

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### August:

13 & 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 & 19: Teacher Work  
Days

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## Stepping into the Next Chapter: Ryan Livingston Announces Retirement

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who has had a hand in my 28 years here at Linn Co. R-1 School. I don't know how time has gone by so quickly, as it seems a short time ago that I was taking my first job in education with teaching and coaching. At that time, I had no idea that 29 years later I would be ending my career where I started. Linn Co. School has been a second home for myself, as well as Mollie and our four children, Madison, Morgan, Kolby, and Karson. I have had the opportunity to work with people who have influenced me throughout my career. From incredible teachers, staff members, parents, and students, I cannot come up with the words to describe how important you have been. I have spent countless hours in the Linn Co. School building, ballgames, meetings, and different programs over the years. I will miss the day to day contact with the students. It is surreal to think you can work in a district where you know every student by name, and most of their parents. I want to thank the community for making myself and my family part of this great community. It is with a heavy heart that I reach the next chapter of my life. Thank you for all you have done for me by making it a great place to start and end a career.

Sincerely,

Ryan Livingston



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Isabela Analee Rojas



## Short Description of Self:

determined, passionate, realistic

## Plans After High School:

After highschool I plan to attend NCMC  
and then transfer to Missouri State  
University to obtain my Masters in  
Occupational Therapy

## Activities I Am Involved in:

I am involved in FFA, Student Council  
NHS and Yearbook.

## What are you excited for this year?

Senior Prom!

## Who at Linn County has had the biggest impact on you?


Mrs. Sayre. She has known me the longest  
and she always gives great advice!

## What would you tell your younger self?

“Stress” yourself out with every  
opportunity that is offered.

## What is your favorite memory of Linn County?

My favorite memory of Linn County was getting to go  
to school with both of my sisters at the same time.



## LINN CO R-1. YEARBOOK PICTURE SALES

The Yearbook Staff are selling photos taken at school events.

FULL ACCESS: \$60 A FULL YEAR'S WORTH OF PICUTRES	SEASONAL: \$25 FALL WINTER SPRING
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EACH SEASON IS SOLD  
SEPARATELY

Contact Hollie Floyd at [hffloyd@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:hffloyd@linnr1.k12.mo.us)

*Order Your Yearbook Today!*

*\$35 without name stamp*

*\$42 with a name stamp*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name stamp to appear (if purchased): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MUSTANGS MINUTES

## Ugly Sweater Contest

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Linn Co. hosted an ugly sweater contest. The whole school participated and had a blast! There were many different kinds of sweaters in the competition. Everyone had lots of fun and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class voted on who had the best, funniest, or grandpa/ma like sweater.

Winners:

Best grandpa: Saxton Young

Best Grandma: Jaycee Robinson & Hattie Gardner

Best Overall: Drae Parker & Mae Brooks

Funniest: Layne Hoerrmann & Kasen PfiEFF

Homemade: Charity & Kaitlin



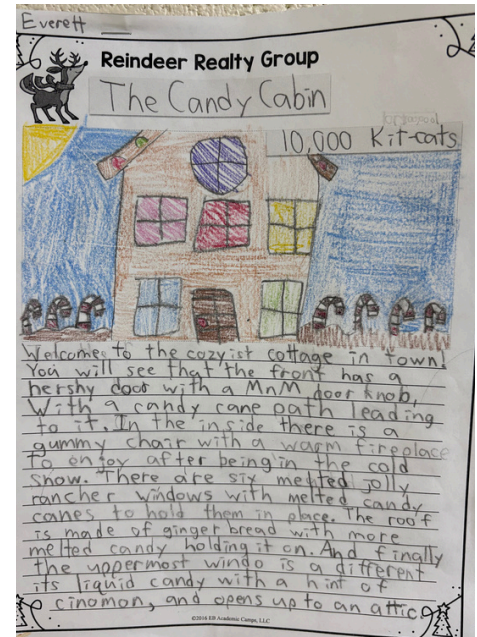
## Reindeer Realty

The fifth graders became realtors and sold houses that they designed! Home buyers came from all over to buy them. Teachers, aka “buyers,” made offers to which the realtors made their counter-offers. All houses were sold for various prices and currency, including candy, money, gumdrops, and even toys. Congratulations to our local realtors on a successful venture!



