LINN CO. LEDGER

November VOL 331

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August:
19 & 20: Teacher In-Service
24: Open House (3-6p)
25: First Day of School
September:
11: Mid 1st Quarter
14: Teacher PD
October:
5: Teacher PD
9: End of 1st Quarter
19: Parent/Teacher Conferences
November:
2: Teacher PD
13: Mid 2nd Quarter
24-27: Thanksgiving Break [Early dismissal at 12pm]
December:
7: Make Up Day #1
18: End of 2nd Quarter
18-Jan 5: Christmas Break [Early dismissal at 12pm]
January:
4: Teacher PD
5: Classes Resume
11: Make Up Day #2
February:
1: Teacher PD
5: Mid 3rd Quarter
15: Make Up Day #3
March:
1: Teacher PD
12: End 3rd of Quarter
15: Make Up Day #3
26: Good Friday/Easter Break
April:
12: Teacher PD
16: Mid 4th Quarter
26: Make Up Day #5
May:
3: Make Up Day #6
9: Baccalaureate
16: Graduation--2:30pm
21: Last Day of School [Early dismissal at 12pm]
24 & 25: Teacher Work Days

WATCH OUT FOR THESE TRAILBLAZING MUSTANGS!

Principal's Honor Roll

The Principal's Honor Roll recognizes students who have a GPA of 4.0 or above.

Senior
Isaiah Alvarado
Alex Coffman
Carson Coram
Kenadi Head
Lexi Kiel
Daniel Palmer
Andrew Shoemaker
Nathaniel Singleton

Junior
June Barber
Mia Castellon
Ellie Jennings
Susan Ruiz

Freshman
Qunicy Tornow

7th Grade:
Addison Hollon
Hayden Kehr
Karson Livingston
Remilee McCoy

6th Grade
Harper Small

Regular Honor Roll

Regular Honor Roll recognizes students who have a GPA of 3.5-3.999.

Senior
Charlotte Banta
Isaiah Bell
Iryn Dole
Kaden Fainter
Lizbeth Reyes

Junior
Kaden Depler
Makayla Eppy
Gauge Gaudet
Leland Grismore
Paityn Sparks

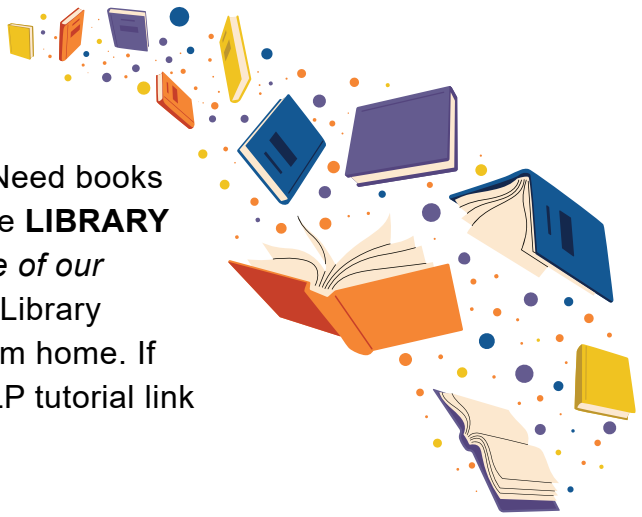
Sophomore
Reyna Aguirre Bell
Piper Leonard
Ruger Palmer
Rylee Rhoades
Jace Wiles

Freshman
Waden Gray
Erich Mittelstaedt
Chayse Reyes
Aubriana Wood

8th Grade
Abigail Brazel
Alanah Gaudet
Fallon Lane
Tripp Leonard
Westyn Neal

7th Grade
Graceyn Floyd
Layton Flummer
Bennett Gardner
Jaycee Robinson

6th Grade
Wade Brown
Lealan Lane
Kasen Pfeiff
Everett Powgnas
Ely Rhoades
Gabriela Rojas
Lydia Sparks
Jayla Strebe



Library Resources

Looking for a specific book title? Need books on a certain subject? Check out the **LIBRARY RESOURCES** link *on the right side of our school's homepage*! Just click on "Library Search" and explore our library from home. If you're having trouble, use the HELP tutorial link that's coming soon!

