



The Pride Post

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LINTON Elementary School Newsletter

May 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9th- Last Day for Early Bird Reader Club
- May 15th NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
- May 18th Field Day
- May 24th Sports Theme Day
- May 26th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- Dismiss at 11:58

Thoughts From Your Principal...

Then followed that beautiful season... Summer.... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

In a few short weeks we will end a fabulous 22-23 school year and head into summer. These last few weeks are packed with activities and planning for next year. As we wrap up this school year, I want to introduce our staff for next year. We are celebrating and honoring some retirements, as well as welcoming some new team members. See the list of 2023-2024 staff on the next page.

Please help us celebrate a wonderful school year! We are looking forward to seeing you at Field Day, or field trips, or class events, or 5th grade promotion, or just stopping to say hello at drop off or pick up!

Fondly,
Kristin W. Stolte

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Linton Staff 2023-2024

Specials	Leah Mattice, Art Nancy Conover, Music Kim Guinn, PE TBH: Media tech/GT	5th	Shelly Barnes Jennie Bagnuolo Michelle Venneman
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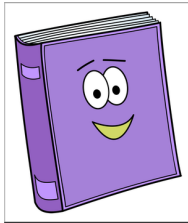
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Dear Linton Students and Families,
I'm retiring from public education at the end of the year in order to pursue other career opportunities. I have 24 years of wonderful memories of Linton students and families. Thank you to the Linton community for being such an important part of my life!



Sincerely,
Mrs. Crockett



Hello Linton!

I am retiring from PSD this year to become the media specialist at Resurrection Christian School. I am so thankful for my 22 years here at Linton, and I will miss you all very much!

Sincerely, Mrs. Guenthner

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I started my PSD career at Linton 11 years ago. In that time, I was able to get to know so many of your students and your families. I have truly cherished each of you and the trust, support, and kindness you have each given to me as your students' teacher. I was given the opportunity to continue growing my passion for teaching as a 2nd grade teacher at Riffenburgh IB World School. I will still be in PSD and have the same email, so I would love to continue to hear updates on your children and all the amazing things they will do in their lives!

Sincerely,

Sarah Filkowski



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Memo Plastilina is a Mexican author and illustrator. He has contributed to many programs organized by the Poudre River Library District (PRLD) and other libraries in the Front Range. We were very fortunate to have him visit our 3rd-grade students. Mrs. Carlson, one of our ELD teachers organized a visit to our school. PRLD kindly offered to bring Memo to our school free of charge. The students and staff were very excited to learn about his modeling clay art to illustrate his books. He was inspirational to many of our students.



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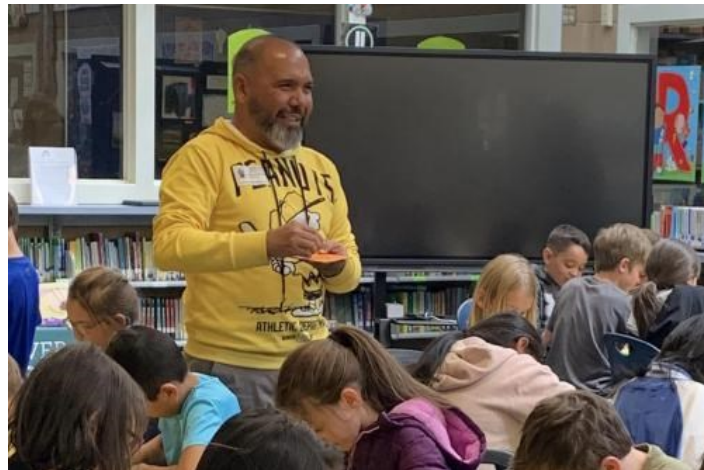
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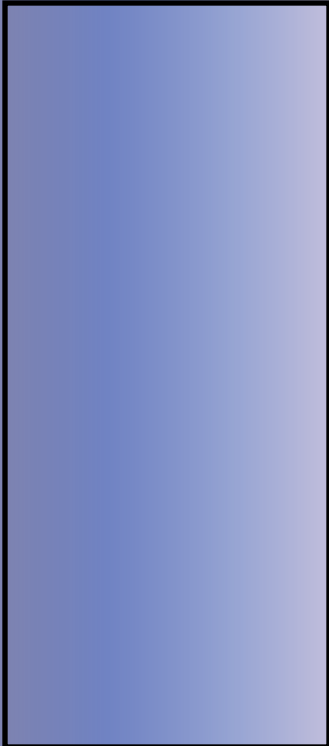
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Read Aloud!

