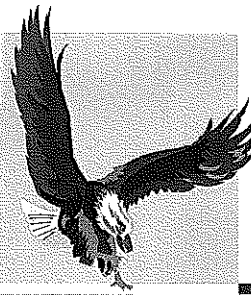


# EAGLE NEWS



## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 30—Twin Cities Kid's Run
- Oct. 3—ALC After School Program Starts
- Oct. 4—National Walk/Bike To School Day
- Oct. 5—Fall Carnival 5:00-7:30 pm
- Oct. 11—PTO meeting for Spanish Families 6:00-7:30 pm
- Oct. 13—Picture Day
- Oct. 17—Parent-Teacher Conference Day 3:30-7:30 pm
- Oct. 18—No School Parent-Teacher Conference Day 8:00-4:00
- Oct. 19—No School State Fall Conference Day
- Oct. 20—No School Conference Conversion Day
- Oct. 24—Community Education After School Program Starts
- Oct. 27—Stay & Chat 8:25-9:00 am
- Nov. 1—First Quarter Ends
- Nov. 2—No School teacher Prep Day
- Nov. 3—No School Teacher Record Keeping Day
- Nov. 5—Daylight Savings Time Fall Back 1 hour

Dear Lyndale Families-

I am pleased to say that we are off to a wonderful school year at Lyndale Community School! The past couple of weeks have been a flurry of activities and action. Some items of note include:

Teachers are providing students with high quality literacy instruction inside the classrooms using the new Benchmark Literacy curriculum. Both students and teachers are exploring our new online math program, Dreambox Learning, to enhance their conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Lyndale Community School continues to support the health and wellbeing of our students through standards based physical education classes, 30 minutes of recess each day, as well as the Pleasant Pathway.

All students at Lyndale Community School have the opportunity to eat a nutritious breakfast and lunch every day at school for no cost. There is nothing families need to do in order for their students to participate, however, we are asking all families to complete the Educational Benefits application if you have not already done so. We have copies of the application in the main office, and links available via our school's website.

Finally, Lyndale Community School has been recognized by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association as a 2017 School of Excellence! This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the many contributions of our school staff, our families, and the greater community. Please stay tuned for more information regarding a community celebration in the coming months!

As always, your continued support of our school is recognized and appreciated. We thank you so much for the many ways in which you continue to make Lyndale a great place to be!

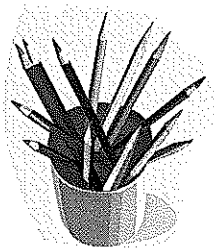
Mark Stauduhar  
Principal

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL THEME: **RESPECT**



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## High Five News

High Five has been focusing on the theme Ready For School!

The students are learning how to participate in a community circle by listening and taking turns talking. During literacy time the students are working on listening to a story, learning new words and answering questions about the books we have been reading. During math time we are reviewing colors and learning about 2-D shapes.

## Kindergarten News

What a wonderful start we've had to our school year. Our five year olds are learning all new classroom routines as well as new faces and names to go with them. All of this learning can be exhausting for our kindergartners. Please be sure they get to bed at a reasonable hour, we suggest 8:00. Then, they will be ready for a brand new day of learning. Also, please check backpacks daily with your child as important information is put into their take-home folders often. Helping them create good routines like this at home is an important part of their learning.

## First Grade News

**In math**, we are working on...

"Counting on" using our fingers and with objects.

Representing numbers up to 20.

Finding combinations of numbers up to 10.

Solving number stories.

**In science** we are...

Making electrical circuits with batteries, light bulbs and wires.

Learning about what work electricity can do.

Learning about forces of magnetism.

**Social Studies**

**In social studies** we are...

Learning about communities and their members.

Learning about what makes a good citizen.

**In reading** we are... Finding the key details in a story.

Learning good reading habits.

Ask and answering questions about a text.

On October 6th we are taking a trip to the Bakken Museum to connect to our Electricity science unit.

## Second Grade News

Second grade is off to a great start!

We have been working on our rituals and routines in all subject areas.

**In math** we are using the iPads to learn about Dreambox. Ask your child about how to log in at home to practice their math.

