

**August:**

13 &amp; 14: Teacher In-Service

18: Open House (3-6p)

19: First Day of School

**September:**

8: Teacher PD

12: Mid Quarter

**October:**

6: Teacher PD

10: End of Quarter

20: Parent Teacher Conferences

**November:**

3: Teacher PD

14: Mid Quarter

25-28: Thanksgiving Break

**December:**

8: Make Up Day #1

19: End of Quarter/Christmas Break

**January:**

5: Teacher PD

6: Classes Resume

12: Make Up Day #2

**February:**

2: Teacher PD

6: Mid Quarter

23: Make Up Day #3

**March:**

2: Teacher PD

16: Make Up Day #3

18: End of Quarter

**April:**

3: Good Friday/Easter Break

10: Mid Quarter

13: Teacher PD

27: Make Up Day #5

**May:**

3: Baccalaureate

4: Make Up Day #6

10: Graduation

15: Last Day of School

18 &amp; 19: Teacher Work Days



## THIS IS OUR YEAR, MUSTANGS!



We welcomed back our Mighty Mustangs this year on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Not only did we meet many new faces, between new students and teachers, but also by our new principal. Mrs. Lindsey Neal has been a wonderful new addition to our Mustang family. She has started many new initiatives this school year to keep students motivated and excited about learning.

We have a Trailblazing Mustang Award, which highlights a specific personality trait that Linn County students exhibit. This is done for the entire school! We also now have punch cards during homeroom for our high school and middle school kids. This gives a reward to students who stay on task during homeroom and complete all work that's been assigned.

Linn County also has a Facebook and a new TikTok account that will help parents and guardians stay up to date on events happening at school and their child's important moments. Our goal is to make learning fun and introduce new ways to do that. Involving our students in little things like a video makes them excited to be an active participant!

# 2025-2026 Linn County R-1 Staff

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Ryan Livingston, Superintendent  
Lindsay Neal, PK-12 Principal

## **ELEMENTARY**

Brittanie Palmer, Pre-School  
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Whitney Gardner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Lillian Bondy, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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Brenda Small  
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## **SPECIAL TEACHERS**

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Brooke Allnutt, K-12 Special Education  
Catherine Black, Counselor/A+

## **JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL**

Kerry Burkholder, Math  
Caley Sparks, Math/English  
Sidney Jeffries, Science  
Angela Wiles, Social Studies  
Robyn Sayre, HS English  
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Mollie Livingston, Music/Library  
Peyton Niemeier, Ag/FFA  
Hollie Floyd, Business/Yearbook  
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June Woodside, Principal

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Todd Fellows

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Josh Palmer  
Lenita Rinehart  
Bob Barrows  
Jerry Ward

## **COOKS**

Carol Smith, Director  
Diana Hollon  
Stacy Buswell

## **NURSE**

June Woodside

*We, as a school and community, are committed to ensuring a high level of academic and behavioral achievement for all students.*





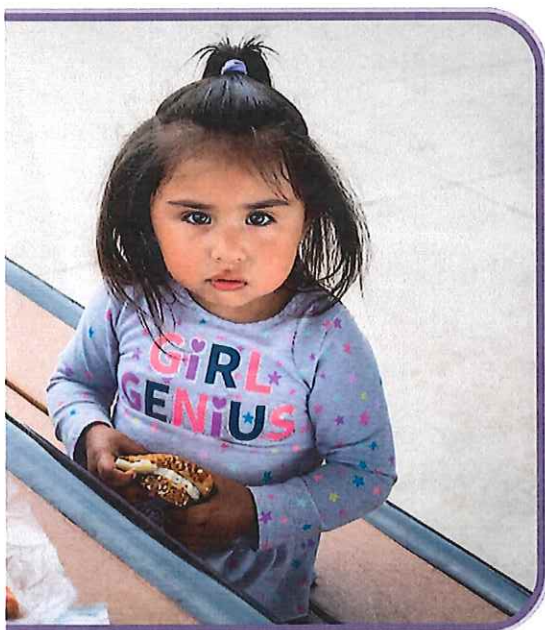
# Introducing the Linn County R-I **SCHOOL MARKET**

## *What is a School Market?*

Our school market shares food with students and their families at no cost. Those picking up food can choose items that will work for their household, including many ingredients that can help create fulfilling meals for the whole family.

