

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar. 6 End of Third Quarter
Mar. 11 Academic Bowl Starts
Mar. 13 School Play
Mar. 19 Early Dismissal
P/T Conferences
Mar. 20 No School
April 2 Early Dismissal
April 3-6 Spring Break
April 8 Early Dismissal
Mustang Relays
April 10 Mid Quarter
May 3 Baccalaureate
May 10 Graduation
May 14 End of Fourth Quarter
End of Second Semester
Early Dismissal
May 15 & 18 Teacher Workshop

Possible Snow Make Up Days
May 15, 18, 19

Congrats
Lady Mustangs
Basketball sweep
the conference title
with a record of 8-0!

Canteen Duties
for March

March 24
Seniors/Hoyt



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Linn Co. R-I Science Olympiad Teams Are Once Again Headed To State!

If you've been in or around a science classroom at Linn Co. R-1 in the past few weeks you've witnessed what seemed like chaos with projects strewn over every available flat surface and with students in groups discussing strategies, on computers compiling notes, in the halls and gym at all hours of the day testing the devices they've constructed, and wearing goggles conducting experiments. What may look chaotic is actually what it takes to put together a winning Science Olympiad team. The Olympiad team members put in countless hours preparing for 3 or 4 different events each. This year that time spent paid off in a big way as both the High School and Junior High teams qualified for state, with the High School placing 3rd behind Kirksville and Macon and the Junior High team capturing 1st place ahead of Moberly and Kirksville.

Individual results are listed below.

Anatomy: Caleb Schreiner and Marcus Shaw-4th place
Green Generation: April Wood and William Wood-1st place
Disease Detectives: April Wood and Dillan Cordray-1st place
Bio-Process Lab: April Wood and Lindsey Brinkley-3rd place
Dynamic Planet: Lindsey Brinkley and Blair Buswell-5th place
Meteorology: Marcus Shaw and Cody Coram-5th place
Solar System-Hope Singleton and William Wood-2nd place
Road Scholar-Caleb Schreiner and Levi Barker-3rd place
Simple Machines: Levi Barker and Cody Coram-1st place
Air Trajectory: Michael O'Kane and Hope Singleton-1st place
Crime Busters: Missy Stanphill and Hope Singleton-3rd place
Can't Judge a Powder: Blair Buswell and Lindsey Brinkley-2nd
Bridge Building: Tristen Miller and Kade Ward-2nd
Elastic Launched Glider: Blair Buswell and Dillan Cordray-2nd
Robo-Cross: Kade Ward and Tristen Miller-1st
Wheeled Vehicle: Kade Ward and Tristen Miller 2nd
Experimental Design: April Wood, Missy Stanphill and Levi Barker-1st
Picture This: Caleb Schreiner, Marcus Shaw and Missy Stanphill-1st
Bottle Rocket: Lainey Miller and Dillan Cordray-1st
Write It/Do It: Cody Coram and Lainey Miller-3rd

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High School Science Olympiad

Linn County R-1 students competed in the Regional Science Olympiad on Saturday, February 21st. Our “Team Mustang” showed spectacular ingenuity and pride in their mastery of subject matter! The twenty three competitive events ranged from the expected anatomy & physiology, chemistry, and forensics to several cleverly titled competitions such as bungee drop, air trajectory, mission possible, it’s about time and experimental design. The team of fifteen, sophomores through seniors, won 11 medals in the events that spanned a spectrum of science and engineering

disciplines and finished third overall. The first High School Team Olympiad trophy in several years! A lot of work went into this success, and everyone truly shares in the victory! Although it is easy to focus on only the events and team members that took medals, it took every point from every event to make the victory possible. Only the top four teams have a chance to compete at the state competition and for the third year in a row we will be there to represent our school! Linn County students took home three first, one second, three third, three fourth, and one fifth

place medals. The date had been set for the state event in Fulton, on Westminster College Campus, Saturday, April 18th. Each of the Linn County teammates will again, with confidence, have a chance to exhibit the academic and engineering excellence they have learned here in our school.

