

Meeting in the Middle

Building a Better World

Linden Middle School

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Principal's Ponderings

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the last bulletin for the 2009-10 school year, there is much to highlight and cover.

The traditional eighth grade Yearbook Signing Party is scheduled for Thursday, June 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the middle school cafeteria. This celebration does not happen without eighth grade parent volunteers. A parent meeting will be held on **Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM** in the middle school **cafeteria**. We will develop a plan of action for the Yearbook Signing Party at that time.

The eighth grade recognition will be held Friday, June 11th and will run from 8:00-9:30 AM. Please plan on attending this special event for our eighth grade students!

Seventh grade students are completing the ACT Explore Test. The results of this test will be used next year as students begin completing their Educational Development Plans (EDP's).

Finally, included in this mailing is information concerning the LMS Summer Academy. Toward the end of May, we will be making contact with parents regarding recommendations for retention and summer school.

I continue to stress the importance of helping students stay focused and on-track as the year winds down. We have much to do before June 11th. Continue communicating with your child's teachers and looking at student planners for classroom information.

Thanks for a great year!

Sincerely,

Julie Brown

8th Grade Yearbook Signing Party

Parent Meeting

When: Monday, May 3
@ 6:00 PM

Where: LMS Cafeteria

Why: Parents to plan the traditional Yearbook Signing Party for our eighth grade students.

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Used Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones

Linden Middle School Media Center is collecting used computer inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones for recycling. We have joined The Funding Factory and will receive money to be used for new books. We need your help! Please send all of your old cartridges and cell phones to the Media Center for collection. Thank you for your help!



Winged Warriors

The Winged Warrior's Team would like to announce our March Student of the Month recipients. They were: ***Makia Ash, Amber Prise, Johnathan Shannon, Logan Desmet, Ben Heft, and Molly Churches.*** Congratulations on a job well done! We are proud of you!

In language arts we have been working on our cause and effect paper. I am in the process of grading them, and the students will be receiving them back shortly. They are very interesting to read. We had a lot of discussion on cause and effect, and they learned how to create a thesis statement on this paper. We did editing and revisions and worked on restating the thesis in the conclusion. We also did some class editing, and that was very interesting for us. Now, we are in the process of reading *Far North*. It is a book based on the adventures of two boys in the Canadian wil-

derness. So far, it has been very interesting. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

April 22 saw the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Not coincidentally, in science we have stopped moving through Motion, Forces and Energy, and have set forth on a journey into nature and the environment. Our new book, Ecology, will cover topics like abiotic and biotic factors, succession, habitat destruction, biodiversity, pollution, and conservation. The students should be working on their Habitat Brochure Project due on May 17th. Just a reminder: all homework is due the day after it is assigned. Please encourage students to turn it in on time.

In math, we just finished a unit on geometry and will be starting our probability unit next. Students will be learning the odds and chances of winning games and see how fractions and percents are connected. We will be

talking about a lot of different games and see how math is involved in those games. Talk with your student about the chance of certain things happening: rolling a 2 on a pair of dice, drawing an ace out of a deck of cards, flipping tails on a coin 3 times in a row, etc. These are the types of things will be investigating and proving.

In social studies, we have completed our study of Caribbean South America. We are currently studying the Atlantic South America. This region includes Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. We are learning about the climate, landforms, the people, and the economy. We have spent the last few days designing mini parade floats to represent Brazil's holidays and celebrations. They will be on display in the media center at parent-teacher conferences. Stop by to see them!

Talented Talons

Nearly three quarters of the Earth's surface is covered by water, thus the Talented Talons are off to the see the movie "Oceans." The movie dives deep into the very waters that sustain all of mankind- exploring the harsh reality and the amazing creatures that live within. We have tentatively planned our trip for Friday, May 14th. Look for a permission slip soon.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month:

March Students of the Month

Jake Stubbs Chandler Allen Ryan Sauter Kayla Massaro

April Students of the Month

Olivia Scheller Seth Edwards Jacob Rowe Brendan Garvey

Responsible Raptors

In language arts, students are working hard on media and travel brochures. Math students are working on different types of data representations. In social studies, students are studying about the cultures and land of Asia.



In a few weeks, the 7th grade will be going on a field trip to Lansing to see the Lugnuts play baseball!

Just a few reminders: We are collecting Box Tops in advisory all year, so please send them in with your child at any time. Also, Kleenex supplies are running low. If you would like to donate some, please send it in with your child.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Updated grades are available on WebGrader at www.webgrader.com, and daily assignments are posted on ParentWeb at <https://solind.gennet.us/cgi-bin/ParentWeb/pw-login.p>. If you do not know your child's log-in information, please contact the main office at 591-0711.

