

The Pride Post

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LINTON Elementary School Newsletter

March 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PTO
 Meeting
 March 7th
- PSD Honor Choir Concert March 7th
- Battle of the BooksMarch 9th
- Spring Break March 13th-17th
- 2nd and 3rd Grade Music Program March 23rd
- Rollerland Party March 30th

Thoughts From Your Principal...

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.~ Doug Larson

Everyone is looking forward to warmer weather and more time outside. Spring is right around the corner which means we are very busy at school. What are we working on?

First and foremost, we are continuing to look for ways to make this a great year for every child. There is a lot of year left and we are committed to helping each child finish strong and be ready for the next grade!

That said, Spring brings a lot of "next year work" for schools.

- Staffing Plans- PSD is down another 500 students and Linton will be close to 300 students. This has required us to make some adjustments. We will now have four grade levels at two sections: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Please watch for more information as we finalize details.
- Class Lists- This process actually takes our staff several weeks to complete and involves classroom teachers, specials, interventionist, and other staff. We spend a great deal of time "balancing" the classrooms with academic and social emotional needs. Parents will have an opportunity next month to fill out an optional input form that gives us your perspective on your child's learning needs.
- Activities- Staff and PTO will begin to look at Back to School events, conference dates, Family Nights, and other school events. We need to have many things on the calendar before the year ends to reserve spaces.
- Schedules- Our staff also goes through a process to refine our classroom schedules each year. While we may approach it differently each year, we always look at necessary minutes needed for all subjects, how we can fit in intervention, extension, and gifted and talented, and how we maintain our full inclusion environment. When you get your child's schedule at Back to School Night, just know that many minds and many hours went into creating it!

AND...we are working on end of year FUN!

Picnics, final assembly, field trips, parties, Field Day, performances, Battle of the Books, District Track Meet, May Meet and Greet, Movie Nights, Spring Fling and Book Fair, the last Family Night, and so much more.....we have some great things planned!

Thank you for supporting our staff and our school. Please always reach out with any questions!

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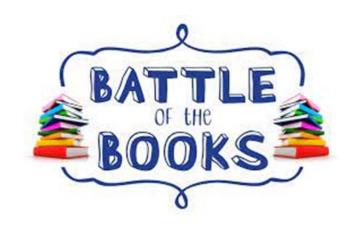
Kristin W. Stolte, Principal











Battle of the Books is Thursday March 9th in the Linton Gym-Parents are invited to attend!

- 9:00-9:45 for 3rd Grade
- 10:00-10:45 for 5th Grade
- 11:00-11:45 for 4th Grade

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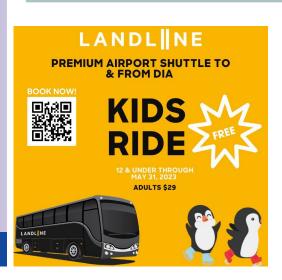
The I Matter program can connect you with a therapist for up to 6 free virtual counseling sessions (some in-person appointments available, too) that are completely confidential. Talking with someone can make you feel better.

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Art Room News-Throughout February, 2nd-5th grade students have been drawing and painting about topics they voted for at the beginning of the year, like animals, dinosaurs, and realistic portraits. Kindergarten, 1st grade, and Ms. Nelson's 2nd graders have also been drawing and painting about dinosaurs. Students have also been collaborating with peers to make art. 5th graders, Ms. Leerssen's 4th graders, and 3rd graders are practicing the modern art painting technique of pointillism while collaborating. Ms. Knuth's and Ms. Petersen's 4th graders are using google drawings to collaboratively and digitally edit old master portraits, bringing them up to date with symbols of technology, showing how modern people depend upon it for information. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders are collaborating using the mixed media techniques of author/illustrator Eric Carle.

In March, 4th and 5th grade classes will vote to participate in the Google Art or Old Town tile art contests. All age groups will continue drawing about the topics they've voted for and finishing up their collaborative artworks. Students will also be given the spotlight to demonstrate their own personal drawing techniques to their classmates.

Save the date: Every student will have an artwork on display for Linton's Family Night Art Show on April 13th.



4th-Alix, Azul, and Vi's addition to art by Crite



4th-Lane and Maisie additions to art by Kauffman



4th- Armani, Ava, and Spencers addition to art from Han Dynasty Art



4th Tristan, Mia, and Kevin's addition to art by Whistler



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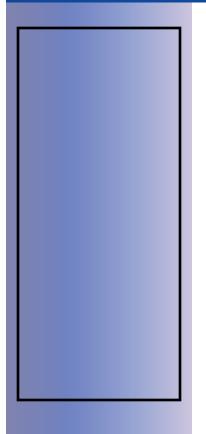
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Why is it important to encourage children to write? Writing allows youngsters to explore their creativity and share events, ideas, and thoughts with others. Writing also develops reading skills-along with self-confidence.

