



Linwood Elementary School

October, 2009

Dates to Remember

October

- 2nd Carnival 5:00-7:00 PM in the Gym
- 6th German American Heritage Day
- 9th Teacher Noncompulsory Day—NO SCHOOL
- 13th Volleyball begins for 5th graders (every Tues.) 3:15pm
- 15th Volleyball begins for 6th graders (every Thurs.) 3:15pm
- 20th PTO Meeting 5:00 PM in the Staff Room
- 31st Halloween

November

- 1st Daylight Savings Time Ends—
Set clocks back 1 hour!!
- 2nd Individual Picture Day
- 2-6th Linwood Book Fair
- 5th Build a Book Workshop 5:00-7:00 PM in the Gym
- 10th Veteran's Day Assembly 9:30 AM in the Gym
- 11th Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 16th American Heritage Week
- 17th PTO Meeting 5:00 PM in the Staff Room
- 19th Skate Night @ Pattison's 6:30-8:30 PM
- 19-25th Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal
- 20th Picture Retakes
- 23rd End of First Trimester
- 26-27th Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Linwood Parents and Guardians,

We are off to a great start this school year! The first five weeks of school have been very productive for both students and staff. Our Linwood staff has been busy teaching and providing students with rigorous learning opportunities in every classroom across the content areas. I see students working hard and learning new concepts in classrooms everyday!

Our Open House was Thursday, September 24th and was truly a success! We had an enormous turnout! Thank-you for taking the time to come to school, meet your child's teacher and gather information around curriculum, the new report card, classroom procedures, and school events. Parent feedback on the documents that were handed out was very positive! You should have received a "Learning Across the Year Summary brochure" and Parent/Guardian Guide to Standards Based Grading and Reporting. If you were unable to attend our Open House and need these documents, contact our school office and we will send them home.

As we move into full implementation of Standards Based Grading and Reporting it is important to revisit why we made the shift. The new standards-based report card will accurately reflect your child's academic achievement in relation to the state content standards (Grade Level Expectations and Performance Expectations) that are currently being taught and assessed everyday. Student social development and work habits are communicated separately. This is an exciting time because communicating student achievement has never been clearer than it is now. Please refer to the "Learning Across the Year Summary" throughout the year as it outlines the learning goals for each trimester in every content area taught. These summaries are aligned to State Standards which align with the curriculum being taught and assessed by our teachers. I hope that by referring to these documents, parents will have a clear understanding of what their child should know and be able to do, at each grade level. We have already seen a difference for our students as these same learning targets are put into student-friendly language and are posted in every classroom. Students know what the target and purpose for their learning is prior to instruction. This becomes very motivating for students as they work towards meeting their goals.

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ATTENDANCE LINE

PHONE NUMBER IS

354-3361

If your child is going to be absent or tardy, please notify the school. Our attendance hot line is available 24 hours a day at 354-3361. **Please use this number to report your child absent rather than calling the office. In addition, because of new state requirements regarding illness reporting, please be as specific as possible as to why your child is absent (cold, flu, sore throat, etc...).**



It is very important that children arrive at school on time. Late students miss instruction and cause a disruption to the class when they enter. We realize there are things that can't be avoided, but we encourage you to be on time. Parents must sign their student in when they arrive late in order to excuse the tardiness.

PICTURE DAY

Monday, November 2



OCTOBER 9, 2009

CURRICULUM PLANNING/
TEACHER NONCOMPULSORY DAY

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Changes in your child's school information should be sent or called into the office so our records can be up to date.



It is imperative that we have a number to reach you in case of an emergency. We appreciate your help keeping our records current. Our office number is 354-3400.

Asbestos Notification

This is our annual notification that there is asbestos in our school. Please be assured that all asbestos is either in a nonpublic area or is well encapsulated. It is the District's intent that all asbestos materials are kept in a safe, well-maintained condition through a program of Periodic Surveillance and ongoing maintenance activities. All of the asbestos records for the school are kept in the Asbestos Management Plan, located in the Head Custodian's office.