MUSTANG MINUTES

News From Mrs. Neal



In October we wrapped up first quarter with lots of successes. Character award winners were announced for August/September/October at the end of the month and so many students were recognized for their exemplary actions. Teachers have been working hard to create pacing guides, academic vocabulary lists and complete professional growth plans showing all our families that we're here for high expectations and great learning opportunities. We had a field trip to Old Time Harvest Days and the kids enjoyed every minute. We have an exciting week of Junior High Homecoming, Halloween, Trunk or Treat Night and an FFA Farm Safety Day to keep our kids engaged and in high spirits while at school. It's a great day to be a Mustang!

Students Explorer the Judicial Branch

Ms. Wiles' Government class recently had the opportunity to attend an appeals court session in Linneus, Missouri, which only happens every three years. This experience gave students a firsthand look at how the judicial branch of government operates and allowed them to see the court system in action. Students observed legal proceedings and learned more about the roles and responsibilities of judges, attorneys, and other court officials. The visit also helped students connect the concepts and vocabulary we have discussed in class to a real-life setting. Experiencing the judicial process firsthand provided a valuable learning opportunity and gave students a greater appreciation for the importance of the courts in our system of government. We are thankful for the opportunity to participate in this educational experience and learn more about how the judicial branch serves our communities.

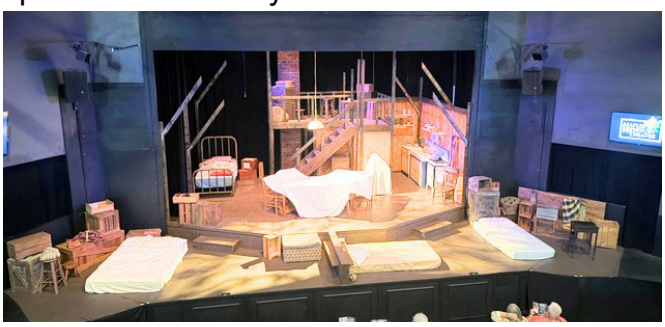




Trip to the Theater

Students from 6th & 7th grade traveled to Maples Repertory Theater in Macon on Sunday, October 4, as an enrichment opportunity to watch the play, The Diary of Anne Frank. Students were also treated to dessert during intermission from the generosity of a grandparent.

After the play, students learned more about the life of Anne Frank and the history of that time; through an exhibit narrated by theater staff. They even got to meet the actors who played Anne, and her friend Peter, in the play! It was a fun learning experience for everyone!



MUSTANG MINUTES

Fall Baseball

The Linn County/Meadville baseball team finished the season with a 6-2 record under coaches Blaine Smith and Mark Davis. Throughout the season, the team worked hard, supported each other, and made memories on and off the field. Each game brought new challenges and opportunities to improve as a team and individual performance.

Although the season has come to an end, the players can be proud of what they accomplished. The seniors will move on to their next chapter, while returning players look forward to another season on the diamond with spring baseball kicking off with a home game on March 19th, 2027 against Newtown Harris/Grundy Co.

Softball

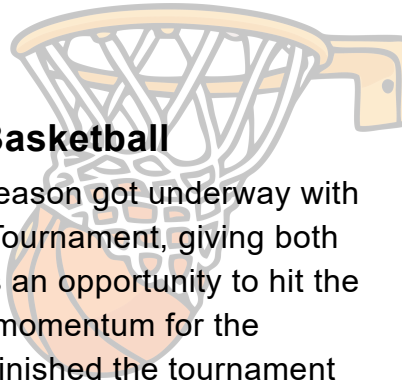
“We wrapped up our season in the rain with a final record of 4–10. While our record may not have reflected the goals we set for ourselves, we laid the foundation for growth, improvement, and great seasons to come. This team has worked hard, learned valuable lessons, and continued to grow both on and off the field.

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to Carson, Charlotte, Kenadi, and Lexi for their hard work, dedication, and leadership throughout the season. The impact you have made on this program will not be forgotten, and your cleats will be difficult to fill. As you move on to your next chapter, we hope you carry the lessons you learned of perseverance, teamwork, accountability, and the importance of never giving up with you. Thank you for the time, effort, and heart you have given this program. We are proud of you and excited to see what the future holds for each of you!

Softball Cont.