Regal Eagles

Please contact the team of teachers for updated information:

Mrs. Allen	(810) 591-0758
Mrs. Briggs	(810) 591-0753
Mrs. Packard	(810) 591-0755
Mr. Staudacher	(810) 591-0768
Mr. Kimball	(810) 591-0744
Ms. Beckman	(810) 591-0747
Mrs. Schultz	(810) 591-0765

Reviewing the Year

Middle Years May 2010

As the trimester ends, encourage your middle grader to look back on his year to help him get ready for the next one. Here are some suggestions:

*Ask your child what he liked about the school year. You might prompt him with questions, such as "Which class was the most interesting?" or "What was your favorite activity-working on the yearbook or being in Spanish club?"

*Have him tell you something he was especially proud of (he made the track team, his science fair project won honorable mention).

*Suggest that he think of something he struggled with (history) and what he might do next year if he has the same problem (ask his teacher for extra help).

Soaring Eagles

We can't believe how fast this school year has gone! We are now entering the final stretch. We have enjoyed working with each and every student. Please continue to keep up on your child's progress as the weather continues to get nicer and the school year comes to an end.

There will be final exams in science, social studies and math classes. These final exams will take place sometime in June. The final exam for science and social studies will be cumulative, covering material taught throughout the

entire school year. The exam in math will cover primarily material taught in the third trimester. Students will be reviewing in their classes and study guides may be offered.

Mr. Kirkey has organized a Civil War reenactment which will take place on May 21st. Be looking for the information regarding that event.

The Soaring Eagles would like to congratulate Mackenzie Harris for earning the "Turn Around Award". Mackenzie has made great strides and achievements throughout his time at the middle

school.

It was great to see many of you at our last set of parent-teacher conferences. Please continue checking WebGrader to track your student's progress. Feel free to e-mail or call us any time you have a question or concern. Please remember our e-mail addresses now ends in @lindenschools.org. As always, thanks again to all the parents and guardians for your support and for helping make this school year a successful one.

-Mrs. Nester, Mr. Kirkey,
Mrs. Schultz

Screamin' Eagles

We are nearing the end of the school year. The weather is making us anxious for the summer, however, there is a lot of work left to be done. We have noticed that many students are shutting down already by not coming to class prepared or completing assign-

ments. It is essential that we all stay focused in order to enjoy the rest of the year. Students also need to remember to follow all school and classroom rules.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming next week. We look forward to speaking to all of you. Please be check-

ing ParentWeb daily for assignments and updated grades. Always feel free to contact us with any issues.

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April Writers of the Month



As part of the **Writer of the Month** program, each month students will be honored for completing an exceptional piece of writing. These selections will be on display in the Media Center. The **Writers of the Month** for April are:

McKenzie Mead	Jordan King	Pete Plasters	Amanda Gearhart
Andreanna Villanueva	Hannah Kirn	Kylie Monroe	Cassidy Messing
Normen Tester	Logan Desmet	Jordan McDonald	Megan Losey
Ashleigh Cameron	Allison Wyatt	Maya Nelson	Madison Maxheimer
Cody Hillaker	Taylor Lloyd	Collin LaVoie	Rebecca Ballard
Joslyn Wheeler	Patty Littlefield	Katie Kuhl	Tyler DuBois
Landis Reynolds	Christian Fuerneisen		Chris Flannery
Makia Ash	Maggie Pritchett	Miranda Fowler	Sydney Prince
Zeke Soriano	Nicholas Andrukates		Rachelle Taylor
Sara Blackburn			