**In reading** we are learning about all the components of the Readers/Writers Workshop.

**In our science** unit we have been conducting air and weather observations and explorations.

As part of the Water is Life program, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Science Museum will be visiting the whole second grade for the day. They will be exploring water in all of its various states.

## 3rd Grade News

Bridges has started! We are off to great start with Neighborhood Bridges on Wednesday mornings.

In math we finished our unit on graphing and now we are working on numbers to 1000, place value, and adding/subtracting.

In reading we have finished our unit on review and routines and will be starting Unit 1 on "Our Government".

In science we continue to learn about the sun, moon and stars.

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## 4th Grade News

We are off to a great start in 4<sup>th</sup> grade!!

### Reminders:

Our first field trip of the year is to HighPoint. All three classes will going on this walking field trip throughout the next three weeks. Permission slips should be signed and returned.

Students should be reading 30 minutes every night. Math homework is due every Friday. Students are able to ask for help M-Th at any time.

Your student should be bringing home their blue Lyndale folder every night.

If you haven't signed up for ClassDojo, please do so as soon as possible. Contact your student's teacher for support.

Email and ClassDojo are the best ways to be in communication with your child's teacher.

### Math:

In Math, we are about halfway through Unit 1, *Numbers and Operations 1*. Below, you will see the standards and skills we are currently targeting:

I can read and write whole numbers through the hundred thousands place.

I can compare and order whole numbers using models.

I can demonstrate fluency of multiplication facts. 1-9.

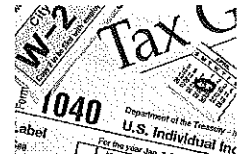
I can multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000.

I can multiply whole numbers as great as 3 digits.

### Language Arts:

In language arts, we have started unit 1 in the new Benchmark Advance curriculum, *Government in Action*. In this unit, students will read and compare selections about the different things governments do to understand how governments influence our lives.

Students will learn reading, writing and social studies skills focused around the essential question: *How can government influence the way we live?*



### **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](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/individuals/individ_income/Pages/K-12_education_Subtraction_and_Credit.aspx) for details.

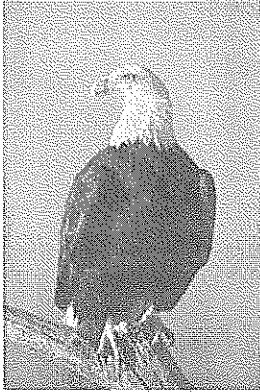
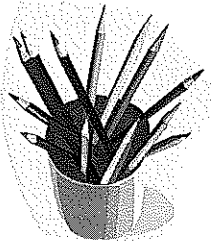
## Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade has been busy getting their year up and running.

In September, we focused on building classroom relationships and expectations. We began our first literacy unit called, The U.S. Constitution: Then and now. Students will be exploring the essential question, "Why do laws continue to evolve?" They also will be working on writing a personal letter in the point of view as a delegate of the Continental Congress.

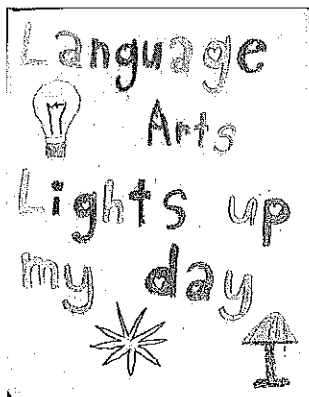
In math we have been focusing on multiplying and dividing multi-digit story problems.

The science kit we have been working on is Our Changing Earth. We have been discussing weathering, erosion, and deposition through several different experiments and readings.



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## Arabic News

السلام عليكم و أهلاً و سهلاً و مرحباً

My name is Rita Farah and I am the Arabic teacher at Lyndale Community School.

I have been teaching at Lyndale since 2011 and this year I am teaching only 5th grade.

This year the students attend the Arabic class for 90 minutes a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in room # 232.

In our Arabic class we will be able to build a strong fundamental knowledge of the Arabic language and its culture. Students will explore the Arabic speaking countries and they will work on different activities to create brochures talking about the weather, seasons, clothes, food, means of transportation and nature all in Arabic.

