

Meeting in the Middle: Where Eagles Grow

Linden Middle School

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Principal's Ponderings

Dear Parents,

Friday, March 5th is the end of the second trimester. Remember to track your child's grades on WebGrader. This is an excellent tool for parents to stay connected with their child's progress. Contact the main office at (810) 591-0710 for your ID and password.

This is the time of the year that eighth graders begin contemplating their move to the high school! Through Educational Development Plans (EDPs) this month, students will work on their 4-year plan for high school. March 1st will be orientation for both parents AND students. This meeting will be held in the high school auditorium, beginning promptly at 6:00 PM and ending at 7:30 PM. High school staff will share information about courses, scheduling, and expectations to help prepare students and parents for the transition. Scheduling information will be handed out at this meeting. The completed schedule and parent signature are due back to the middle school Friday, March 5th.

The next parent Koffee Klatch will be held Tuesday, March 23rd from 4:00-5:00 PM. We will meet in the media center.

As always, we are pleased with the involvement of parents and community members in the school. Continue to use WebGrader, Web-Notes and e-mail to keep communication lines open.

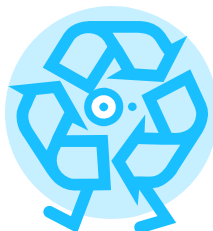
Sincerely,

Julie Brown

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Used Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones



The 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

In Language Arts, we have been busy learning about grammar. We are currently working on learning pronouns. We have been using the new CPS system, and students seem to really enjoy the concept of clicking in their answers and receiving immediate feedback. We have started to write our journals in our writer's notebook every day. We are also continuing our lessons on spelling each week. Soon, we will be starting to work on a "How To..." PowerPoint presentation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me.

In Social Studies, we are continuing our study of Central America and the Caribbean Is-

lands. All missing work for this unit will need to be handed in by test day to receive late credit.

In Math, we have been working with fractions for the past few weeks. Next, we will be covering rates, ratios, proportions, and finding percents of a number. This is Chapter 7 in the math book. With the end of the trimester getting closer, it is important that students get all their assignments in. Missing assignments is the number one reason for low grades. Please check ParentWeb for daily assignments.

Science is moving students with the Newton's Laws of Motion. We are currently exploring friction and will be tackling the

other two of Newton's Laws soon. A body at rest will stay at rest until it is acted on by an outside force. If the body experiences a net force other than zero, that force is now in motion. Please make sure that you are applying a force other than zero and turn in assignments!

Information Station Update: We are going to the Information Station in Columbus, Ohio on March 3rd. This date is rapidly approaching. There are several students who have not turned in a permission slip and money for this field trip. Please do so ASAP. Parent chaperones: There will be an informational packet sent home to you soon.

Talented Talons

Please contact the teachers for updated information.

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Math Teaser!

Middle Years

Sock it to your family with this math challenge. It only *seems* simple!

Problem: Mike has 10 white socks and 10 black socks in a drawer. He pulls out a black sock. Without looking, he pulls out another sock. What is the chance (probability) that the second sock is also black? Is it 50 percent, more than 50 percent, or less than 50 percent? (Most people will say 50 percent).

Solution: Have your child think again. Before Mike pulls out the first sock, 10 of the 20 socks in the drawer-or 50 percent-are black. But when he pulls out the second one, there are only 9 black socks and 10 white ones. Since there are more white socks now, the chance of getting a black sock is less than 50 percent.

For more math puzzlers to try with your child, visit Brain Teasers, www.eduplace.com/math/brain/index.html.

Responsible Raptors



In language arts, students are just finishing the murder mystery *And Then There Were None*. Students have enjoyed this book.

In math, students are finishing up learning about rates and proportions. We will be starting to discuss linear functions for our next unit. In social studies, students are learning about the continent of Africa.

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.

The end of second trimester is coming close. 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



On January 28, 2010, Linden Middle School held their annual career fair. The Regal Eagles team saw presentations from professionals in many different career fields including a police officer, information technologist, lawyer, apprentice tradesman, pharmacist, and turf management specialist. Students learned the qualifications for each job, daily job responsibilities, and the pros and cons of each profession. Overall, students enjoyed meeting the professionals from our local community and learning about these different careers.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended Parent Teacher Conferences on January 28, 2010. We encourage parents and students to keep track of daily work and academic progress using school resources such as ParentWeb and WebGrader. If you do not have Internet access at home, we are happy to supply you with grade reports upon request. Students, let's continue to use your planners, stay organized, and turn in work on-time.