Members of the winning regional team are Logan Brinkley, Anthony McCollum, Taylor Coram, Britane Hubbard, Sydney Moore, Megan Schreiner, Jeffery Venneman, Jena Warren, Dusten Coke, Cameron Cresson, Trent Gray, Jamison Hostetter, Emily Schreiner, Joslyn Seals, and Kyle Ward. A special thanks to Phil Bagley!

Congratulations Olympiad Competitors!!! You Are Awesome!!! Go Mustangs!!



High School Science Olympiad



Junior High Science Olympiad



GRTS students shine at Skills USA districts

On Friday, February 13th, 2015, approximately 75 juniors, seniors, and post secondary students competed at SkillsUSA District competition hosted by Excelsior Springs Career Center. The students competed in technical information, leadership, and skill contests relevant to career and technical education. Many competed in their program areas while others stepped out of their comfort zones to compete in speech or speaking contests. Of the students that competed at districts, approximately 46 are advancing to state competition held March 26th-28th at State Technical College in Linn, MO.

Linn County students that qualified for state are:

Tristen Creason, 1st, Career Pathways Showcase: Manufacturing

Kiley Stillwell, 2nd, Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Congratulations to all students that competed and that placed. Best wishes to those who will be competing at state!

Senior Spotlight



Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:

Intelligent, Curious, Humorous

Future Plans & Goals:

I plan on becoming an Auto Body Repair Tech.

What activities are you involved in?

Skills USA

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

The fact that everybody knows each other and we all get along for the most part.

Levi Benjamin Vansickle

Senior Spotlight

"Imagine if a rose bud looked down at its thorns and was so ashamed it refused to bloom? Your flaws are real and they won't disappear, but that's no reason to deprive the world of you."



Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:

Humorous, Considerate, and Ambitious

Future Plans & Goals:

Early warning systems operator PATRIOT missile, U.S. Army

What activities are you involved in?

Band, Art Club, Cheerleading, Choir, FCA

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

The great friends and teachers I have.

Who at Linn Co. influenced you the most and why?

Mrs. Bolle, she is so determined and dedicated to her work and her students. She pushes, and encourages me to be my best. I owe so much to her!

Kimberly Ruth-Ellen Taylor

"Keep on keepin on." Joe Dirt

Describe Yourself Using three Adjectives:

Outgoing, Funny, Uncoordinated

Future Plans & Goals:

Go to college and work for a construction company after I graduate.

What activities are you involved in?

Baseball and Track

What is your most embarrassing moment?

My first day of baseball practice. I was a little rusty.

What is your favorite thing about Linn County?

My favorite thing about Linn County would have to be the teachers. They are very laid back and are very helpful if you ask for help.

Who at Linn Co. influenced you the most and why?

Probably Alec and Tristen. We've done more fun things this year than I ever did at my old school.



Brett Levi Smith

Thank You

The Junior/Senior students and parents would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us during our Homecoming supper fundraiser. It's because of our community support we are able to provide our students with a safe and memorable after prom party. Also a big thank you to the following businesses for donating for our supper:

Purdin Processing
Farmland
McDonalds of Brookfield
Dollar General of Milan
Spragues Locker
Save-A-Lot
Prairie Farms
Carol Smith

Thanks again, your support is greatly appreciated!

Middle School Solo/Ensemble Contest

On Monday, February 23rd, twenty-one 5th through 8th grade students from Linn County R-1 attended Solo/Ensemble Contest at Kirksville Middle School. These students worked hard to prepare solos and small ensembles to compete at this contest. This was a great opportunity for students to perform for a judge and receive feedback. Students could earn a I (Superior), II (Excellent) or III (Good) rating. We took 19 events and earned 8 Division I ratings, 9 Division II ratings and 2 Division III ratings. I'm so proud of all of these students and their accomplishments! – Mrs. Bolle



Linn County R-I Aggie Boosters to Host First Ever CDE Days

On March 20, the Linn County R-I Aggie Boosters will host their very first CDE Days. The Aggie Boosters are hosting this contest to help raise funding to assist FFA students wishing to pursue interest in agriculture with scholarships. The Aggie Boosters also strive to support the FFA students with financial support such as by assisting with FFA camp fees, attending Washington Leadership Conference, and purchasing the FFA jacket for the winner of the Creed Speaking Contest. This contest will also help to assist students in gaining the knowledge that they need for their future in agriculture.

