

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

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Dear Parents, Families, and Community Members,

What a great start to the school year!

As our students and staff have returned to school and settled back into the rhythm of learning, one of my first and most lasting impressions has been the courtesy, manners, and genuine friendliness of our students. They have been personable, pleasant, and welcoming, and it has been wonderful to see them greet one another, interact with staff, and step back into the school community with such positive attitudes.



These qualities do not happen by accident. They are a true reflection of the time, care, and expectations you establish at home. Parents and families, thank you. The character you are helping develop in your children is evident, and we are proud to partner with you in supporting their growth—not only as students, but as kind, respectful, and responsible individuals.

I am also incredibly proud of our students and staff for jumping right back in and getting back to the swing of things. There is always an adjustment period at the beginning of a new school year, but our students and staff alike have embraced the opportunity to reconnect, learn, grow, and make this year a great one.

A successful school year is truly a team effort. It takes students who are ready to learn, staff who are committed to making a difference, families who support and encourage their children, and a community that believes in the importance of our schools.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your support, and the trust you place in our school. We are off to a great start, and I am excited about all that lies ahead for our students and our school community.

Here's to a wonderful school year!

With appreciation,

Dr. Kimberley Walters, Superintendent

MUSTANG MINUTES

News From Mrs. Neal



Wow! Friday, September 11th was already the first midterm of the year. Students have learned so much but some of the best lessons they learn don't come from the curriculum. Be patient as grades start to level out, students are working on routines, procedures and doing their best to become good citizens. We are so proud of their effort. We've had some success on the ball field and the junior high basketball teams have been practicing, as well as the cheerleaders. As we continue making good habits part of our back to school success please remember how important good attendance is to their overall learning. Being present at school as much as possible ensures the best results. We have Parent Teacher conferences on October 19th and hope to see all of you then!

Counselor's Corner

FAFSA Completion Night will be held on October 27 from 5:30-7:00. All senior families are invited to attend in order to complete the FAFSA. More information will be sent to seniors soon.

VIP Day

Students in preschool through fifth grade welcomed their special guests on Friday, September 11th, for a heartwarming day of celebrating their VIPs. This is always one of the most anticipated days of the year, as it is a perfect blend of joy, gratitude, and bittersweet emotion. Students spent the first few weeks of school diligently preparing a song performance to show their gratitude and appreciation for the people they cherish most. After the performance, guests spent the day with the students, soaking in the special time they had side by side.



I-Ready Summer Challenge

Over the summer, K-6 students could participate in the i-Ready Summer Challenge. We had 33 students complete the i-Ready Summer Challenge. To accomplish this feat, students were required to pass 20 reading lessons AND 20 math lessons. They will be rewarded with a fun trip and lunch in October. We will send more information once we get closer to October. A HUGE thank you goes to everyone and anyone who encouraged students to complete their i-Ready summer challenge. This is a list of students who completed the i-Ready summer challenge.

Kindergarten:

Huxley Clark
Kinsley Fraizer
Conrad Guyer
Alina Palmer

First Grade:

Rylynn Cashatt
Kinley Sparks
Rowan Strebe
Emberly Allnutt
Thomas Gardner

Second Grade:

Hudson Brown
Tennyson Floyd
Ava Armstrong
Lillian Lowman
Jaidyn Fraizer
Bryson Oldro
Adlyn Palmer
Mason Wayman

Third Grade:

Ryker Cashatt
Weslynn Allnutt
Ivan Marriott
Jagger Clark

Fourth Grade:

Novah Strebe

Fifth Grade:

Ariel Alvarado
Myrah Strebe
Hadlee Lowman
Hattie Gardner

Sixth Grade:

Wade Brown
Ely Rhoades
Jayla Strebe
Harper Small
Sophia Oldro
Gabriela Rojas
Kasen Pfieff

MUSTANG MINUTES

Baseball

The high school baseball team has started the season off with a bang! Still co-op-ed with Meadville, the two schools have come together and secured a 4-0 record to begin the season, fighting for a conference title. Even amid diverse opponents and hard-fought games, the boys give every play their all and are always willing to adapt and rise to any challenge.

Future Farmers of America

Seitz fundraising packets were sent home with FFA members, as our chapter is raising money for the National Convention. Members must sell 50 items to be considered to attend. National Convention will take place from October 20th to October 23rd in Indianapolis, Indiana. The trap shooting team has also attended several contests where they have been highly competitive. They placed 3rd at Paris, where Nathaniel Singleton shot a 25 straight, and 4th at Northwestern, where Leland Grismore shot a 25 straight. Nathaniel Singleton earned 2nd place in the high individual at both. Congratulations, and keep working hard!



**PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK
NOW FOR \$30. PRICES INCREASE
AFTER NOVEMBER 23RD.**

Softball



The Lady Mustangs softball team has approached every game ready to rattle bats and with something to prove. With two wins already, they know the job is not finished yet. The girls have been working on switching things up, whether it's playing a new position, laying down a bunt to advance a runner, or slapping from the left side of the batter's box. Coach Sidney Jeffries and Sara Jennings state that they are "immensely proud of the hard work the girls have put in and are excited to see how the rest of the season goes."



Linn County R-1 Student Council members accepted a generous donation of 50 cases of water from Smithfield on Thursday, September 17th. The water will be used for concessions and to help raise funds for student activities, with all proceeds benefiting students at Linn County R-1. Thank you, Smithfield, for continuing to support our school and local communities!

MUSTANG MINUTES



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Nickname: Car Car

Favorite Class: Ag

Plans After Graduation: Dual major in Ag Communications & Ag Business at Oklahoma State University

Dream Career: Traveling to cattle shows across the nation on a marketing team for Sullivan Supply

One word to describe senior year:
Bittersweet

Fun Fact: I ate cottage cheese with ketchup every day after school until the third grade

Describe yourself in three words:
Optimistic, Ambitious, Passionate

Advice to Underclassmen: Be present, make memories, and cherish the people around you



Carson Coram



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Lexi Kiel

Favorite Class: Gym

Most Embarrassing Moment: Softball
Junior Year

Senior Year Highlight: Graduation

Dream Career: Work with high school
athletes

One word to describe senior year:
Unpredictable

Fun Fact: I have played travel sports
since I was 8

Quote: "The moment you give up is
the moment you let someone else
win." - Kobe Bryant

**If you could trade places with any
teacher for a day, whom would it
be?** Mrs. Barber

**What is your favorite senior year
tradition?**

Senior Skip Day

Nickname: Char-latte

Favorite Memory: The Snowflake
Awards

Plans After Graduation: Attend
Mizzou

Fun Fact: "I turned this paper in 5
days late."

Quote: "Whatever will be, will be."

What activities are you involved in?

Softball, Basketball, FFA, Track,
Stuco, NHS, FTA

Describe yourself in three words:

Procrastinator, Type B, Nonchalant

Favorite Teacher: Ms. Niemeier

Advice to Underclassmen: Don't take
college algebra



Charlotte Banta

Show Your **MUSTANG PRIDE!**

LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO SPIRIT SIGNS

Same sign that's in our yards!



\$25
EACH

DOUBLE-SIDED!

- ★ SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT
- ★ GREAT FOR YOUR YARD OR BUSINESS
- ★ SUPPORTS LC R-1 PTO
- ★ HELP US SPREAD MUSTANG PRIDE THROUGHOUT OUR TOWNS!

★ ★ ★ **TOGETHER WE MAKE A STRONGER MUSTANG NATION!** ★ ★ ★

----- PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT. -----

== SPIRIT SIGN ORDER FORM ==

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

NUMBER OF SIGNS: _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LINN COUNTY R-1 PTO
OR SEND CASH.**

WE WILL SEND THE SIGN(S) HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.

Thank you ♥
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR STUDENTS
AND OUR
MUSTANG NATION!

OCTOBER 2026

LINN CO. R-1 SCHOOL

Monday

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BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

HOT HAM AND CHEESE
TATER TOTS
PEAS
PINEAPPLE

SAUSAGE BISCUIT
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN ALFREDO
BROCCOLI
BREAD STICK
PEACHES

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

MEATLOAF
BAKED POTATO
COLE SLAW
MANDARIN ORANGES

FRENCH TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN NUGGETS
MAC AND CHEESE
CARROTS
STRAWBERRIES

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

BEEF AND NOODLES
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
PEACHES

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

BEEF AND NOODLES
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
PEACHES

PANCAKE ON STICK
FRESH FRUIT

CALZONES
TRI TATERS
PEAS AND CARROTS
PEARS

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

TACO SOUP
TARILLA STRIPS
CHEESE STICK
APPLE AND A COOKIE

BREAKFAST SANDWICH
FRESH FRUIT

SPAGHETTI
CORN
APPLE SAUCE
BREAD STICK

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

SLOPPY JOE
TATER TOTS
CARROTS
PEARS

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN SUISO
ROASTED CORN
SIDE KICKS

BANANA BREAD
YOGURT

BAKED POTATO BAR
W/ TOPPINGS
BROCCOLI AND CHEESE
PEARS

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN AND NOODLES
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
PEACHES

