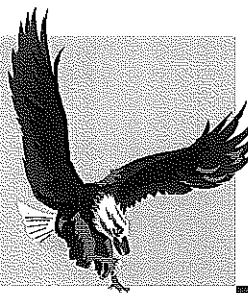


EAGLE NEWS



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24-Jan 4—No School
Winter Recess
- Jan. 7—Return from Winter Break
- Jan. 15—PTO meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
- Jan. 18—Stay and Chat 8:25-9:00
- Jan. 18—4th Grade Show Case
10:00 and 2:00
- Jan. 21—No School, Martin Luther
King Holiday
- Jan. 23—Second Quarter Ends
- Jan. 24—Lyndale Eagle Extravaganza
5:30-7:30 pm
(for prospective families)
- Jan. 24-25—No School
- Jan. 28—Third Quarter Begins
- Feb.—11 National African American
Parent Involvement Day
- Feb.—14 International Night
5:30-7:30 pm
- Feb.—15 No School, Parent-teacher
Conference Day
- Feb.—18 No School, President's Day

Dear Lyndale Families-

Winter Break is here and Sarah and I wanted to thank all of you for supporting the students, families and staff here at Lyndale Community School. As a reminder, Minneapolis Public Schools will be on Winter Break from Monday, Dec. 24 – Friday, Jan. 4. Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 7.

There are a variety of resources available to you and your family over break, and I have tried to highlight some of them below:

- A number of Minneapolis Park and Recreation sites will be serving free snacks and/or meals over Winter Break. Additionally, these sites offer free, supervised, drop-in activities for students of all ages. Days and times of service may vary, so those interested are encouraged to check in directly with the site for more specific information. Some sites within our community are:

- o Central Gym Park
- o Whittier Park
- o Powderhorn Park
- o Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center (not offering snack/meals)
- o Hennepin County Library System

Libraries in Minneapolis are open over Winter Break and have fun events and activities for youth and families.

More resources can be found here: http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources

Finally, many great things have taken place since the start of the school year and we should take pride in the fact that our students are learning, our families are engaged and our staff remain dedicated to meeting the diverse academic and social emotional needs of our students. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the weeks and months to come in order to ensure all of our students are being provided with the equitable educational opportunities they need and deserve.

Thanks for your help!

Mark Stauduhar, Principal

December SCHOOL THEME: **RESPONSIBILITY**



Lyndale Leaders ...

- Listen to and follow directions
- Are respectful and responsible
- Are calm and safe
- Are kind
- Never give up

After winter break
ALC will start up on
Tuesday, January 8th.

COMMUNITY ED
Spanish will start on
Monday, January
28th (NO BUSING,
PARENT PICK UP
or MPLS.KIDS
ONLY)

All other Community
Ed classes will start
Tuesday, January
29th.

Look for online and
fliers after break.

High Five News

High Five has been busy learning about Winter! We have been talking about how the seasons change and all the things we see in Winter. Our classroom has been transformed into a winter wonderland! We have been building with ice blocks, shoveling snow, playing snowman bowling, and practicing turn taking by playing games like Candy Land and Memory. In math, we have been working on sorting, classifying, and counting small groups of objects.

Kindergarten News

Kindergartners are currently being assessed on Unit 3. Then, we will start Unit 4 "Writers Tell Many Stories". The essential question for the unit is why do people tell stories? Students will read and compare stories to understand the purpose of storytelling.

In math, we are representing numbers up to 20 using different methods (tallies, pictures and words...). We are also counting forwards and backwards, ask your child to count backwards from 10, 20, 30.

Let's get your child into the Lyndale Book Club. Winter Break would be a great time to have your kindergartner cozy up with some good books. Kindergartners need to read 40 books to get into the club.

Please read your child's classroom newsletter to find out about Core Knowledge, Social Studies and Science.

Thanks, for all you do to help your child be successful in school!

First Grade News

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Reading—Unit 4

- identify who is telling a story.
- describe major events in a story.
- draw inferences about characters.

Essential Question-----

How do people create stories?

Math—Unit 3—Telling Time, Money & Measurement

- tell time to the hour and half hour.
- identify penny, nickel, dime and quarter.
- identify the value of each coin.
- add coins to \$1.00.
- measure objects using nonstandard units.

Read every night at home!

Record what you read.