This year's contest will consist of livestock judging, dairy judging, farm management, FFA knowledge, and public speaking. The livestock and dairy contest will be hosted at the Miller's farm and then students will be brought back to the school to give reasons. FFA Knowledge and Farm Management are tests that will be given at the school. The public speaking contest will also be at the school. This will be a full day of events including volunteers preparing lunch, overseeing students, and tending to livestock for the event. Your support by being able to volunteer to help with the event would be greatly appreciated. If interested in being a volunteer to help the FFA program and the future of our youth in agriculture, please contact Stephanie Coram at (660) 946-4418 or (660) 973-1146 or Tracy Buswell at (660) 375-2664. Thank you for your support.

News from Mrs. Gray

It's hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. The school calendar has many events on it from now until the end of the year.

The varsity basketball season is about to come to an end. Spring baseball will soon begin. The academic bowl season will be getting started soon also.

Thank you for your continued support of the Linn County School and I look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming events.

Valentine Parties

The elementary held their Valentine Parties on Friday, February 13th. The students each made their own valentine boxes to bring to school. There were some very creative students. The students exchanged valentine cards within their classrooms, had snacks, and participated in games. We would like to thank everyone that was able to come out and make the parties a success!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 19th. The conferences will be held from 1-7 p.m. We hope to see you then. We do not have school on Friday, March 20th.

Linn County In-School Spelling Bee

The Linn County school spelling bee consists

of the top 5 spellers from 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The spelling bee will take place on Tuesday, March 24th at 1:30 p.m. in the Linn County gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend. The top two spellers from each grade will then move on to the county spelling bee which will be held at Brookfield R-III on April 28th at 7:00 pm. Good luck to all that participate.

Fifth/Sixth Grade Basketball

The fifth and sixth grade students have been busy preparing for their basketball season. The basketball season for fifth and sixth grade takes place mostly during the month of March. Linn County will host a fifth/sixth grade tournament during the week of March 23rd-March 27th. Please come out and support the young athletes.

Boxtops

Thank you to everyone that collected and sent in boxtops. PTO turns the boxtops in and receives money in return. Please start collecting for next year. First grade and Second grade were the top collectors for this year and both grades enjoyed an ice cream sundae party.



Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

Linn County R-I is in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are aware of anyone that would be of interest please have them contact Mr. Livingston at 244-5045.

Substitute drivers are paid based upon the number of times that they drive a bus. While the frequency of driving can vary, it is a nice additional source of income that works well for farmers, stay at home mom's, and self-employed individuals who are free to drive on a flexible schedule.

Substitute bus drivers are typically the first in line when a new permanent bus driver is hired. So being a substitute driver can lead to a more permanent position if desired.

Drivers must be 21 years of age, and be able to receive a CDL license with the Class "S" endorsement, and pass a physical examination. The district will reimburse individuals for the time related to taking the driving test, will pay for the costs of the driving test, the criminal background check and the physical, In addition the district will provide assistance in studying for the driving test .

A school bus driver has a unique relationship with the students. It is an important responsible position that can not be left to just anyone. We need strong community members to help in this important educational role. For application or more information call 244-5045.