Cereal, shelf-stable milk, canned fruits & vegetables, proteins like tuna or canned chicken, meal kits, soups and more may occasionally be available at the market. Snacks and hygiene items are also available at times for students.

The school market is open to anyone. **There are no requirements to receive food.**



## **HOW TO USE YOUR SCHOOL MARKET:**

- Students and families can shop the School Market located near the front office any day Tuesday-Friday from 3:10-3:40 (or by requested appointment).
- Students can make a request to shop with their teacher, Mrs. Black or Mrs. Neal or by filling out a Google Form located on our school's website.
- All food items must be taken home, not eaten at school.

## *Questions?*

If you have any questions about the School Market program, reach out to our Market Coordinator!



Catherine Black



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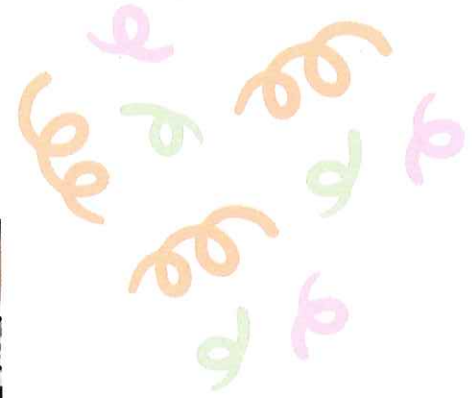


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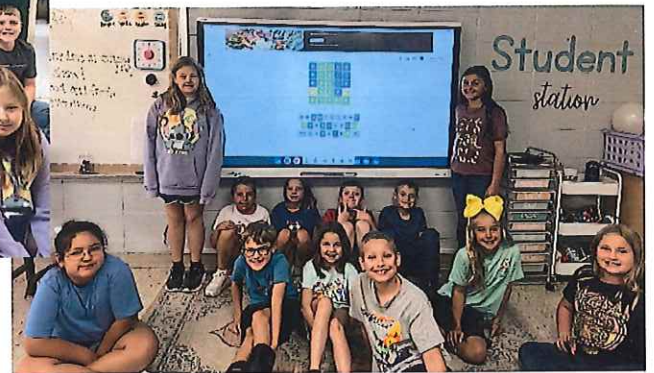




Kindergarten is kicking off the school year learning the letter A and all of its principles. Mrs. Seals implements letter building stations to help her students learn each letter through various activities and learning concepts.



Mrs. Bondy's 4th graders have taken the time during the first week of school to write appreciation letters to our custodians, Lenita Rinehart and Kenny Murrell. Lenita and Kenny are not always in the spotlight, but are quite the team and always have our school looking its best!



Fourth Grade also utilizes the puzzle game, Wordle. Each day, there is a secret 5-letter word. Students try to guess the word by typing in their own 5-letter guesses. The goal is to use clues from each guess to figure out the word in six tries or fewer. This helps the students with vocabulary and problem solving.



Thank you so much to Aaron Palmer for rehoming two red chairs from Stanbury Uniforms. They are a nice addition to our school's redecorated library!



"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"--Dr. Seuss



## I-ready Summer Challenge

We have survived the summer and the I-ready summer challenge !! We had 54 students participate in the summer challenge with 32 students completing the challenge !! These 32 students had to pass 20 reading lessons AND 20 math lessons. This was a huge feat, however, they persisted and completed the summer challenge !! The students who completed the i-ready summer challenge will be rewarded with a fun trip and lunch in October !! A HUGE thank you goes to everyone who encouraged the students to work on the lessons !!

## Parents As Teachers Missouri Curriculum Partner

Missouri's Parent Education Program is a voluntary program offered through local school districts, serving families who are expecting a child or have children under the age of kindergarten entry. Missouri's Parent Education Program helps to establish positive partnerships between home, school and the community and plays a vital role in supporting families and children from the very beginning toward school readiness. A trained parent educator provides home visits with families to promote early learning, knowledge and understanding of important developmental milestones.