As a team, we would also like to extend a huge thank-you to Mrs. Barber for following us throughout the season, advocating for our safety, and continuously supporting our team. Your dedication, encouragement, and willingness to be there for us have meant so much. We are grateful for everything you have done to support our players and program this season. Thank you for being such an important part of our team”-Coach Moss

“I’ve had such a blast working with these 12 amazing softball players and Coach Moss! Even though the season didn’t end exactly how we hoped, I’ve loved watching the team grow. They’ve lifted each other up during some tough moments, cheered the loudest for each other and have handled wins and losses with grace. A thank you to Coach Barber for all her hard work and support in making sure that everything went so smoothly. Thank you, Lady Mustangs and Coach Moss for a wonderful season.”- Coach Jennings



Jr. High Basketball

The Jr. High basketball season got underway with the 79th Annual Bucklin Tournament, giving both the boys' and girls' teams an opportunity to hit the court and begin building momentum for the season. The boys' team finished the tournament by winning the consolation game, showing determination and teamwork.

The first home game took place on October 20th with both teams defeating the Green City Gophers in a nail-biting victory! Jr. High Homecoming is on October 30th against the Atlanta Hornets! Come support these athletes and show your school spirit!

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Future Farmers of America

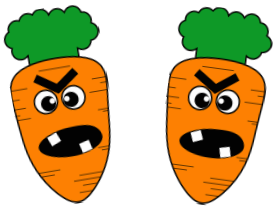


Learning about farm safety was the focus of a special day hosted by FFA members for the entire school. Students had the opportunity to take part in activities and demonstrations that showed why safety matters when working around farm equipment, animals, and other potential hazards.

From the farm to everyday life, knowing how to recognize dangers and make safe choices is an important skill. The event gave students a chance to learn through hands-on experiences while discovering ways to protect themselves and others.

FFA members worked to make learning about safety both educational and engaging. The event was a great reminder that while farming is an important part of the community, staying safe should always come first!





Once Upon a Library Visit

During their library time, preschoolers listened to the book, Creepy Carrots. It's the second read aloud in a 3-part series where the main character, Jasper, has creepy encounters that cause him to problem solve.

The Preschool students used Legos to build a fence around their own "carrot patch," just like Jasper did! Problem solving and teamwork made it a success! They also got to be illustrators of the main characters in the story.

Extra Milk Price Increase



Beginning November 1, the cost of extra milk will increase from $0.35 to $0.45 per serving. This adjustment was approved by the Board of Education during the October board meeting and is intended to help offset the rising cost of milk.

We appreciate our families' understanding and support as we work to maintain our school meal services while managing food service costs. Thank you for your continued partnership with our district!

Our District's Pilot State A-F Grade, What You Need to Know

Dear Linn County R-1 Families,

In the coming days or weeks, you may see something coming out in regards to letter grades for all public schools in Missouri. While the pilot grade has not yet been publicly released at this time, we want you to hear this from us, along with what it means.

About the Rating

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is developing its first pilot A–F grades for public schools, created under an executive order Governor Mike Kehoe signed in January.

This grade is a pilot, meaning it is not final. It is the first year of a brand-new state system, based on test results from the 2024-25 school year, and the state is still finalizing how grades are calculated. We fully expect the framework to change over time, and as it does, our grade may change too. It is one measure among many.

We Are Accountable to You First

You've told us what matters most to you in our schools, through surveys, conversations, and board meetings. Those details are what have been used to revise and develop our current school improvement plan (CSIP) that will be finalized in December.

You also deserve a full, current picture of how our students are doing. Here are a few things we're proud of:

- Supporting student growth: Teachers are using student performance data to identify learning needs, provide targeted support, and celebrate student progress.
- Strengthening instruction: Our staff continues to collaborate and participate in professional learning to improve instructional practices and provide meaningful learning opportunities for all students.
- Building a supportive school environment: We continually work to strengthen student connections, promote a safe and welcoming environment, and ensure students have the support they need to succeed.

And here is where we're focused on improving:

- Curriculum development - ensuring our curriculum aligns with the Missouri State Learning Standards.
- Assessment development - ensuring our assessments meet the level of rigor to best prepare our students for the next concept, grade level, and post-secondary goals.

But no state rating can replace what you know as a parent about your child.