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As always, our goal is to build partnerships between home and school. Please get involved in your child's education by joining our Parent Teacher Organization and attending school events. Mark your calendar and plan on attending our school carnival on October 2nd from 5:00-7:00pm.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to call, send a note, or send an email! We look forward to a wonderful school year!
Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

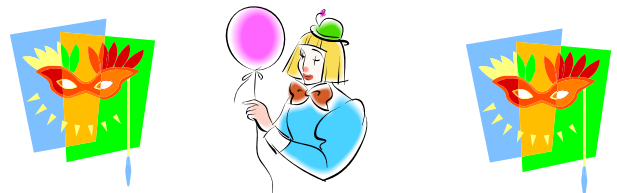
Gina Naccarato-Keele, Principal

THURSDAY LATE START REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
SCHOOL DOES NOT START UNTIL
9:30 ON THURSDAY'S DUE TO
TEACHER COLLABORATION TIME.**

If a student arrives too early on Thursdays, they will be sent home as there is no adult supervision before 9:15. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. If your student eats breakfast at school, they may arrive at 9:00 a.m.

LINWOOD CARNIVAL



**Friday, October 2nd
5:00-7:00 PM**

Come and join us for the fun.

Hope to see you there!!!



**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION
AND
CAMPBELLS LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

Did you know that by collecting the labels from participating products, our school earns money and free stuff?? All you have to do is cut out the labels and bring them into school. What a quick and easy way to support our awesome school!!

**--IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE--
HELP US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!!**

The office has received several reports of dangerous student drop off practices on the west end of Linwood in the Monroe Street parking lot. The reports are that vehicles are not pulling all the way into the parking lot, letting their student(s) out of the cars just right inside the entrance to the parking lot. This naturally creates a very dangerous situation for cars that are traveling on Monroe and for students who walk to school.

If you drive your student to school and drop them off in the parking lot off of Monroe Street, please pull *completely* into the parking lot, drop off your student, and exit at the other entrance/exit further down the lot. Another option is to pull completely into the parking lot, park, drop your student off and then exit.

**CROSS COUNTRY
NEWS**

Our first season of cross country at Linwood is off to a great start! We have over 70 runners, first through sixth grade coming out to practices. Come cheer us on at our qualifying meet on October 7th at Loma Vista Park, starting at 4:00 pm. We are working hard to qualify as many runners as we can for the All-City Meet at Comstock Park on October 12th at 4:00 pm. Keep up the great work runners!



VOLLEYBALL DATE CHANGES

5th and 6th grade volleyball will start one week later than originally planned, due to the new cross country program. The new dates are as follows:

OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 19TH

TUESDAYS = 5TH GRADE
THURSDAYS = 6TH GRADE



3:15-4:15 PM

Music update for 3rd and 4th grade:

We will be using the recorder (flute-like instrument) throughout the year to learn to read music. The school has purchased extras so that your child can take one home to practice or bring to school to play in the classroom. I recommend them using their own in class. If you already have one at home, please send it to school with your child.

They are \$3.00 and will be available during their music time. They are of good quality and should hold up to wear and tear.

3rd grade students... Don't loose them. You will use them again in 4th grade!

Thank you,
Mrs. King
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354-3372

Destination Book Fair!



Mark your calendar!
The Annual Linwood Book Fair is coming.
November 2 through November 6, 2009
Watch for the letter and sample book title list
coming soon!

**Family Book Evening
Thursday, November 5, 2009**

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Build-A-Book Workshop

Linwood Gym

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Create a free book!

Sponsored by the Title Program

Respect Responds

For the month of October, we continue to celebrate the character trait: **RESPECT**. Rather than contributing my perspective, this month I turned to our students for their impressions. Two classrooms were chosen randomly to answer the question: *"I show my respect to other people by:"* I am most pleased and proud to forward on the following responses.