Arabic Alphabet					
ح	ج	ت	ث	ا	ب
kha'	h'aa'	taa'	tha'	baa'	alif
ص	ض	س	ز	ر	د
saad	shin	sa'	zaay	raa'	daal
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qaaf	feh'	phayn	'ayn	taaa'	daad
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ya'	waaw	haa'	noon	meem	laam

If there is any question please don't hesitate to email me at any time at [rita.farah@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:rita.farah@mpls.k12.mn.us) or call the school at 612-668-4000.

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## Twin Cities Kids Run

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, students and families from all over will be at the State Capitol participating in various runs to kick off the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Twin Cities Marathon. Many Lyndale students have signed up to participate in the mile and half mile runs. There is a free bus leaving from Lyndale on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am and returning by 12:15pm. Please contact Ms. Engelken or Ms. Grimes for more information.



## Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

All students are encouraged to be active for at least five days out of the week for six consecutive weeks for a minimum of 60 minutes each day. September 25<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> students in grades 3rd - 5th log daily in a PALA Journal their physical activities and how much time they are active. At the end of six weeks those students who have been active for at least sixty minutes, five out of seven days of each week and journaled their activities will receive the PALA patch, medal, and certificate.



## From the Health Office

Welcome back to school from Ms. Tasha and Ms. Jenny-

We are off to a busy and healthy start in the Health Office. A reminder that Tasha is in the health office Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Jenny works Mondays, Thursdays and alternating Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Stop by anytime to see us.

A few things we've been working on this fall: obtaining orders for our students with severe allergies and asthma, working on emergency health planning and updating our immunization records. Thanks for remembering to keep your ill children at home and calling the attendance line!

Upcoming important dates:

- Thursday, September 28: Hearing screening for all first graders
- Thursday, October 5, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm: Fall Festival and Flu Shot clinic. Nurses from Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association will be offering flu shots in the Media Center during the festival. Flu Mist will NOT be available again this year.
- November 7-8: Phillips Eye Institute vision screening for grades K, 1, 3, and 5

Thank you!



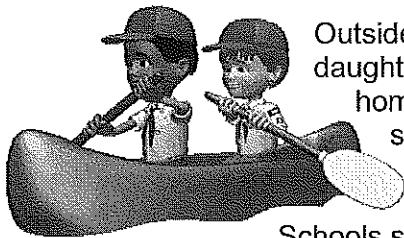
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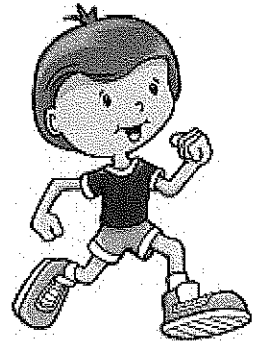
Dear Lyndale Families,

I am excited to have the privilege of serving your community as the new Assistant Principal. I am truly enjoying getting to know you and your children this fall during and outside of the school day. The thing I missed the most last year in my position as Minneapolis' elementary math lead was being around students every day. My experience in MPS prior to last year included two years as the Administrative Teacher on Special Assignment and three years as elementary math specialist at Sullivan School. Prior to working in Minneapolis, I spent seven years as a middle school math teacher in Minnesota and Anchorage, Alaska.

I attended the University of Minnesota where I received both my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education. I recently completed my Education Specialist Degree and K-12 Principal Licensure at the University of St. Thomas.



Outside of school, I spend most of my time with my two daughters (ages 4 and 8) and my husband in and around our home in St. Paul. I am a distance runner and cross-country skier and enjoy spending time hiking in the mountains and canoeing in the Boundary Waters. I am a proud graduate of the Saint Paul Public Schools and my family has been a part of the Minneapolis Public Schools since 1990 when my mom started her 21 year career in MPS at Andersen, Northrop and then the district office.



I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Mr. Stauduhar and the Lyndale staff and community to meet the needs of all of our students. My highest priority as a school leader is to create and support educational spaces in which all students feel safe, welcome and supported to meet their greatest potential. Thank you for entrusting your children to Lyndale.

Sincerely,

***Sarah Knappmiller Hunter***

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