Periodic Screenings increase parents' understanding of their children's developmental progress, as well as, inform them of any possible delays. Early intervention for identified concerns helps improve school readiness for young children. This early childhood program is designed to offer regularly scheduled family personal visits, annual developmental screenings, monthly group

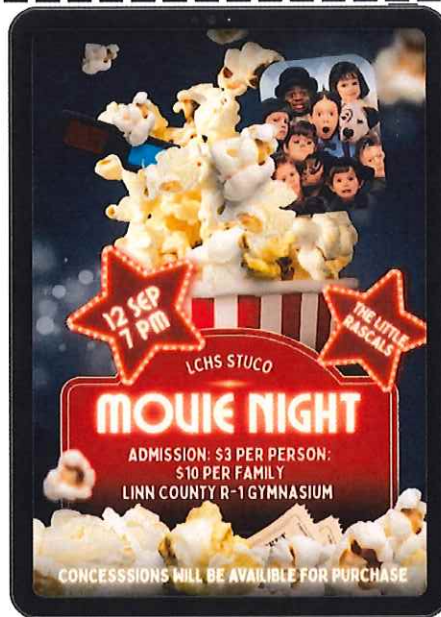
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## JUNIOR CLASS

Order now with a Junior Class student  
or online at [radafundraising.com](http://radafundraising.com)



All proceeds go towards funding Prom  
2026 and their senior trip



YEARBOOKS ON  
SALE NOW!! \$30



Questions? Please  
contact the Front  
Office.





### **Softball Head Coach:**

My name is Caley Sparks. I am originally from Meadville but I currently live in Brookfield with my husband, Brent and two children, Bentley and Colt. I currently teach Math and English. This is my third year at Linn Co. and my third year coaching softball at Linn Co. Softball has always been a big part of my life. I grew up playing summer ball, high school ball, travel ball, and now I play slow-pitch softball as an adult. The girls have been working hard this season and are improving every day. We had our first game on the 29th and are hoping we can make it out this season with some wins! I'm looking forward to seeing what these girls can do this season!

### **Assistant Softball Coach:**

My name is Sidney Jeffries and I am the assistant coach for the 2025 softball season. I am settling into my 2nd year of teaching Middle and High school science at Linn County. I am originally from Green City, Missouri where I played 4 years of varsity softball. I spent those four years playing first base and batting 4th. I played travel ball from age 12 until graduation. I have seen a lot of progress from each player and the team as a whole throughout the beginning of the season practices. We have one game under our belt at this time and have proceeded to work through our weaknesses during practice. The girls have put a lot of effort into trying new positions, batting adjustments, and growing together as a team. I can not wait for the rest of the season!

### **Baseball Head Coach:**

My name is Blaine Smith. I have been coaching High School baseball for 8 years. I have been married to my beautiful wife, Mishelle, for 26 years and have 1 son, Quentyn. As for the starters, we will have to see. There are still competitions to determine that. My goal for this Fall is to win our conference and have at least 4 boys on the 1st team all-conference team.

Senior	Gracie Small	Third Base
Junior	Carson Coarm	Catcher and Infield
Junior	Kenadi Head	First Base
Junior	Charlotte Banta	Outfield
Junior	Lexi Kiel	Pitcher and Infield
Sophomore	Paityn Sparks	Pitcher and Infield
Sophomore	Susan Ruiz	Pitcher and Outfield
Sophomore	June Barber	Outfield
Freshman	Rylee Rhoades	Second Base
Freshman	Harlow Miller	Outfield



# SEPTEMBER 2025

## LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

MINI CINNIS  
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS  
SCALLOPED POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT

2

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE  
FRESH FRUIT

CRISPITO  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
TRI TATER  
FRUIT

8

15

22

29

3

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER on BUN  
FRIES / CARROTS  
FRUIT

10

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

HAM STEAK  
POTATO CASSEROLE  
GREEN BEANS / FRUIT

17

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN FAJITA  
ROASTED CORN AND PEPPERS  
ONION RINGS  
FRUIT

24

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT

HAMBURGER on BUN  
FRIES / SPINACH  
FRUIT

4

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE  
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK  
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY  
PEAS / FRUIT