You know their teachers, their classroom, and the progress they are making. Our responsibility is to work alongside you to help your child meet their educational goals and achieve the best possible outcomes. Whether it's an A–F grade or another measure from Jefferson City, that mission does not change and neither does our commitment to the local systems, relationships and priorities we have built to meet the needs of our students and families.

Public schools serve every student who walks through our doors, including children with very different needs, circumstances and starting points. That responsibility is fundamental to who we are, and it is one reason a single letter can never tell the whole story of a school or the educators who choose to serve there.

Thank you for your partnership. Our teachers and staff work every day to help each student grow, and we continue to keep you informed along the way.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberley Walters
Superintendent
Linn County R-1 School District

Culture and Climate Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our district is participating in the Missouri School Climate and Culture Survey. The results of this survey will be used as part of the school improvement review during the 2026–2027 academic year. As part of this process, parents, students, and school employees are invited to voluntarily provide feedback about the programs, services, and experiences available to students.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link provided. Your feedback and perspective are important and appreciated. Your responses will help the district better understand the strengths of our schools and identify opportunities for continued growth and improvement. The survey will close on Friday, November 6.

All parent responses will be summarized anonymously and included in a report for the school district. The district will use the information gathered to help guide and support school improvement efforts.

If you have more than one child attending school in the district, please complete a separate survey for each child. Surveys will be processed so that school officials receive information specific to each school building within the district.

The questionnaires include demographic and opinion-based questions. You may choose not to answer any individual question or may choose not to complete the survey at all.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and perspective. Last year we had 52 parent responses. Our goal is to increase that participation rate this year. We truly appreciate your partnership and your willingness to help us continue to improve our schools and provide the best possible experience for our students.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kimberley Walters
Superintendent

Direct Link to Survey:
LINN CO. R-I Parent Survey Link

Using the QR code will require an authentication code to begin the survey.
LINN CO. R-I Authentication Code: 2T2ADW

State Wastewater Testing

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) is testing wastewater at selected schools this year as an early-warning system for fentanyl and other dangerous synthetic opioids. Linn County R-1 was randomly selected to participate in Missouri's Wastewater Testing for School Safety program. Wastewater testing gathers samples of sewage leaving a building and checks it for traces of drugs people have used. Public health agencies use the same method to track community trends, such as COVID-19 or opioid use, without testing any individual. This does not mean there is a suspected drug problem at our school. Approximately 164 schools statewide are participating this year. The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) is using wastewater testing as an early-warning tool to help identify dangerous synthetic opioids, including fentanyl and other substances.

How it came about

- Dec. 2025: DPS ran a voluntary pilot with more than 40 districts. Hallsville detected nitazenes in its January 2026 testing.
- June 30: Gov. Mike Kehoe signed HB 2002 and HB 2008, the state budget bills that fund the program.
- July 22: DESE announced the program.
- Aug. 18: DPS notified superintendents of selected districts. Its vendor, Stercus Bioanalytics, followed up to schedule site assessments.
- Sept. 24: DPS sent the list of participating schools and the testing schedule.

How does testing work?

- What is tested? Wastewater from the building's outside sewer pipe—not drinking water.
- When? During school hours, between mid-September and mid-May.
- What is tested for? Fentanyl, nitazenes, carfentanil, and other substances.
- Who conducts the testing? A state-contracted company collects and analyzes samples.
- What does it cost? Nothing for our district.

What do the results mean?

Testing looks at overall trends. It does not identify individual students or staff. A positive result cannot tell us who used a substance, how many people used it, or whether it was used at school. A positive result means a tested substance was detected in the wastewater. It does not automatically mean students are using drugs at school or that there is widespread use.

What happens if a result is positive?

- Students and staff will not face investigations, searches, or discipline based on the test result.
- We will share results with families promptly and clearly.
- Our focus will be on prevention, education, and support.
- We will continue working to keep our students safe and healthy.

Will results be made public?

DPS reports results by Highway Patrol region, but school-level results may be available upon request. We are committed to communicating openly with our school community.

Our commitment to student safety

Linn County R-1 remains committed to student health and safety through prevention education, DARE, our School Resource Officer partnership, and other student support services. Our participation in this program is another opportunity to support a safe, healthy school environment for all students.

HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

VETERANS DAY

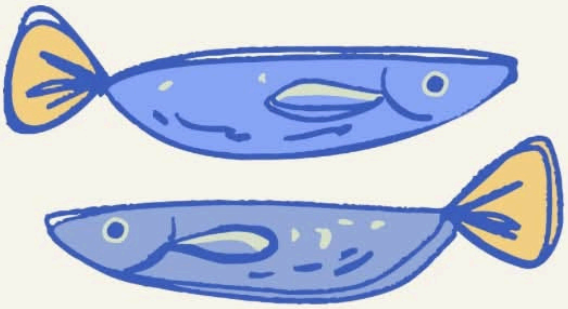
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All Veterans are invited to enjoy a free lunch provided by Linn Co. R-1 School from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Call the school to RSVP for lunch.

660-244-5045

Our Veterans Day Program will begin at 12:45pm in the Gymnasium



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

Linn County FFA

FISH FRY

November 7th

5-7:00 PM
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

PURDIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 **NO SCHOOL**	3 BREAKFAST SANDWICH FRESH FRUIT SUB SANDWICH SUNCHIPS PEACHES	4 BISCUIT AND GRAVY FRESH FRUIT TACO SOUP TORTILLA STRIPS CHEESE STICK PINEAPPLE	5 PANCAKES FRESH FRUIT CHICKEN ALFREDO TOSSED SALAD STRAWBERRIES BREAD STICK	6 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRESH FRUIT NACHOS CORN MANDARIN ORANGES
9 COME EAT WITH US ON NOV. 11TH TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!	10 MUFFIN AND YOGURT FRESH FRUIT RAVIOLI PEAS APPLESAUCE BREAD AND BUTTER	11 BISCUIT AND GRAVY FRESH FRUIT HOT BEEF PLATE MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS PEACHES and CAKE	12 LONG JOHNS FRESH FRUIT POTATO SOUP RAW VEGGIES CRACKERS PEARS	13 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRESH FRUIT CRISPITOS TRI TATERS MIXED VEGETABLES MIXED FRUIT
16 **NO SCHOOL**	17 BACON, EGG AND TOAST FRESH FRUIT BEEF STEW COTTAGE CHEESE CORN BREAD MANDARIN ORANGES	18 **CEREAL** **THANKSGIVING MEAL**	19 BISCUIT AND GRAVY FRESH FRUIT HOT HAM AND CHEESE TATER TOTS PEAS APPLE SAUCE	20 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRESH FRUIT CHICKEN SUIZO ROASTED CORN PINEAPPLE
23 WAFFLES FRESH FRUIT CHEESEBURGER ON A BUN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS PEACHES	24 BISCUIT AND GRAVY FRESH FRUIT HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH CHIPS CARROTS APPLES	25 **THANKSGIVING BREAK**	26 **BREAK**	27 **BREAK**
30 **BREAK**				

DAILY CHOICES CEREAL UNCRUSTABLES OR SHEF SALAD UPON ORDERING AHEAD.
MILK, JUICE, AND SOMEKINDA OF BREAD ALSO SERVED DAILY.
MENU ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVILABILITY
HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING.



NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Teacher PD	3 **6pm:** JHBB@ LC VS BMC **5pm-7:30pm:** Jr. Class Taco Salad Dinner	4 **3:40pm-5pm**: 4th & 5th Grade ASAP	5 **5:30pm:** Chicago Informational Trip Meeting **6pm:** JHBB@ LC VS Brashear	6 **6pm:** JHBB@ Novinger	7 **5pm:** FFA Fish Fry @ Purdin Community Center
8	9 JHBB Atlanta Tournament (9th-14th)	10	11 **3:40pm-5pm**: 4th & 5th Grade ASAP **11:30am-12:30pm:** Veterans Lunch **12:45pm:** Veterans Day Program	12	13 Mid Quarter Area 3 Fall Speaking Contest	14
15	16	17 Disrict Fall Speaking Contest	18 **3:40pm-5pm**: 4th & 5th Grade ASAP **7pm**: School Board Meeting	19 Picture Retakes	20 **6pm-9pm:** Barnwarming	21
22	23 School in Session **6pm: HSBB** @ LC VS Grundy Co./Newtown	24 **12pm:**Early Dismissal Thanksgiving break (Nov. 25-Dec. 1)	25	26	27	28
29	30 **HSBB** Northwestern Tournament (Nov.30-Dec. 5)					

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Lindsay Neal, Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY, PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

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