You can bring out the writer in your child with these simple low- or no-cost activities that will make writing practice fun!

Time Travel Journal

Take off on a writing adventure with your young traveler.

Ask your child to pretend she has been given a ticket to travel in time. Will she travel back to the pioneer days of the 1800s? Or forward to the year 3000? To use her ticket, she'll need to describe her adventures

Have your youngster write a journal entry about her trip. She can describe the clothing she wore, what she ate, or an exciting event. Example: "March 15, 3000—Today I rode a spaceship to the moon. When I got there, hundreds of people were waiting to see me!"

Mouthwatering Menus

Your child can practice creative writing with this scrumptious family menu.

Materials: cookbooks, magazines, paper, pencil, crayons or markers

Help your youngster create a menu for your family's "restaurant." Start by looking through cookbooks and magazines for tasty dishes. Have him choose foods your family might like for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Fold one or two pieces of paper in half. Let your child decorate the outside. On the inside, have him write tempt ing descriptions of the menu items. Example: "These golden pancakes are so fluffy, they might float up to the ceiling.'



Rainbow Writing

Help your youngster make writing a colorful experience.

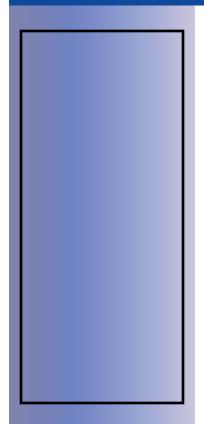
Materials: crayons, two sheets of paper, paper clips, ballpoint pen

Have your child use crayons to heavily color a blank sheet of paper. (Hint: Use several different colors.) Place the crayoned side of the paper on top of a blank sheet of paper. Use paper clips to hold the two sheets together.

> Let your youngster write anything she'd like on the clean side of the crayon paper. Ideas: spelling words, the alphabet, a short story. Tell her to press firmly with a ballpoint pen. When she's finished, separate the sheets. The blank sheet will be covered with her writing-in rainbow colors!

Reading Connection Beginning Edition









The Write Stuff

It's Story Time

With this game, story writing is in the bag!

Materials: small plastic or paper bags, magazines, scissors, pencils, paper

Give each player a bag. Then, ask them to cut five pictures of people, places, and things from magazines

Have each person write a short story using as many of the pictures as possible. Example: "The COW ran across the FIELD. The FARMER tried to stop the cow, but his TRACTOR got stuck in the mud!" Suggest they make up different styles of stories—funny, scary, or adventurous. Hint: Younger children can tell their stories instead of writing them.

Give one point for every picture used. The player who uses the most pictures to tell a story wins. Then, trade bags, and play another round. 3. Have your youngster send a question to a friend or relative. Example: "How will you spend your summer vacation?" At the bottom of the note, add the names and addresses of several other friends. Then, add your child's address to the end of the list. Ask the recipient to write his answer on the note and send it to the next person on the list.

What Should I Do?

Almost everyone likes to give advice. With this activity, your youngster can create her own advice column.

Materials: paper, pencil, stapler



Think of several problems for your child to solve. Have each one end with the question, "What should I do?" Example: "My cat is shedding. What should I do?" Ask your youngster to write down the answers on sheets of paper. Encourage funny responses, such as "You could gather the fur and make a pillow!"

Collect the papers, and staple them together into a book. Then, when you need a laugh, read a few of the questions aloud together.

Variation: Younger children can answer the questions aloud, and you can write down their answers.

Letters, Letters—Everywhere!

Here are three letter-writing activities for your child to try.

Materials: paper, pencil, envelopes, stamps

 Does your youngster ever ask you questions, such as how the mail is delivered or how bagels are made? Suggest that she write a letter to the post office or bakery and ask for a tour.

2. Help your child write to a favorite author, sports figure, community leader, or teacher. In the letter, he can explain how the person has influenced him. And it gives him a chance to say thanks to someone special.

Super Survey

How well does your child know her family? She can take a survey to find out!

Materials: paper, pencil

Together, make a list of questions. Examples: "What is your favorite food?" "Which animal is the perfect pet?" Help a young child make a list of yes-or-no questions, such as "Do you like french fries?"

Help her set up a "survey booth" at the kitchen table. Invite each family member to the booth to answer the survey. Your youngster can write their answers under each question. After everyone has answered, let them guess each person's likes and dislikes—the results might surprise them!

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STEM-X 2023 SUMMER CAMP DATES:

POUDRE HIGH SCHOOL: JUNE 5-9
PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL: JUNE 12-16

- *Early Elementary | 1st-3rd grade
- *Elementary | 4th-6th grade
- *Middle School | 7th-9th grade
- *Students entering these grades
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Spirit Days sponsored by Student Council:

March 22- Disguise Day

May 24- Sports Day