
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
HASH BROWNS
PEAS and CARROTS
FRUIT / CUPCAKE

20

CINNAMON ROLL
FRESH FRUIT

SLOPPY JOE on BUN
POTATOES
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FRUIT

27

HAM / EGG and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT



HOT HAM and CHEESE
TRI TATERS
COLE SLAW
FRUIT



DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, UNCRUSTABLE, CHEF SALAD
MILK and JUICE SERVED DAILY. SOMEKIND OF BREAD SERVED DAILY.
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.

February



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Groundhog Day 	Mini Mustangs Performance PTO Dinner 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs BMC		6pm: HS Basketball @ SW Ludlow	Mid-Quarter FCA Meeting 5:30pm: HS Basketball @ Beaver (boys play 2 extra quarters)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		JR. Class Dinner 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Green City Sophomore Vo-Tech Tour		6pm: HS Basketball @ Milan	Elementary Valentine Parties	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs North Harrison	6pm: Board Meeting in Room 10	6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Tina Avalon		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Make Up Day #3 HS Basketball Districts: Feb 23-28		100th Day of School			
				<div> <div>FFA Dates to Remember</div> <div>Feb 3: Proficiency Apps Due</div> <div>Feb 13: Choir & Talent Sate Applications Due</div> </div>		

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Sign up for text alerts at
www.linnr1.k12.mo.us
Look for the Mustang Alerts on the
right side of the homepage.

Contact the School to
receive a hard copy of
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



POSTAL PATRON



**PRESCHOOL &
KINDERGARTEN**

**ENROLLMENT
NOW OPEN**

for the 2026-2027 school year

**LET YOUR CHILD EXPLORE,
CREATE, AND SHINE WITH US!**

Deadline: March 13, 2026 Register online today!

Register through the Linn Co. R-1 website. The
link is on the home page.
Questions? Contact Janie Wood at:
jwood@linnr1.k12.mo.us

The poster features a dark blue background with a torn paper effect. At the top left is a pink graduation cap, and at the top right is a yellow folder. A green torn paper strip contains the word "ENROLLMENT" in white, and a yellow torn paper strip below it contains "NOW OPEN" in white. Below these, the text "for the 2026-2027 school year" is written in a yellow, cursive font. A lightbulb icon is on the right side. At the bottom, a green arrow points to the text "LET YOUR CHILD EXPLORE, CREATE, AND SHINE WITH US!". A yellow banner at the bottom left says "Deadline: March 13, 2026" and a green banner at the bottom right says "Register online today!". The bottom of the poster has a white grid pattern with registration information.