

## 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 is your favorite memory of Linn County?

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

### 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 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  
Lizabeth Reyes  
Nathaniel Singleton

### Sophomore

Ellie Jennings

### Freshman

Rylee Rhoades

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Erich Mittelstaedt  
Chayse Reyes  
Quincy Tornow  
Chloe Walton  
Aubriana Wood

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alanah Gaudet  
Tripp Leonard  
Westyn Neal

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Daniel Palmer

Makayla Eppy  
Nathaniel Singleton  
Mallorie Gibson  
Ellie Jennings  
Mia Castellon

### 10th

### 12th

Lizabeth Reyes  
Lexi Kiel  
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)

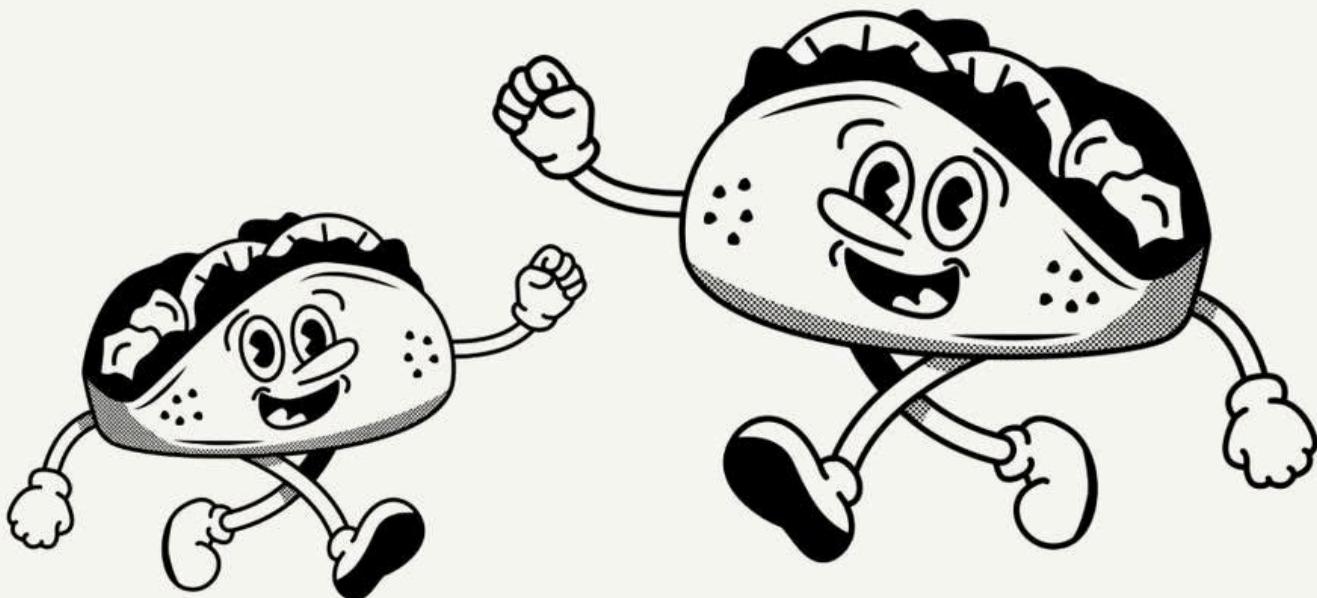
**READY SET BUZZ**

- 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

# 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

HS Basketball vs Novinger  
& 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>2</b> <b>HAM and CHEESE BISCUIT</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>3</b> <b>BISCUIT and GRAVY</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>4</b> <b>BURRITO / SALSA</b> <b>MEXICAN CORN SALAD</b> <b>ROASTED VEGETABLES</b> FRUIT	<b>5</b> <b>LONGJOHNS</b> FRESH FRUIT
	<b>9</b> <b>CHICKEN PATTIES</b> <b>MASHED POTATOES &amp; GRAVY</b> <b>BROCCOLI w/ CHEESE</b> STRAWBERRIES		<b>6</b> <b>HOT BEEF PLATE</b> <b>GREEN BEANS</b> <b>COTTAGE CHEESE</b> FRUIT	<b>6</b> <b>FRENCH TOAST</b> FRESH FRUIT
	<b>10</b> <b>BREAKFAST PIZZA</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>11</b> <b>BISCUIT and GRAVY</b> FRESH FRUIT NACHO SUPREME MIXED VEGETABLES FRUIT / COOKIE	<b>12</b> <b>BREAKFAST BURRITO</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>13</b> <b>PANCAKES</b> FRESH FRUIT
			<b>14</b> <b>TATER TOT CASSEROLE</b> PEAS / COTTAGE CHEESE FRUIT	<b>15</b> <b>CHICKEN NUGGETS</b> <b>HASH BROWNS</b> PEAS and CARROTS FRUIT / CUPCAKE
			<b>16</b> <b>SAUSAGE BISCUIT</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>17</b> <b>BISCUIT and GRAVY</b> FRESH FRUIT
			<b>18</b> <b>BAKED POTATO BAR w/ toppings</b> BROCCOLI / CHEESE SOUP RAW VEGGIES FRUIT	<b>19</b> <b>DONUT and GOGURT</b> FRESH FRUIT
			<b>20</b> <b>TENDERLOIN on BUN</b> FRIES / BAKED BEANS FRUIT	<b>21</b> <b>CINNAMON ROLL</b> FRESH FRUIT
			<b>22</b> <b>BIGGIE BURGERS</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>23</b> <b>SLOPPY JOE on BUN</b> POTATOES GREEN BEANS FRUIT
			<b>24</b> <b>MUFFIN and YOGURT</b> FRESH FRUIT	<b>25</b> <b>BIGGIE BURGERS</b> FRESH FRUIT
			<b>26</b> <b>SPAGHETTI</b> GREEN BEANS APPLESAUCE FRUIT / BREAD STICKS	<b>27</b> <b>HAM / EGG and TOAST</b> FRESH FRUIT
				<b>HOT HAM and CHEESE</b> TRI TATERS COLE SLAW FRUIT

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

# February



Happy Valentine's Day

1	2	Groundhog Day	3	Mini Mustangs Performance PTO Dinner	4	6pm: HS Basketball @ SW Ludlow	5	6pm: HS Basketball @ SW Ludlow	6	Mid-Quarter FCA Meeting	7
8	9		10	JR. Class Dinner 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Green City Sophomore Vo-Tech Tour	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
15	16		17	6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs North Harrison	18	6pm: Board Meeting in Room 10	19	6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Tina Avalon	20	21	22
22	23	Make Up Day #3 HS Basketball Districts: Feb 23-28	24	100th Day of School	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FFA Dates to Remember  
Feb 3: Proficiency Apps Due  
Feb 13: Choir & Talent Show Applications Due

## **Linn County R-I Home of the Mustangs**

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Sign up for text alerts at  
[www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)

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

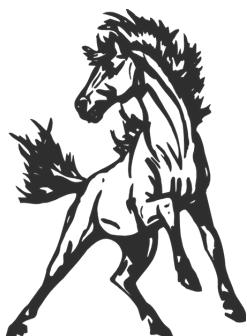
POSTAL PATRON

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

A vibrant, torn-paper style poster for preschool and kindergarten enrollment. It features a pink graduation cap, a magnifying glass, a yellow pencil, and a lit lightbulb. The text includes "PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN", "ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN", "for the 2026-2027 school year", and "LET YOUR CHILD EXPLORE, CREATE, AND SHINE WITH US!". A yellow box at the bottom left says "Deadline: March 13, 2026 Register online today!". A green box at the bottom right contains the text: "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".

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