On February 12th, 2010, The Regal Eagles team traveled to the NCG Trillium Theatre in Grand Blanc. Students really enjoyed watching [Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief](#), although many said they liked reading the book better! Our next field trip will be to the Grand Slam School Day Event at the Lugnuts Stadium in Lansing, Michigan on May 12th. Students will need to bring in their permission slip and \$10.00 by March 19th to attend the game and see the Lansing Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps. We will need chaperones for this event.

We are pleased to announce our **January Students of the Month: Zach Appleberg, Kaitlyn Pierce, Ben Baker, Mitch Davis, Lauren Breitling, Alex Green, Kyle Hunt**. These students were chosen by the team teachers based on their academic progress, positive citizenship, and overall improvement. Congratulations!

Soaring Eagles

The end of our second trimester is Friday, March 5th. We are hoping that our last trimester is just as successful as our previous two. The students have been keeping busy in all of their classes.

In language arts classes, students have been working hard entering goals and other information into the Education Development Plans. Students will celebrate World Math Day on March 3rd in their math classes by competing against students around the world in a mental math race. Students will also be scheduling high school classes this month during their social studies class.

Don't forget that there will be no school on Monday, March 8th and Tuesday, March 9th due to records day and staff professional development.

If your child is planning on attending the play on Anne Frank on Wednesday, March 24th, a signed permission slip and money need to be turned in to Mr. Kirkey no later than Friday, March 12th. The cost of the field trip is \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to *Linden Community Schools*.

As always, keep checking WebGrader for updated student progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or e-mail. Thanks again to all the parents for your continued support.

Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Kirkey, Mrs. Hayes

Screamin' Eagles

Upcoming dates to remember:

March 5th	End of Second Trimester - Turn in work before it's too late!
March 8th and 9th	No school for students
March 12th	Permission slips for <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> are due NO LATE SLIPS ACCEPTED
March 24th	Anne Frank field trip

***We are sponsoring the 7th and 8th grade dance in April.**

We need chaperones.

Please contact us if you are interested.

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March Writer 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 March are:

Passion Aurand	Brendan Hansen	Chris Martin	CJ Blackburn
Keli Welch	Katie LeGere	Jackson Stevenson	Travis Hansen
Sarah Green	Morgan Baker	Kaitlyn Pierce	Garrett Beaudry
Alec Bond	Tina Cahaney	Mathew Osmun	Nicole Ravert
Maggie Henderson	Victoria Birmingham	Garrett VanAvery	Mitchell Davis
Kelsey Conner	Logan Murphy	Kayla Giffel	Andrew Lehman
Carlie Asplund	Adrianna Keech	Aaron Dombrowski	Brendan Garvey
Olivia Scheller	Shannon O'Connell	Sara Boufakhreddine	Caroline Cates
Ian Webb	Jacob Brown	Luke Justice	Bryce Davis
McKenzie Mead	Charlie Novak	Nick Pisoni	

Calendar



March

1 Monday	Building Newsletter Posted on Website (www.lindenschools.org) High School Student/Parent Orientation @ LHS; 6:00 PM
2 Tuesday	Choir Concert @ LMS; 7:00 PM
5 Friday	High School Course Registration Due @ LMS End of Second Trimester
8 Monday	Records Day - No School for Students
9 Tuesday	Professional Development Day - No School for Students
10 Wednesday	SCRIP Orders Due
12 Thursday	Band Fun Carnival @ LMS; 6:00 PM
17 Wednesday	7th/8th Grade Dance; 6:00-8:00 PM
18 Thursday	Annual Talent Show @ LMS; 7:00 PM
23 Tuesday	Spring Pictures Parent Koffee Klatch @ LMS Media Center; 4:00-5:00 PM
30 Tuesday	Book Bowl Tournament

April

1 Thursday	Spring Break Begins at the End of the Day
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