EGG BACON TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER ON BUN
FRENCH FRIES
PEAS
PINEAPPLE

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

THE WALKING BREAD
JACK-O-ORANGES

BREAKFAST PIZZA
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN SUISO
ROASTED CORN
SIDE KICKS

BANANA BREAD
YOGURT

BAKED POTATO BAR
W/ TOPPINGS
BROCCOLI AND CHEESE
PEARS

BISCUIT AND GRAVY
FRESH FRUIT

CHILI
CRACKERS
RAW VEGGIES
STRAWBERRIES

EGG BACON TOAST
FRESH FRUIT

CHEESEBURGER ON BUN
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PEAS
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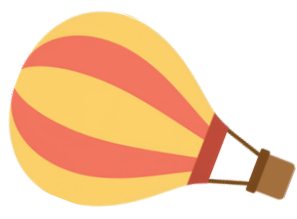
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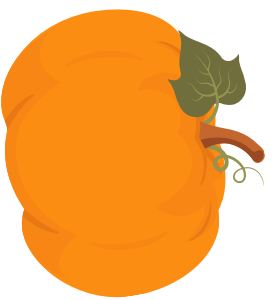
DAILY CHOICES: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CHEF SALAD, MILK, JUICE, AND SOMEKINDA OF BREAD
SERVED DAILY. MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY
HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN



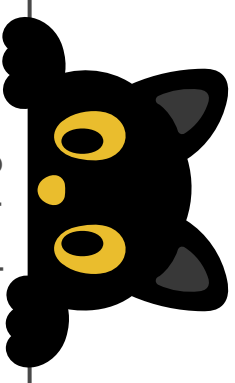
SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5pm: SB/BB @ Higbee.	2	3 5pm: SB/BB @ LC vs Tri County.	4 5pm: SB/BB @ Brashear.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 School Pictures Senior Composites	12 Northwestern Trapshoot
13	14	15	16	17	18 5pm: SB/BB @ LC vs Novinger.	19 Brookfield Trapshoot Purdin Fall Festival
20	21 5pm: SB @ Meadville.	22	23	24 8:30 Yearbook Workshop	25 5pm: SB/BB @ LC vs Atlanta.	26 Atlanta Softball Tournament
27	28 5pm: SB @ Brunswick.	29 Area 3 Trapshoot	30			



OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5pm: SB/BB vs Bevier	2 Teacher Appreciate Luncheon 5pm: SB @LaPlata	3 Northeast District Trapshoot
4 Teacher PD 5pm: SB/BB @LC vs BMC Senior Night	5 JHBB Bucklin Tournament (12th-17th)	6 5pm: SB @Milan	7	8 5:30pm: SB @Mercer	9 End of 1 st Quarter Peting Zoo	10
11	12	13 District Softball (13th-17th)	14	15	16 3:00pm: Chapter Assembly	17
18	19 Parent/Teacher conferences 6pm: JHBB@ LaPlata	20 FFA National Convention 6pm: JHBB@ LC vs Green City	21 FFA National Convention School Board Meeting	22 FFA National Convention 6pm: JHBB@ Meadville	23 FFA National Convention	24
25	26 6pm: JHBB@ Bevier	27 6pm: JHBB@ LC vs Grundy Co.	28	29	30 Jr. Class Dinner 6pm: JHBB@ LC vs Atlanta (Homecoming)	31 Halloween

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Administration

Dr. Kimberley Walters, Superintendent
Lindsay Neal, Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY, PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

Board of Education

Jack Green- President- 6 years
Bryon Rojas- Vice President, 4 years
Daniel Singleton, 7 years
Tod Sparks, 2 year
Wesley Allnutt, 1 year
Bo Brown, April 2026
Justin Lowman, April 2026

POSTAL PATRON

2026 Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
Oct. 12-17	Bucklin Tournament		TBD	TBD
Oct. 19	LaPlata	Away	6pm	3:45pm
*Oct. 20	Green City	Home	6pm	
Oct. 22	Meadville	Away	6pm	4:30pm
Oct. 26	Bevier	Away	6pm	4:15pm
Oct. 27	Grundy Co.	Home	6pm	
*Oct. 30	Atlanta	Home	6pm	
Nov. 3	BMC	Home	6pm	
Nov. 5	Brashear	Home	6pm	
Nov. 6	Novinger	Away	6pm	4:15pm
Nov. 9-14	Atlanta Tournament		TBD	TBD

*October 20: PTO Dinner 5pm-7pm

*October 30: PTO Jr. Clas Dinner 5pm-7pm

