

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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Miss. Niemeier and Mrs. Allnutt took members of the Linn Co. FFA Chapter to the 64th Annual Western Farm Show held at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City on February 20th. The Western Farm Show features over 500 exhibitors and is one of the Midwest's largest farm shows. Members who sold at least 25 items during the fundraiser were able to attend.



Track and Field

Track practice begins on March 3rd for all Junior High and High School students. Information can be found on the *Linn R1 County Track* Facebook page. Practice schedules, track rules, and physicals must all be returned before athletes are allowed to practice. Please contact Mrs. Barber for questions.

POSITION OPENINGS

Daytime Custodian

Evening Custodian

PAT (Parents as Teachers)

Applications and other position openings can be found on the school's website or contact Ryan Livingston at 660-244-5035

linnr1.k12.mo.us



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kolby Ryan Livingston



Short Description of Self:

I like to be outdoors. I like sports and being competitive.

Plans After High School:

State Tech Lineman School

Activities I Am Involved in:

Basketball, FFA, SkillsUSA

What are you excited for this year?

Graduating

What is your favorite memory of Linn County?

Gracie falling off the jungle gym at recess.

What would you tell your younger self?

Be kind

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

Mr. Livingston, he was like a father to me



News from Mrs. Neal

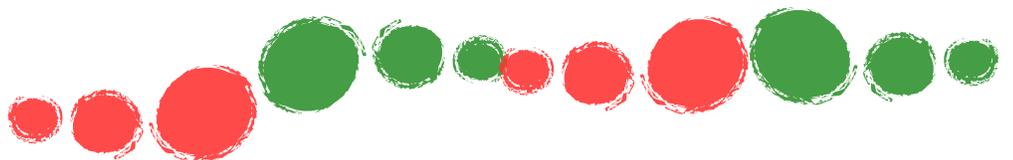
The month of February brings fun celebrations. Our Valentine Parties were a huge success! We plan to celebrate the 100th Day of School on February 25th, as well as Read Across America Week on March 3-6th. These are fun ways to get the kids involved with reading and stay engaged and focused during the long winter. We also plan to celebrate Honesty, our character trait for February on the 25th during the Glow Day events we have planned.

Compassion in Action

Sheriff Melte has been integral in getting D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Program) going this year. Sheriff Melte comes to the school weekly and educates our fifth grade students how to live safe and healthy lives. We are fortunate to have such a good program offered to our students. We also want to shout out to Brookfield Sonic for the drink donation for our staff.

Summer School Interest

If your student is interested in attending Summer School for the 2026 school year, please fill out the form located on the front page of the school's website. Summer school is available for all students who will be entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. If you have questions, please contact Lindsay Neal at 660-244-5035.



MUSTANGS MINUTES

Linn County Spelling Bee

The school spelling bee will be held on March 31st beginning at 2:45pm for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. On April 28th, the Linn County Spelling Bee will be held in Brookfield starting at 6:00 pm.

Third Quarter

The end of the 3rd quarter is March 18th . Please keep up to date on your student(s) progress by checking Infinite Campus. The parent portal for Infinite Campus can be found on our school website. If you are having difficulty logging on, please contact the front office.

Skills USA

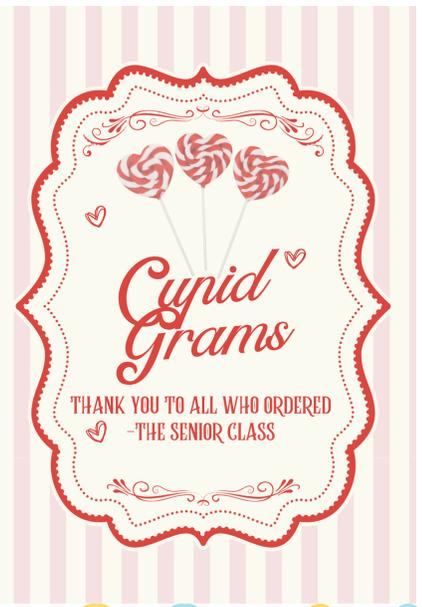
A few of the LCACTC students went on a trip for SkillsUSA. They went on a trip to their districts for competitions at Mexico High School. The students stayed there for the day and were back by 4. Five automotive students went on the trip, including our very own Kolby Livingston and Avery Phillips. Both sadly didn't place. Kolby and Avery took a 50 question test, then went to the automotive shop that was there, where SkillsUSA had 6 stations that students rotated between. Dinner was served in the form of hamburgers and hotdogs.

Students Tour LCACTC

Mrs. Black took the Sophomore class to visit Linn County Area Career and Technical Center on February 24th to observe programs offered for Juniors and Seniors.

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken by Keithly Photography on Friday, March 20th. Each student will have their picture taken and an order packet will be sent home at a later date. Organization and Club pictures will be taken this day as well.