11

BANANA BREAD  
FRESH FRUIT

CORN DOGS  
MAC and CHEESE  
BROCCOLI  
FRUIT

18

CINNAMON ROLL  
FRESH FRUIT

SLOPPY JOE on BUN  
PEAS and CARROTS  
FRUIT

25

BREAKFAST PIZZA  
FRESH FRUIT

SALIBURY STEAK  
MASHED POTATOES and GRAVY  
BROCCOLI with CHEESE  
FRUIT

5

DONUT  
FRESH FRUIT

B.B.Q. PORK on BUN  
RANCH POTATOES  
CORN / FRUIT

12

BREAKFAST PIZZA  
FRESH FRUIT

TURKEY WRAP  
BAKED BEANS  
VEGGIE STRAWS  
APPLE CRISP

19

BACON and TOAST  
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN and NOODLES  
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT

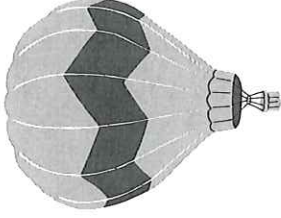
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PANCAKES  
FRESH FRUIT

B.B.Q. RIB on BUN  
HASH BROWNS  
PEAS / FRUIT

DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY, or CHEF SALAD. THERE IS ALSO MILK and JUICE SERVER DAILY, AND BREAD OF SOMEKIND. MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.

# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p BB @ Meadville vs Green City	2 3:40p ASAP Meeting (4th & 5th Grade)	3 Jostens Orders Due	4 Remembrance Day Field Trip 5p: SB Macon Co. 6:30p: BB @ Brashear	5 VIP Day 5p: SB @ LC vs Brashear 7p: BB @ Meadville vs Higbee	6 Schuyler Co. Trapshoot Northwestern Trapshoot
7	8	9 5p: SB @ LC vs Bevier	10	11 Elementary Field Trip 7p: BB @ Meadville vs Macon Co.	12 Picture Day 7p: STUCO Movie Night	13 Schuyler Co. Trapshoot
14	15	16 3p: Area 3 Leadership Conference 5p: SB @ Green City	17 5p: SB @ LC vs Higbee (make up from 9/2)	18 8a: Yearbook Workshop	19 7:30a: Chapter FFA Dues & Donuts 5p: SB vs Novinger @ Kirksville	20 Brookfield Trapshoot Purdin Fall Festival
21	22 5p: SB @ LC vs Meadville	23 Area 3 Trapshoot	24 6:30p FFA Chapter Meeting	25	26 Preschool Field Trip 5p: SB @ Atlanta	27 Atlanta Softball Tournament
28	29 5p: SB @ LC vs Brunswick	30 7p: BB @ Meadville vs Bevier	31			



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Look for the Mustang Alerts on  
the right side of the homepage.

Contact the School  
to receive a hard  
copy of the ledger.

## **Administration**

Ryan Livingston, Superintendent  
Lindsay Neal, Principal

## **LEARNING FOR TODAY, PREPARING FOR TOMORROW**

### **Board of Education**

Jack Green, Pres. 4 years  
Racheal Neal, 13 years  
Daniel Singleton,  
Chad Gooch, 13 years  
Bryon Rojas, 2 years  
Tod Sparks, April 2024  
Wesley Allnutt

## **POSTAL PATRON**

9/05 Softball @ Linn Co. vs Brashear--5p  
9/05 Baseball @ Meadville vs Higbee--7p  
9/09 Softball @ Linn Co. vs Bevier--5p  
9/11 Softball @ Macon Co.--5p  
9/11 Baseball @ Brashear--6:30p  
9/16 Softball @ Green City--5p  
9/18 Baseball @ Meadville vs Macon Co.--7p  
9/19 Softball vs Novinger @Kirksville--5p  
9/22 Softball @ Linn Co. vs Meadville--5p  
9/26 Softball @ Atlanta--5p  
9/27 Atlanta Softball Tournament  
9/29 Softball @ Linn Co. vs Brunswick  
9/30 Baseball @ Meadville vs Bevier