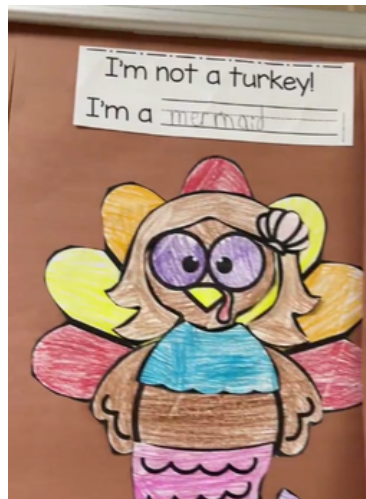
## Dress Up Days

Throughout December we had dress up days for the entire month. A few of the notable days that were dressed up for the most, were days such as “Grandma Got ran over by a Reindeer”, “Cold Front”, “Magical Time of Year”, “No Place like Home”, and “Long Winter’s Nap”



## Fifth Grade Goes to the Shrine Circus

Fifth grade students made a trip to Liberty, Missouri, towards the end of November. Every year, Linn County fifth graders travel to the Shrine Circus and love their experience!



## Turkey Disguises in the Elementary

The Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade had to take turkeys home and disguise them. Each student wrote about who they disguised their turkey as and why they disguised their turkey like they did.



# Sports and Club News

## Varsity Basketball

Please welcome Coach Derrick Holt and his dad, Terry who will be leading our Mustang Boys in the 2025-2026 basketball season.

Derrick is a 1999 Graduate of Marceline R-5 High School. While attending high school, he participated in football and basketball. On the basketball team he was a 1<sup>st</sup> team All-District player on the most winningest team in school history.

After graduating high school, Derrick joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Campbell KY with the 101<sup>st</sup> airborne division. During his military service, Derrick was an infantryman that traveled abroad and was on the division's basketball team.

Following his completion of military service he eventually moved back to Kansas City, Mo and started a successful commercial and residential painting company that currently operates today. In 2020, Derrick moved back to his hometown of Marceline and found a new passion in coaching. He is on his second year as a head coach, with his first year being in Marceline. He is very excited about this 2025-2026 as a coach for the Mustangs! It is definitely going to be a promising year, with the amount of support from a good program and school district!



## Varsity Basketball Cont.

Assistant Coach: Terry Holt  
Coach Holt graduated from Marceline High School in 1972 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving three years in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Afterwards, he was employed by the BNSF Railroad and retired after 38 years of service.

While in high school, Coach Holt participated in football and basketball, receiving multiple recognitions for successful accomplishments. Coach Holt is excited about the boys' high school basketball team and especially looks forward to coaching with his youngest son, Derrick.

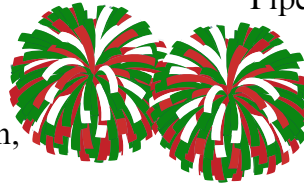


Bottom L to R: Kolby Livingston (Sr.), Asst. Coach Terry Holt, Head Coach Derrick Holt, and Avery Phillips (Sr.). Second Row L to R: Nathaniel Singleton (Jr.) and Isaiah Alverado (Jr.). Third Row L to R: Daniel Palmer (Jr.) and Kaden Fainter (Jr.). Fourth Row L to R: Carlos Ascenico (Soph.) and Leland Grismore (Soph.). Fifth Row L to R: Riely Johnson (Fr.), Layne Hoerrmann (Fr.), Ruger Palmer (Fr.), and Gauge Gaudet (Soph.). Top Row L to R: Jace Wiles (Fr.) and Drae Parker (Fr.)

## Varsity Cheerleaders



Bottom L to R: Gracie Small and Junior Kenadi Head. Second Row L to R: Sophomores: Mia Castellon, Susan Ruiz, June Barber, and Paityn Sparks. Back L to R: Freshman Harlow Miller and Piper Leonard.