It's a gift every parent can give: reading aloud to a child before he can read on his own. And once a youngster can read alone, continuing to read aloud can build his vocabulary and keep him excited about books.

Here are ideas for helping your child get the most from story time. We've also included titles that are especially good for reading out loud.



Three parts of reading aloud

From choosing a book to talking about what you've read, you can fit learning and fun into every minute of story time.

1. Before. Let your youngster pick a story, even if she always reaches for the same one. Familiar stories are comforting, and she'll recognize more words each time she hears a story. To introduce her to new titles, you can choose the next story.



Read the title and author before you open a book. Look at the cover picture, and predict what the story might be about. ("This is *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman. Look—that bear is missing a button. I wonder what happened to it.")

2. During. Allow your child to set the tone. She may want to point out rhyming words, ask questions, tell you something the story reminds her of, or turn

back to an earlier page to look at a picture again. This lets her participate in reading aloud.

You can draw her attention to pictures of objects by pointing out things mentioned in the story: "See—he thinks that's his button on the bed." Talking about a book builds comprehension and makes reading aloud more fun. *Tip:* Relax while you're reading. Laugh and let your child see how much you enjoy books.

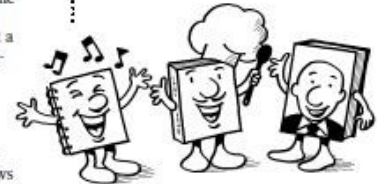
3. After. Have your youngster show you her favorite page and explain why she likes it. Compare the book with another story you have read to help her make connections between books. ("*Corduroy* reminds me of *Home for a Bunny* because they both have a character that needs a home.") Ask your child questions about the characters' feelings so she can learn to read between the lines. ("How do you think *Corduroy* felt when the girl came back?")

You might also help her start a read-aloud journal. Your youngster can draw a picture of her favorite part, write words describing how it made her feel, or write sentences telling the plot. She'll pay closer attention as you read when she knows she'll be drawing and writing in her journal.

Books and more

Use read-aloud time to introduce your child to a wide variety of book types. For example, he can learn about a person, a place, or an animal when you read biographies or nonfiction books. Or read a choose-your-own-adventure story and take turns picking paths for the characters to follow.

Think outside the book, too. Ask your child to read a recipe as you cook or to read directions for playing a board game or putting a toy together. Poems, song lyrics, and plays are fun to read out loud and are great for showing expression. You can also read stories that your youngster has written!



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Read Aloud!

Read everywhere

Experts recommend that you read to your youngster for at least 20 minutes each day. Many parents do this at bed-time, but you can also surprise your child with books at unexpected times and places.

For example, pack books and a picnic lunch, and head to a park or out to the backyard. On a hike, take a break to read a chapter while sitting under a tree together. Carry along a magazine to the swimming pool and read articles or jokes aloud. If you're going out to eat, tuck a book into your bag and pull it out while you wait for your food. Reading aloud is also a good way to pass time on an airplane, a bus, or a train.



Suggest that your child invite a friend to bring a book over. They can read aloud to each other. Or they might arrange to meet at the library, where they can select books to share.

Sharing read-alouds

Build a bridge to independent reading by asking your youngster to help you read. You might have her read the words along with you, or you can take turns reading every other page. Try passing a story around the table and having each family member read one page.

It's also fun to read with a friend.

Guest readers

Hearing other adults read aloud exposes your child to various reading styles and many new books. Attend story hours at libraries and bookstores. Leave books for babysitters and ask them to read to your youngster. See if relatives will call your child for long-distance read-alouds.

You can be a guest reader, too. Ask your youngster's teacher if you can read to the whole class, a small group, or

individual children. In addition to helping out the teacher, you'll help your youngster make the connection between reading at school and reading at home.