Mrs. Headley's 2nd/3rd grade Combo

"Sharing the balls at recess."-Noah. "I show my respect to others by letting someone play with me if they are all alone, helping someone up if they fall."-Faith. "Caring for people when they need a friend to play with. I will play with them. Helping them with words."-Tyra. "Helping. Sharing, Trustworthy."-Peyton. "I ask them if they are okay if they fall."-Klouse. "If somebody asks me to play with them I won't say no. If somebody falls down I will help them up."-Collin. "Playing with them when they don't have anyone to play with. By not lying, Helping them by not talking when they are."-Jillian. "I show my respect for others by listening to others and not raising my hands when others are talking."-Lauren. "Helping people when they fall. Sharing the balls. Playing with people when they are not playing. Not talking when others are talking."-Presley. "Helping others when they do not have no one to play I can play with them."-Makaila. "Help them play or if they fall down."-Mario. "I show my respect by not lying."-Job. "Be nice, help play with others. Be truthful."-Steven. "Sharing the balls at recess. Helping people if they fall down."-Cooper. "Listening to others by respecting other people."-Seava. "Being truthful, by not lying."-Cassie. "Listening while someone is talking to you and helping people when they need help!"-Izabel. "

Mrs. O'Halloran's 5th Grade

"By listening to others and follow the directions and hold that thought and obey the teachers."-Nicole; "Listening the first time, by following directions. I respect other classmates by respecting their personal space and privacy."- Alex. "Facing the speaker. Doing what they ask you to. Respect other peoples cultures and belongings. I never push, kick, slap, punch, and any physical violence."-Chrystina. "Being nice. Being quiet in class. Being honest to others. Keep hands and feet to myself. Do not steal from friends."-JT. " Looking at the teacher when she is talking. Respect other people's beliefs. Treat others the way I want to be treated."-Summer. "In the hallway don't talk to other students. Give eyes and ears to the

teacher/staff. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Help others when they get hurt."-Ryle. "Treating them how I want to be treated. Letting people have a turn. Behave properly in the bathrooms. Show respect to the staff members, teachers/students."- Mitzi. "Listening. My eyes on the speaker. Let them have a chance to talk. My hands and feet and body to myself. Following all of the rules. Give others all my attention."-Elizabeth. " not being mean. Don't have an attitude with the teacher. Be nice to others. Don't be a bully. Play fair. Don't exclude others. Treat others the way you want to be treated."-Garrett. " How to show respect is to not talk when someone the speaker is talking. No talking behind people's backs. And take care of things you take from someone and take it back in care. Say thank you!"-Takeiah. "Listening to other people. Paying attention to people who are talking to me. Turning your homework in on time. Being quiet when people are talking. Keeping my hands and feet to myself. Being honest." -Kiarra "How I show my respect is to help one another, and share with each other, show kindness to people, and quiet while the teacher is talking."-Harolina. "Not talking negative behind people's backs, and treating others how I want to be treated."-Mirra. "Being quiet, keeping my hands to myself, walking quietly, walking straight to my destination, show respect to my teachers and students."-Angelina. "I show my respect by sharing and helping others and cleaning up my area at lunch and treating my staff members with respect and my teachers with respect."-Jadah. "Helping them be respectful to others and don't be mean."-Jazmyn. "Respecting their religion or belief and caring for each other."-Hunter. "Listening and following directions. And listening to all the staff members and all the teachers."-Makila. "Listening to others while they are talking and treat others how I want to be treated."-Julianne. "Don't cheat. Play fair. No fighting."-Dylan. "In the hallway I will show respect by being quiet and hands and feet to myself and walking in a straight line."-Benjamin. "When walking by a classroom that's working be very QUIET. If someone's talking you keep your eyes and ears on the speaker."-Kaylee. "Listening and eyes on the speaker. Keeping hands and feet to myself. Keeping the line straight."-Miranda. "I respect people like my friends. I respect them by: Like Garrett let me borrow a tech deck and I took responsibility for it."-Brennan. "Respect everything."-Bryan

Thank you, Mrs. Headley and Mrs. O'Halloran for creating the time for your students to express these incredible convictions. And thank you STUDENTS!! You are AMAZING!!

Tommy Ballew ~ School Counselor