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LINTON Elementary School Newsletter

August 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Back to School Night Grades 3-5 on September 2nd
- Student Picture Day September 2nd
- NO SCHOOL September 6th Labor Day
- PTO Meeting September 7th
- NO SCHOOL September 17th-Teacher Work Day

Thoughts From Your Principal...

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team. "Phil Jackson

I am excited to introduce the new staff members on the Linton team! They have truly hit the ground running and show great passion for our kids.

English Language Development

Gloria Carlson, Jess Sanderson, and Gina Garrett

Fourth Grade

Kayla Krey

Kindergarten

Megan Nixon

Instructional Paras

Ashley Richard, Cathleen Davis, and Stephanie Lawson

Special Education Paras

Mabruka Abubaira, Carrie Spawn, and Evelyn Bohl

EC Para

Stacy Trewartha

In-house Sub

Francie Pollack

More on the next page!



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Birthdays and Class Treats

We ARE allowed to have birthday treats and class treats this year, should you want to send something. They MUST be store-bought and individually wrapped.

Student Pick-Up/drop off Lane

- If dropping off your child, please wait until you are at the parking lot crosswalk before they leave your car so supervisors can help them cross safely.
- When picking up your child, you will notice that our supervisors will wave you forward past the crosswalk. This is to help get more cars in the parking lot.
- Sometimes the "faster" option is to find a meeting spot on Caribou.

Please allow extra time when the weather is bad!

Current Safety Measures

Many of you have asked what health and safety precautions we have in place this year. We have been able to relax a few things, and also have many of the same practices in place.

- Our seating needs to be three feet apart. We are able to seat students in small groups, as long as the "3 feet" is in place.
- Lunch in the lunchroom! Students will be the same "groups" as in the classroom, with assigned seats, and additional spacing. We will eat outside whenever possible!
 - o We are eating lunch first so hands can be washed in the classroom. Recess is after lunch.
 - o Special's teachers are also using the classroom groups in their spaces.
 - o Hand washing multiple times a day.
 - o Clubs/after school or before school offerings will be available and will follow the same safety procedures. We will add the offerings to the parent email/phone call each week, as they get scheduled.
 - o We are not able to accommodate family members at lunch or breakfast. There simply is no room with the required spacing and tracing!
 - o Any volunteer, so far, will be doing clerical work or Friday folders outside of the classroom. Volunteers will not be working with students.
 - o If we schedule any family events, they will need to be held outside.

We will continue to be very careful to maintain a healthy school environment. If your child has any symptoms at all, please keep them home. Save a mid-day hassle! We are required to send home any student who is exhibiting symptoms.

We are THRILLED to be able to start in-person. Thank you for all YOU are doing to support and help maintain our in-person environment!

Please contact us ANY time. We are happy to help you in any way!

Fondly,

Mrs. Stolte

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School News

Each year the district prepares the Student Rights & Code of Conduct. Please log into your ParentVue account and acknowledge the Student Rights & Code of Conduct. If you have a student in elementary school and middle or high school, you will need to sign the Student Rights & Code of Conduct twice.

To access your ParentVue account;

<https://www.psdschools.org/ParentVUE>

To read the Student Rights & Code of Conduct;

<https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-registration/student-code-of-conduct>

If you are unable to access the Student Rights & Code of Conduct electronically, please contact the front office at 970/488-5850.

IT IS HOT! Please make sure to send your student to school with a water bottle. The building can get very hot during the day and we want to make sure our kids are well hydrated.



Free meals during the 2021-22 school year

Thanks to an extension of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's school district reimbursement program, PSD will once again offer free meals to any enrolled PSD student during the 2021-22 school year. Ala carte items will once again be sold at secondary schools.

Families are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced meals for the coming school year starting on August 1, 2021. Those who qualify for benefits are eligible for school fee/charge waivers.

Have a question and you're not sure who to contact? Send your question to nutrition@psdschools.org and we will get it forwarded to just the right person.

When your student goes through the breakfast or lunch line, they will need to put in their students ID numbers. This is the same number they have been using to log into their computers. However, since we have been off all summer – we are asking for your help in making sure our students know their ID numbers. Please use the attached PIN Pad to practice at home. If you child does not know their number, please log into your ParentVue or call the front office at 970/488-5850 or Ms. Kathia at 970/488-5913.

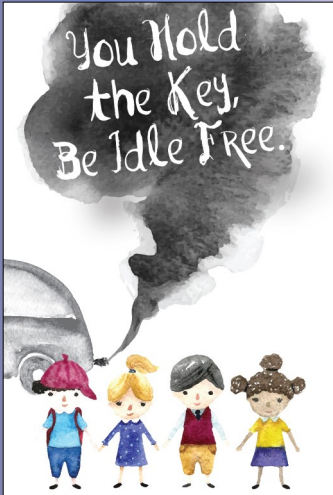
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Fee Waivers

Families who qualify for free/reduced school meals, may also be eligible for waivers for certain school fees. Information regarding a student's free/reduced meal status is extremely confidential. Therefore, families must give PSD permission to share this information with staff that need it by completing the *Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services* form. This form is available electronically through ParentVUE (in the left side navigation - select FORMS.) Please note: You must fill out and submit a *Permission to Share* form every year to be considered.

To have certain school fees waived, families **must**:

1. Be approved to receive free or reduced-price meals; and Complete the *Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services* (available through ParentVUE – select FORMS on the left side navigation). You must submit the form every year.

Visit the [Parent page](#) on the PSD website for more information about ParentVUE, SchoolPay, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications and the Permission to Share Form. Please contact your school with any questions.

To receive text messages from the school or district, parents must have an active SMS number on file in Synergy AND opt-in to receive text messages via their mobile carrier.