Recorded books

Any time is story time with a book on tape, a CD, or an MP3 player. By listening to a recording and following along in a book, your youngster will learn to read new words and practice reading at a good pace.

You can borrow audiobooks from the library or find low-cost options in book club catalogs sent home from school. Or download audio-books from an online bookstore.

Another great option is to record yourself reading your child's favorite books—she will love hearing your voice!



Book Picks

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

If cows could communicate, what would they ask for? The ones in Doreen Cronin's story can type, and



they leave Farmer Brown a note requesting electric blankets. When he doesn't bring any, they go on strike! (Available in Spanish.)

Koala Lou Everyone loves adorable Koala Lou, especially her mother. But when her siblings are born, she's no longer the center of attention. Of course, the little koala soon discovers she's loved, no matter what. A sweet story by Mem Fox.

A Seed Is Sleepy This nonfiction book explains how seeds turn into plants. Dianna Hutts Aston uses science vocabulary in simple rhymes that encourage children to listen. The illustrations identify seeds, and charts show the steps they go through to become plants.

Honey, I Love Eloise Greenfield's poems are about things the little girl narrator loves, like riding down a

country road with her family or jumping into a swimming pool. A lively look at family life.

Humphrey the Lost Whale This true story by Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall tells of a humpback whale that accidentally ended up in the Sacramento River. Humphrey was lost for nearly a month before he was rescued and led back to the Pacific Ocean.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic In Jimmy Kennedy's picture-book version of this classic song, teddy bears plan a special picnic in the woods. There are games, balloons—and honey. The story's rhythm and repeated lines make it a nice read-aloud.

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Art Room News-Throughout April, 2nd-5th grade students have been continuing drawing and painting about topics they voted for at the beginning of the year, like animals, dinosaurs, and realistic portraits. 5th grade has also been focusing on creating unique sculptures with clay. Many students from 3rd-5th grade chose to make environmental themed artworks for Earth Day events and galleries in Fort Collins too. Finally, 5th graders, Ms. Leerssen's 4th graders, and 3rd graders have been practicing the modern painting technique of pointillism to complete collaborative murals.

Kindergarten, 1st grade, and Ms. Nelson's 2nd graders have been drawing and painting about dinosaurs. Students have also been painting and collaging to collaborate with peers to make art.

In April, all age level students have been teaching each other their own unique drawing techniques.

In May, students will continue completing artworks they've been working on all year long, and teaching each other their own drawing techniques. Also remember, when report cards come out, 4 means students have reached mastery level of standardized grade level art expectations, 3 means they're meeting expectations, and 2 means they're approaching expectations.

Save the dates: -Select students will have artwork on display at the Foothills Mall from April 6th to May 9th.

Families of students selected for this art show will be notified with an informative flyer.

-Students selected for the Earth Day Art project will have works showing at The Lyric on Friday, May 5th (for Fort Collins First Friday Art Night)



Nona (5BAG)



Armani (4K)



Brooke (4P)

Congratulations to the following students for showing art at the Lyric on May 5th: Tanya (5BAG), Kevin (4K), Odalys (4P), Maisie (4P), Michael (4P), Mia (4K), Samantha (4K), Emily (4L), Armani (4K), Vi (4P), Riley (4L), James (5BAG), Ashley (4P), Lane (4P), Esaies (5BAG), Brooke (4P), Moira (4L), Aarora (4L), and Nona (5BAG)

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FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

RE: End of the Year Medication Pickup

Dear Linton Parents/Guardians,
 Medications cannot be sent home with students at the end of the school year.

- Parents must pick up all medications on or before the last day of school. Medications must be picked up by the end of the school day **5/26/23 @ noon**. REMINDER: the last day of school is a half day.
- If medications need to be picked up before the last day of school, make arrangements with the school nurse or health tech.
- Emergency or as-needed medications (Epi-pens, Tylenol, Inhalers, etc.) must also be picked up.
- The school nurse will follow state health department procedures and dispose of properly.
- If medications will be brought back to the school in the fall, you may obtain a medical authorization form from the health tech in your school, or on the PSD website.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or health tech.

Music Notes!



Thanks for the music!

2022-2023 was a great year! We learned with Quarter Ed in the classroom and we were able to sing and perform musicals again.