Social Studies—Colonies to Independence

- identify the 13 colonies.
- identify the important people who helped start our country.
- identify important symbols for our country.

It is getting cold outside and we have 30 minutes of recess.

Dress your child for the weather!

jackets, hats, mittens, and boots

Second Grade News

It may be cold outside, but our second graders are HOT, HOT, HOT!

Literacy

We are finishing up Unit 3 where we studied animals and the habitats they live in. We have been discussing text importance and identifying the main topic.

Shout-out to those students who completed the Inquiry Challenge assignment, we love hearing your ideas!

Science

Thank you for your donations for our last field trip that concluded our **Water is Life** Program. The students really got a lot out of it.

We have been learning about balance and motion through hands on experiments. We explored how counterweights can help balance an object and change the way an object balances.

Math

We continue to move through Unit 2 which ends at the end of the semester, January 24th. Our targets include addition and subtraction story problems and managing numbers up to one thousand.

Please practice counting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters with your children.

Third Grade News

Peace Plays complete! All of our third graders did a fabulous job!

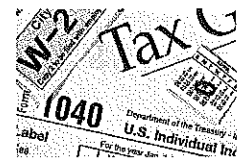
MATH: We will continue working on Unit 3 "Equal Groups" until mid-January. Fractions will be our next unit.

LITERACY: We have finished unit 3 on Animal Adaptations. We also took our interim assessment. We will start unit 4 after break on point of view.

SCIENCE: We will finish our current unit on Structures of Life in mid January. We will then start a unit on Matter and Energy.

Fourth Grade News

In 4th grade we are completing Unit 3 in both Language Arts and Math. Our next Language Arts unit is Understanding Different Points of View. Our next Math Unit is Numbers & Operations II. We are preparing for our next Science unit, Electricity & Magnetism. Our Showcase performance is January 18th!



Parents: Save Your Receipts for School Supplies!

Minnesota offers two valuable tax benefits for parents who purchase school supplies for their K-12 students; the k-12 Education Credit and the K-12 education Subtraction. These benefits can reduce parents' taxes and increase their refund, but only if they keep their receipts. Purchases for most school supplies, field trips, and musical instruments for school band are eligible.

Most Minnesota parents qualify for the K-12 Subtraction, which reduces their taxable income. Parents under certain income limits may also qualify for the K-12 Credit, which can refund up to 75 percent of their costs-even for parents who don't owe any taxes. Visit the Minnesota Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.state.mn.us/individuals/individ_income/Pages/K-12_education_Subtraction_and_Credit.aspx for details.



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5th Grade News

Literacy - In unit 4, fifth graders will be exploring the essential question, "How can other perspectives help us evaluate the world?" During this unit, students will read and compare the different perspectives to analyze point of view. Also, in the unit students will begin to write an opinion essay.

Science - We will be finishing up our Motion, Force, and Models kid in January. During this unit they will be creating controlled experiments about energy transfer, construct explanations about forces and motion, and create models to explain how something works.

Social Studies - We will be continuing to learn about explorers from Portugal, Spain, and France and their motives for exploring the Americas. We also will look into the effects of exploration on the native people of Africa and the Americas.

Math - During math, we will be working with 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. Fifth graders will work on exploring area, attributes, volume, and surface area.

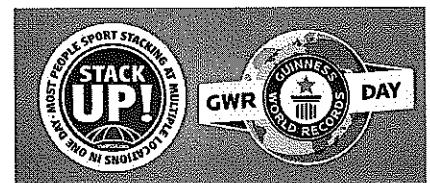
Thank you to all who donated to our Penny War! As of 12/16 we have raised \$1,049.98 of the \$5,000 we are hoping to raise!

We will be going on the ski field trip January 22, please look out for field trip information after break!

Spelling bee will be on January 23. Students will be taking a spelling test on January 10 to qualify for the spelling bee.

Lyndale students help break Guinness World Record

On Thursday, November 8th students that had Physical Education class helped set a new Guinness World Records Mark in sport stacking. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade participated in cup stacking in the gym and helped set the record of the Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in one day at 624,390. Way to go Lyndale Eagles!



Remember Tennis Shoes for P.E. Class

Now that winter is upon us students should remember to wear tennis shoes in Physical Education class. Boots are not appropriate and pose a safety concern. We recommend students just leave their tennis shoes in their locker at school so they have them on P.E. days.