- o To opt-in via your mobile phone, text "YES" to 67587 and you will receive a confirmation message.

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Volunteers

We love our volunteers at Linton Elementary School! We are very excited to be able to have volunteers at Linton this year. Volunteers will be assisting classroom teachers and staff with clerical needs. If you are a new volunteer to Linton Elementary School, please register at;

<https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>

If you have already registered at Linton, you will still need to log into your volunteer account after August 1st to reactivate your volunteer profile.

Please note, all volunteers will need to wear a mask while you are volunteering at Linton.

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS:

MEDICATION REMINDER: All medications given at school must have new authorization forms every year. Please contact Mrs. Clark in the health office (970/488-5855) with any questions.

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION REMINDER: Now that we are back in school, we need the most up to date immunization records for your students. Many children received vaccinations over the summer, after our registration period. Please bring a copy of your child's current immunization record to the health office or ask your doctor to fax it to 970-488-5852

Medical Exemptions: Starting July 1, 2016, parents/guardians seeking non-medical (religious or personal belief) exemptions for children in Kindergarten – 12th Grade must submit non-medical exemption forms annually. Medical exemptions only need to be submitted once and require the signature of your child's doctor or advanced practice nurse. To submit a non-medical or medical exemption use the forms below;



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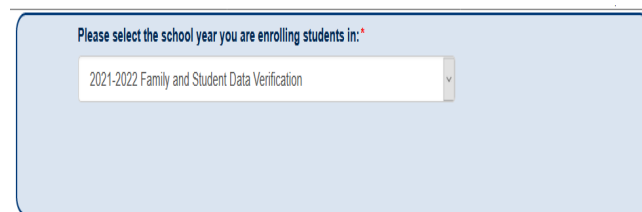


Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! Before the school year begins, we encourage parent/guardians to review and/or update their family and student information. Up to date contact information is important to receive communication from your students' school and Poudre School District. Updates can now be completed through ParentVUE.

Once you log into ParentVUE, click on the Online Registration tab on the top right corner of the screen:



Then, select 2021-2022 Family and Student Data Verification from the drop down menu:



If applicable, parents can upload a proof of address and updated immunization record. Please contact Reenie Anduss at 970/488-5854 or Kathia Castro Gonzalez at 970/488-5913 if you have any questions.

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Computer Contracts

All students will be signing a computer contract this year to commit to respectful use of technology . The six parts to the contract are:



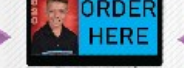
- I promise to use both hands to carry my computer.
- I promise to use clean hands and clean work area.
- I promise to be kind and respectful to my computer.
- I promise to only use my computer for school work.
- I will not eat or drink around my computer.
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HOW PARENTS SHOULD ADDRESS A CONCERN

Concerns involving other students:

1. Contact your child's teacher.
2. Contact the counselor.
3. Contact the principal.

Concerns involving a staff member:

1. Contact that staff member.
2. Contact the principal.

Concerns about building policies and procedures:

1. Contact the child's teacher.
2. Contact the principal.

Concerns involving the principal:

1. Contact the principal.
2. Contact the Assist. Supt
3. Contact a SAC representative.

Concerns about district policies and procedures.

1. Contact the principal.
2. Contact the Asst. Superintendent.

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Acadience Reading...formally called DIBELS. You may hear it referred to as either, or Acadience DIBELS. This is our quick reading assessment that classroom teachers and/or literacy interventionists give three times a year. We want you to know that students are testing now through September 3rd (kindergarten has a longer window through October 14th).

Child in 2nd - 5th? Read on...

NWEA MAPs – The district MAPs Reading and Mathematics assessments will be held now through September 24th. Teachers will be sharing with families more information as to which dates testing will occur. Each test takes approximately one hour, is not timed, and is sometimes done over more than one session.

Please let Mrs. Harbison know if you have any questions. kharbison@psdschools.org

Health Care-A-Van Event - Opportunities to get answers and results from health care professionals – Medicare/Medicaid counseling, vitals and glucose testing, dental screening, vision screenings, balance testing, advance directives, lung function testing, medication reviews, flu shots, naloxone education. September 30th and October 28th, 10am – 2pm, First Presbyterian Church 531 S College Ave, Fort Collins. Call the Murphy Center with questions (970) 494-9940.

Interested in connecting your child with a mentor? Campus Connections through CSU offers one-on-one mentoring for youth ages 10-18 and can serve as a resource for parents or community partners seeking positive support for youth facing a broad variety of difficulties. The program sessions are offered virtually, through Zoom on either Monday or Tuesday evenings. Mentors can help with homework and study skills and pro-social fun activities. Check out their website for more information: <https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/cc/about-campus-connections/> and register your child here: <https://apps.chhs.colostate.edu/campusconnectionsreferral/>. Registration is due by September 3rd.

If you are in need of a weekend food bag for your family, please contact our school counselor, Mrs. V, (970) 488-5885 or kvaillancourt@psdschools.org.

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Phone:
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Fax:
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Attendance line
970-488-5851

Website:
www.psdschools.org/linton

[Click here for Lunch menus](#)



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Illness

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, please keep them home.

Loss of taste or smell
 Feeling feverish or having a fever of 100.4 or greater
 New or worsening cough
 Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 Sore throat
 Runny nose or congestion
 Muscle or body aches
 Headache
 Fatigue
 Nausea, vomiting
 Diarrhea

The number to call to report absences is **970/488-5851**. Please be sure to list the symptoms your child is experiencing and how long they have been sick.

Caps 4 Cash Booster

Thank you so much for participating in this exciting opportunity! We will give the school \$25.00 per person that signs up for home delivery service and uses the school as their reference for signing up. The only stipulation is the customer has to keep receiving home delivery for a month and be current on their balance.



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