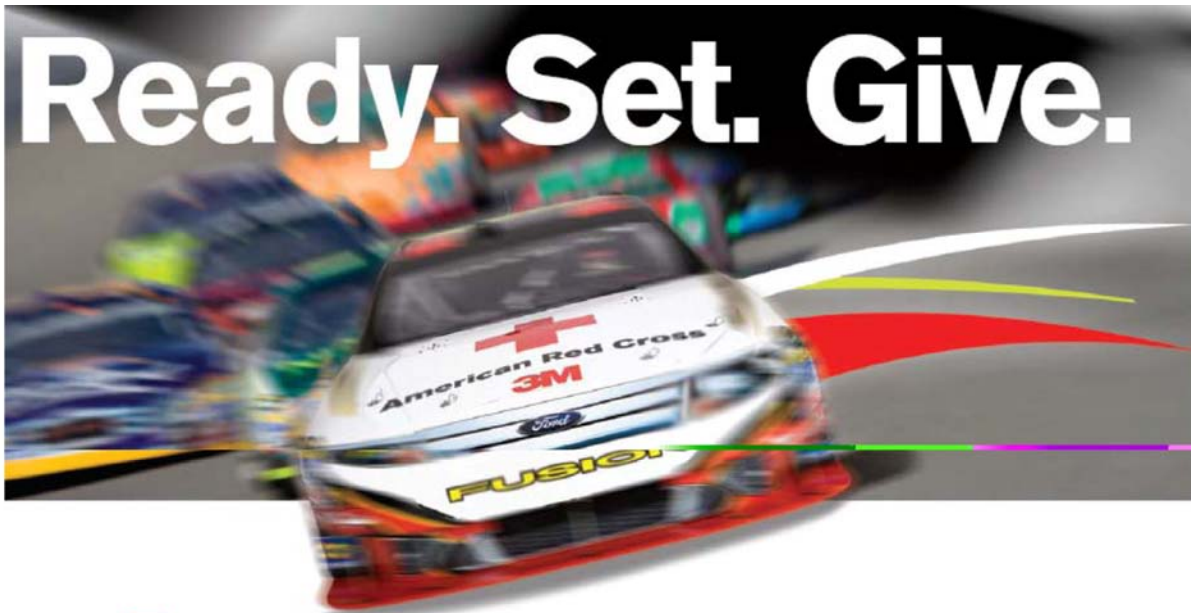
Calendar

MAY

Monday, May 3	8 th Grade Parent Meeting @ 6:00 PM; Cafeteria
Wednesday, May 5	8 th Grade Student Meeting @ 8:00 AM; Cafeteria
Thursday, May 6	½ Day for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences; 2:00-4:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM
Friday, May 7	No School for Students Professional Development Day
Tuesday, May 11	Washington D.C. Parent Meeting @ 6:00 PM; Cafeteria
Thursday, May 13	WEB May Play Day @ 1:00 PM; Cafeteria
Monday, May 17	Student Assistance Team Meetings
Wednesday, May 19	7 th /8 th Grade Dance; 6:00-8:00 PM; Cafeteria
Friday, May 21	8 th Grade Civil War Reenactment Assembly
Friday, May 28	Central Elementary to MS for Drama Performance; 9:00 AM
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day; No School

JUNE

Tuesday, June 2	Choir Concert @ 7:00 PM; Cafeteria
Wednesday, June 3	7 th /8 th Grade Band Awards Concert
Friday, June 4	LMS Band Party
Monday, June 7	6 th Grade Band Awards Concert
Thursday, June 10	8 th Grade Yearbook Signing Party; 6:00-8:00 PM; Cafeteria
Friday, June 11 th	½ Day of School 8 th Grade Recognition @ 8:00 AM; Gymnasium
Monday, June 21	LMS Summer Academy Begins



Give blood. Get points. Win prizes.

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Blood Drive

First Presbyterian Church

119 W. Broad Street

Thursday, May 20th

1:00 p.m. – 6:45p.m.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

LMS SUMMER ACADEMY 2010 GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS: 7:30 A.M - 3:30 P.M.
TELEPHONE: (810) 591-0710
FAX: (810) 591-0511

REGISTRATION and TUITION

Courses:	One Course	Two Courses	Three Courses
Tuition:	\$110.00	\$180.00	\$260.00

Registration will take place beginning June 1st and continue through June 14th.

For scheduling purposes, all registrations and fees must be returned to LMS
by June 14th.

Meeting Times: 8:00-9:00 AM 9:15-10:15 AM 10:30-11:30 AM

Meeting Place: Linden Middle School

Summer School Dates: June 21st-July 29th, Monday-Thursday, No Classes Monday, July 5th

Registration: Tuesday, June 1 through Monday, June 14

Mail to: Linden Middle School
 Summer Academy 2010
 15425 Lobdell Road
 Linden, MI 48451

Payment: Check/money order for full amount to Linden Middle School
 Full payment due at time of registration

COURSE CANCELLATION: Should a course not meet the minimum enrollment requirement (10 per class), the class will be canceled and full tuition refunded unless your child is recommended for another class that is offered. Allow at least three weeks for receipt of refunds.

SUMMER ACADEMY 2010

Linden Middle School is committed to providing an opportunity for our middle school students to reinforce, enhance, and close the gaps in their learning. The Summer Academy and staff seek to provide a caring, sensitive, and safe environment committed to learning through purposeful intervention strategies and re-teaching of required content.

Registration begins June 1st and runs through June 14th

Registrations to be completed at Linden Middle School

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday at **Linden Middle School**, June 21st – July 29th. Sessions will run from 8:00-11:30 AM. Students must leave campus promptly at the end of their respective sessions.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts Intervention

Mathematics Intervention

Science

Social Studies

POLICY FOR PROMOTION

For those students in need of summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level, the following requirements must be met:

Achievement A passing grade in each required session must be earned.

Attendance Only **two absences** per class are permitted. Only **three tardies** per class are permitted. Absences and tardies above and beyond the allotted amount will result in the student being dropped from the Summer Academy Program. The student will be retained in the current grade level.

Citizenship Appropriate behavior is mandatory. Any students disrupting the program will be dropped from the Summer Academy and will be ineligible to pass, resulting in retention in the current grade level.

**Mail – In Registration Form
Linden Middle School Summer Academy 2010**

Please PRINT

Student's Name _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____

Birthday _____ **Female** _____ **Male** _____

In Case of emergency, contact:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

2010-2011 Grade in School: 6th 7th 8th

Describe any health problems or special needs _____

Tuition:	One Course	\$110.00
	Two Courses	\$180.00
	Three Courses	\$260.00

Course Title

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to Linden Middle School and mail it with this registration form before June 14th to:

Linden Middle School
Summer Academy 2010
15425 Lobdell Road
Linden, MI 48451