Varsity Lady Mustangs is pictured below. Bottom Row Lily Kiel (Sr.). Second Row L to R: Carson Coram (Jr.) and Lexi Kiel (Jr.). Third Row L to R: Charlotte Banta (Jr.), Mallorie Gibson (Soph.), Harlow Miller (Fr.), and Paityn Sparks (Soph.) and June Barber (Soph.). Top Row L to R: Rylee Rhoades (Fr.) and Piper Leonard (Fr.). Coached by Sidney Jeffries





# JANUARY 2026

## LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

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FRESH FRUIT  
  
CRISPITO  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
TRI TATER  
FRUIT

BREAKFAST BURRITO  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHICKEN PATTIES  
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY  
BROCCOLI  
FRUIT

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHEESEBURGER on BUN  
FRIES / CARROTS  
FRUIT

PANCAKE on a STICK  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
RAVIOLI  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT / CORNBREAD

MINI CINNIS  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHILI  
GRILLED CHEESE  
RAW VEGETABLES  
APPLE CRISP

FRENCH TOAST  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK  
MASHED POTATOES / GRAVY  
SPINACH  
FRUIT

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
TATERTOT CASSEROLE  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
FRUIT

EGG / SAUSAGE/TOAST  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHICKEN NUGGETS  
SCALLOPED POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT

PANCAKES  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP  
TURKEY SANDWICH  
RAW VEGETABLES  
CHEESE / CRACKERS / FRUIT

BREAKFAST PIZZA  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
HAM STEAK  
HASH BROWN CASSEROLE  
PEAS and CARROTS  
FRUIT

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CORNDOGS  
ROASTED VEGETABLES  
MAC and CHEESE  
FRUIT

LONG JOHN  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
SPAGHETTI  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT  
GARLIC BREAD

BACON / CHEESE BISCUIT  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
HAMBURGER PIZZA  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

MUFFIN / YOGURT  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
CHICKEN ETTI  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT / GARLIC BREAD

BISCUIT and GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT  
  
SOFT TACO  
CHEEZY RICE / REFRIED BEANS  
Lettuce/cheese/tomato/onion  
FRUIT / BROWNIE

SAUSAGE / EGG / CHEESE  
SANDWICH / FRUIT  
  
BBQ RIB on BUN  
HASH BROWNS  
BAKED BEANS / FRUIT

DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, UNCRUSTABLES, or CHEF SALAD UPON REQUESTING AHEAD.  
MILK, JUICE, and BREAD OF SOMEKIND DAILY.  
HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THEIR CHRISTMAS BREAK.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Keytesville	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Teacher Workday	<b>6</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Tri-County Senior Recognition Night	<b>7</b> 8:30am: FFA Greenhand Motivational Conference	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ LaPlata FCA Meeting	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Make Up Day #2 6pm: HS Basketball @ Madison	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ LC vs Hale HS Homecoming/After Prom Supper/Fan Appreciation Night	<b>16</b> 3pm: FFA State Degree Completion Date (Juniors & Seniors)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>20</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ Novinger	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Cooking Class	<b>23</b> 6pm: HS Basketball @ Brunswick	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HS Basketball- Meadville Tournament 1/26-1/31	<b>27</b> 3pm: FFA State Degree Revision Due (Juniors & Seniors)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

School  
Board  
Meeting:  
January 21st  
at 7pm in  
Room 10.

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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, President- 5 years  
Racheal Neal, Vice President- 13 years  
Chad Gooch, 13 years  
Daniel Singleton, 6 years  
Bryon Rojas, 3 years  
Tod Sparks, 1 year  
Wesley Allnutt, April 2025



### **POSTAL PATRON**

### **Inclement Weather**



Winter weather is right around the corner. The school will post school closings, late starts, and other school information on the Textcaster alert that can be signed up for on our school's homepage. Please let me know if you have issues or need help signing up. I will be happy to help. Also, it will be broadcast on 99.1 KDWD and 96.9 KZBK radio stations. In the event of a weather-related dismissal, the school will implement AMI instruction whenever possible. AMI is an Alternative Method of Instruction that is used when in-seat instruction cannot take place. We will use virtual learning on a modified schedule whenever bad-weather days are predicted, and we can prepare students with the tools needed for instruction. Sixth through Twelfth grades will have Chromebooks for Google Meets, Google Classroom, etc., and will be expected to log on based on the modified schedule. When using an AMI day, we are considered to be in school and would not have to make up the day