Sports and Club News



Mini Mustangs

A huge thank you to all the parents who allowed their Mini Mustangs to join us for our 2026 cheer clinic and performance. We truly appreciate your support and love. Thank you for investing not only in your children, but in the teamwork, leadership, school pride, and respect that cheerleading helps instill in ALL of our students. We are so grateful for your continued support.

--Brenda Small

Varsity Basketball

The last home game of the season was February 19th against the Tina-Avalon Dragons. Both games were close leaving fans sitting on the edge of their seats. Lady Mustangs took a loss with a score of 41-47. Our Mustangs rallied together and kept the win at home with a 55-46 score against the Dragons. The 2026 Class 1 District 12 games were held February 23-27 in Meadville.

Also a special shout out to Ms. Angela Wiles and Neslie Allnut for traveling to each and every game to help maintain records and running of the scoreboard.

Senior Reflections and Words of Wisdom

Recently students from the Multimedia Class asked some of the seniors who are involved in after school sports and clubs how they felt about their last home game being February 19th and what advice they have to give to the lower classmen. When Gracie Small, Varsity Cheer Captian, was asked how she felt about this being her last home game she said, *"I feel excited, because I think both teams will pull off a win tonight, but I am also sad because I will miss spending my nights in the Linn County gym."* Gracie's advice to lower classmen is *"Laugh as much as you can."*



JH AND HS SCHOLAR BOWL MEET SCHEDULE

MARCH 4

**AT LAPLATA
LC PLAYS AT 4PM & 5PM**

BUS LEAVES AT 2:15P

MARCH 11

**HOME GAME
LC PLAYS AT
4PM & 6PM**

MARCH 17

**HOME GAME
LC PLAYS AT
4PM & 6PM**

MARCH 18

**AT BRASHEAR
LC PLAYS AT 5PM & 6PM**

BUS LEAVES AT 2:30PM

ATTENTION LINN COUNTY R-1 RESIDENTS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 3, 4, & 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR PRESCHOOL AND 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN.

Linn County Preschool will enroll a maximum of 15 students.

Enrollment is first come first served for full-time 4 & 5 year olds.

Waiting list will be determined by:

- 1. Full-Time 3 Year-Olds***
- 2. Part-Time 4 & 5 Year-Olds***
- 3. Part-Time 3 Year-Olds***
- 4. Out of District Children***

CRITERIA

3 YEARS OLD BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026 (preschool)

5 YEARS OLD BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026 (kindergarten)

***MUST PROVIDE THE SCHOOL WITH:
IMMUNIZATION RECORDS (UP-TO-DATE)***

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

SOCIAL SECURITY #

MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED (preschool)

INFORMATION

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOLLOWS THE LINN COUNTY R-1 2026-2027 CALENDAR - 4 DAY SCHOOL WEEK-TUESDAY-FRIDAY

ELIGIBLE TO RIDE THE BUS UPON 4TH BIRTHDAY

PRESCHOOL MAY ATTEND 2-4 DAYS PER WEEK; KINDERGARTEN 4 DAYS PER WEEK

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS WILL SIGN AN ENROLLMENT FORM AND AGREEMENT STATING THE DAYS YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND

THERE IS A REQUIRED FLAT FEE PER WEEK BASED ON THE AGREEMENT FORM FOR PRESCHOOL COST THIS YEAR (25-26) IS \$20.00 PER DAY + MEALS

PRESCHOOL COST FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR TO BE DETERMINED

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL FORMS OFFERED FOR REDUCED OR FREE MEALS

****The District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Transportation will be provided for a qualified student with a disability that requires transportation as a related service.***

We are seeking the names and addresses of prospective preschool students for the 2026-2027 school year. Our screening dates are April 1 & 2. This is a good time to have your child screened whether you plan to send them to preschool or not. Upon getting this form back, you will be contacted for an appointment time.

RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 13, 2026

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS

CHILD'S FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

PARENT'S NAME (BOTH)

ADDRESS, CITY AND ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

TO ENTER PRESCHOOL A CHILD MUST BE 3 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026. PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM BACK TO jwoodside@linnr1.k12.mo.us or mail to:

**LINN COUNTY R-1
PO BOX 130
PURDIN, MO 64674**

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FORM

CHILD'S FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

PARENT'S NAME (BOTH)

ADDRESS, CITY AND ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN A CHILD MUST BE 5 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026.

PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM BACK TO jwoodside@linnr1.k12.mo.us or mail to:

**LINN COUNTY R-1
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MARCH 2026

LINN CO. R-1

Monday

2

PANCAKE on a STICK
FRESH FRUIT

PEPPERONI or CHEESE PIZZA
SIDE SALAD STRAWBERRIES
and COOKIE

9

BANANA BREAD / YOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN PATTIE
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY
GREEN BEANS MANDARIN
ORANGES

16

FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

BEEF STEW
COLE SLAW / COTTAGE CHEESE
STRAWBERRIES / CORNBREAD
GREEN SUGAR COOKIES

23

BACON and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN STRIPS
BAKED POTATO / CARROTS
BROCCOLI with CHEESE
APPLES

30

EGG and TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

HAM and POTATO CASSEROLE
PEAS and CARROTS
PEACHES and BROWNIE

Wednesday

4

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

B.B.Q. RIB on BUN
BAKED BEANS
TOTS / PEACHES

11

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

CHILI TOASTED CHEESE
CARROTS / CELERY/BROCCOLI
BAKED APPLES
BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

18

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY
SPINACH / MIXED FRUIT

25

BISCUIT and GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

B.B.Q. PORK on BUN
RANCH POTATOES
PEAS / APPLE SAUCE

Thursday

5

SCRAMBLED EGGS / TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

WALKING TACOS
Lettuce / tomatoes / onions/
cheese
CORN / MIXED FRUIT

12

PANCAKES / BACON
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER on BUN
FRIES / CARROTS
PEARS

19

BREAKFAST BURRITO
FRESH FRUIT

CORN DOG MIXED
VEGETABLES
MAC/CHEESE / PEACHES

26

PANCAKE on a STICK
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
TOASTED HAM and CHEESE
RAW VEGGIES / CRACKERS
PEARS

Friday

6

MINI CINNIS
FRESH FRUIT

PORK ROAST
CARROTS / POTATOES
BROCCOLI/CHEESE
PINEAPPLE

13

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN and NOODLES
MASHED POTATOES
STEAMED BROCCOLI
PEACHES

20

MUFFIN and YOGURT
FRESH FRUIT

BISCUIT and GRAVY
EGG CASSEROLE / SAUSAGE
ORANGES

27

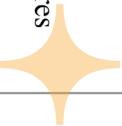
SAUSAGE / EGG BISCUIT
FRESH FRUIT

SUB SANDWICH on BUN
BAKED BEANS / SUN CHIPS
CORN on the COB PEACH
CRISP



DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, UNCRUSTABLES OR CHEF SALAD UPON ORDERING AT LUNCH COUNT. MILK, JUICE, AND SOME KIND OF BREAD ALSO SERVED DAILY. MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY. HAPPY ST. PATRICK DAY. Don't forget to wear green

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 3pm: FFA Area III Officer Interviews	3	4 4pm: Academic Bowl @ LaPlata	5	6 7:30pm: FFA Brunswick Judging Day	7 6:30pm: FFA Columbia CDE
8 	9 6:30am: FFA Centralia CDE	10 	11 3pm: Area III FFA and LDE Contests	12 8am: ACT for Juniors 9:45am: Bus Inspections	13 7pm: Paris Aggie Days	14
15 	16 1pm: Conference Choir Rehearsal	17 9-1:5am: Josten's Cap & Gown Delivery 	18 4pm: Academic Bowl @ LC	19 7:30am: FFA NCMC Judging 12pm: FFA Manuscript Deadline	20 Spring Pictures 	21 
22	23 2:30pm: Northeast District FFA LDE Contest	24 8am: Pre-ACT for Sophomores	25 7am: North Shelby Judging Day	26	27 Decorating for Prom 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs Marceline	28 7:30pm: Prom
29	30 6:30am: Northeast District CDE Contest- Day 1	31 2:45pm: Spelling Bee (4 th , 5 th , & 6 th) 5pm: BB @ Meadville vs Putnam Co.				



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School Board Meeting:
Wednesday, March 18th @ 7pm in Rm 10

Linn County R-I Home of the Mustangs

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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



2026 Linn Co./Meadville Spring Baseball Schedule

Date	Time		Opponent	Location
3/20/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Grundy Co./Newtown	Newtown
3/23/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Higbee	Higbee
3/26/2026	5:00 PM	Home	Braymer	Meadville
3/27/2025	5:00 PM	Home	Marceline	Meadville
3/31/2026	5:00 PM	Home	Putnam	Linn County
4/1/2025	5:00 PM	Home	North Shelby	North Shelby
4/2/2026	5:00 PM	Home	Thunder (NW,Keyts, Bruns)	Meadville
4/10/2026	5:00 PM	Home	Brashear	Meadville
4/13/2026	5:00 PM	Home	Bucklin/Macon Co.	Meadville
4/14/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Green City	Green City
4/16/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Glasgow	Glasgow
4/22/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Trenton	Trenton
4/24/2026	5:00 PM	Home	La Plata	Meadville
4/28/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Salisbury	Salisbury
4/30/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Tina/Hale	Tina
5/7/2026	5:00 PM	Away	Bevier	Bevier
5-14/5-23	TBA	TBA	Districts	
5/25/2026			Sectionals	
5/27/26			Quarterfinals	
6/1-6/2			class 1 State Baseball	