Preschool Classes for 2015-2016

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective preschool students for the 2015-2016 school year. We will still be having our screening in early April, which is a time to see how ready the students are for preschool. This enrollment will give us the names and addresses of prospective students and parents so that we can mail them information about the screening when that time comes. We will also get information we can use now in planning for the instruction of the students next year. **Openings will be filled first by 4 year old students, any extra spots may be filled by 3 year old students.**

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Child's Name (First, Middle, Last)

Birth date

Parent Names (Both)

Address, City and Zip

Describe Location of the House

Telephone Number

To enter preschool a child must be 3 years of age before August 1, 2015. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Gray at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

Kindergarten Students for 2015-2016

We are trying to get the names and addresses of prospective kindergarten students for the 2015-2016 school year. We will still be having our kindergarten roundup in early April, which is a time to see how ready the students are for kindergarten. This enrollment will give us the names and addresses of prospective students and parents so that we can mail them information about the roundup when that time comes. We will also get information we can use now in planning for the instruction of the students next year.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2015-2016

Child's Name (First, Middle, Last)

Birth date

Parent Names (Both)

Address, City and Zip

Describe Location of the House

Telephone Number

To enter kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age before August 1, 2015. Please mail this form back to Mrs. Gray at Linn County R-I, P.O. Box 130, Purdin, MO 64674.

School Cancellations/Early Dismissals/Late Starts

Winter is right around the corner, and with that in mind, it is in our best interest to keep our staff and students safe. If we receive a fair amount of snow please listen to the radio for school cancellations. We will still call the radio stations as soon as we know school will not be in session, and will try to do so by 6:30 a.m. If it starts snowing or getting slick during the day, listen to the radio to see if we are letting out early. Remember, this is a big district with long bus routes and we have the safety of all of the students as our primary interest. Please have plans in place as to where you want your children to go in case we do let out early or start late and you are at work. Do they know what to do? Does the school know what they are supposed to do? Do they need to ride a different bus, go to a different house, or stay with a friend? In the excitement of letting out early, it is hard to get to all of the phone calls that come in, so please make your plans now. In the case of small children, please let us know what the plans are so that we can insure that the students go where they are supposed to. It is much easier to have these plans ahead of time so the phone lines are not being used to make arrangements during the early dismissals.

The radio stations that we will be announcing on are:

KTVO Kirksville - Channel 3

KZBK Brookfield AM 1470 FM 96.9

KIRX Kirksville AM 1450

KRXL Kirksville FM 94.5

KRES Moberly FM 104.7

KCHI Chillicothe AM 1010 FM 103.9

KMZU Carrollton FM 100.7

KTTN Trenton AM 1600 FM 92.1

KDWD Marceline 99.1

Linn Co. R-I Info Line (660) 895-1234

If you are signed up for Mustang Alert text messages you will receive a text as well.

2014-2015 Yearbook Order Form

**Sales end
in APRIL!**

Name of Student _____

Namestamp to appear on book (if purchased) _____

Grade _____ Number of Yearbooks _____

Total Enclosed _____

\$30

w/o a namestamp

**2014-2015
Yearbooks**

\$35

w/ a namestamp

A few 2013-2014 yearbooks are still available for \$20 while supplies. Don't miss out on the new video featured in the 13-14 yearbook. It will be even bigger and better in the 14-15 yearbook!

**Linn County R-1
Home of the Mustangs**

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**Linn Co. R-1
Message Line
660-895-1234**

**Sign up for text alerts at
www.linnr1.k12.mo.us**

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

Administration:

Ryan Livingston - Superintendent
Candi Gray - Elem./HS Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY,
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

www.linnr1.k12.mo.us

Board of Education

Janis Guyer, Pres., 2 yrs
Chad Gooch, V.P., 4 yrs
Jim Fitzgerald, 20 yrs
Steve Hardy, 10 yrs
Racheal Neal, 4 yrs
Brenda Search, 4 yrs
Shannon Murrell 1 yr

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Conference Basketball Awards

Kerstin Wilson - First Team All-Conference
Linn County Leader Dream Team
Megan Schreiner - Second Team All-Conference
Britane Hubbard - Second Team All-Conference
Tristen Creason - First Team All-Conference
Anthony McCollum - Honorable Mention
Coach Jordan Beck - Basketball Coach of the Year

Congratulations!