4th Graders performed A KID'S LIFE, 5th Graders performed HARMONY HIGH, 2nd and 3rd Graders performed SQUIRM, Kindergartners and 1st Graders performed TOO MUCH NOISE and the Linton Pride Choir performed THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA. I am so proud of all of them!

Congratulations to our PSD Elementary Honor Choir Representatives! Elementary Honor Choir is made up of 100 students chosen from every elementary school in our district. This year they performed with the Middle School Honor Choir. Our Linton Honor Choir reps were **Brooklyn Kogut, Corby Perkins, and Nona Read**. They practiced on Tuesday nights in February and sang at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center on March 7th.

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Congratulations to the following students who are winners of our Linton Design a Bookmark contest! Their bookmarks will be copied and used in our Media Center:

KINDERGARTEN-Mayzee and Carter

1st GRADE-Sequoia and Parker

2nd GRADE-Evan and Mila

3rd GRADE-Julia and Nissa

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-Regan
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-Boston
and Nona



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April 13, 2023



FREE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT POUDE LIBRARIES HELPS KIDS AND FAMILIES READ "ALL TOGETHER NOW," ALL SUMMER LONG!

Hey parents and caregivers! We know that you support your child's learning in every way possible. Poudre Libraries are here to support you!

Again this summer, the Library will promote reading, learning, and family fun through our All Together Now™ Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is free, features prizes, encourages curiosity, and provides exciting opportunities to learn, play, and read together. Studies show that children who read or are read to during the summer more effectively retain the learning progress they worked so hard to achieve during the school year.

This Year's Challenge

Over the summer, it's important for kids to build a consistent reading routine, explore the world around them, and have fun. That's why we have created a Bingo-style challenge this year that includes activities incorporating STEM, art, writing, mental health, and of course, reading!

Kids and teens can cross off every Bingo square (get a blackout) to pick out a free book, and adults can earn a custom tote bag! Receive smaller prizes along the way for each Bingo earned.

A New Summer Reading App

Prefer to track your reading and activities in an app or online? We have just the thing for you! Our online challenge will be available through Beanstack, a mobile app and website used by libraries all over the country. Participants can use Beanstack year-round to...

- Easily track reading and activities
- Scan barcodes to quickly add titles
- Time reading sessions to keep track of total minutes
- Earn virtual badges

Download the Beanstack app from the Apple or Google Play store, or visit our Beanstack website at poudrelibraries.beanstack.org. The Beanstack app is only available in English. The Beanstack website is available in other languages by clicking the Google translate button at the bottom right of the screen.

Would you rather be screen-free? That's okay, too! Pick up your printed Bingo Board from any library location starting May 22 (available in English and Spanish).

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Save the Dates

- May 22. The challenge begins! Collect your free signup gift from any library location. As you earn Bingos, come in any time to collect your prizes!
- June 1. Programs start, including energetic storytimes, interactive performances, and hands-on explorations.
- August 21. Last day to pick up prizes.

Not Just For Kids

Research shows that kids benefit when adults model reading and learning, too. That's why Summer Reading Challenge is for the whole family -- kids, teens, and grown-ups! You can read and complete activities together, then count it on *everyone's* Bingo board.

See you this summer at the Library!

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If you or your children have health insurance through [Health First Colorado](#) (Medicaid) or [Child Health Plan Plus \(CHP+\)](#), **there are important steps to take now that the public health emergency is ending.** Medicaid renewals were paused due to COVID, but they're back.

To ensure you receive critical mail, update your contact information by:

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Use the [Health First Colorado app](#) on your phone. This free app is for Health First Colorado and CHP+ members.

Health First members can call 800-221-3943

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Be on the lookout for a renewal letter in the mail from [Health First Colorado](#) or [Child Health Plan Plus \(CHP+\)](#). This renewal letter will tell you one of three things:

Your Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage is being renewed, or

Your Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage is ending or

They need more information to determine if you or your family member still qualify for Medicaid or CHP. If so, a renewal form will be included.

Families should make sure to check the mail, fill out a renewal form if they receive one – which could happen at some point this year or early next year – and return it ASAP to avoid losing Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage.

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