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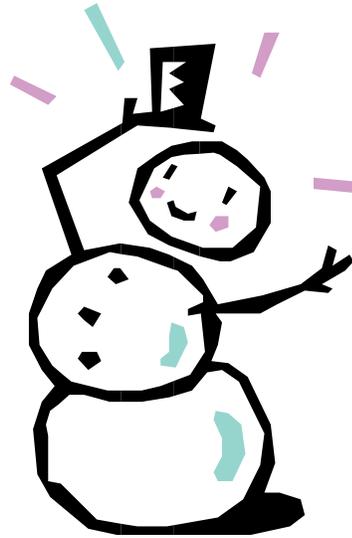
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Cold Weather Message

Dear Linne Families,

As we approach the winter season I'd like to take this time to review our inclement weather policy. Our school doors open daily at 7:50 a.m. During inclement weather we will allow students to line up inside. Be aware that we are not able to open the doors before 7:50 a.m. due to staffing limitations. Dropping your children off or sending them to school before 7:50 a.m. can be a safety risk. Most staff members are not scheduled to arrive until 8:00 a.m. and therefore supervision is minimal.

Winter brings many challenges to our recess program but rest assured that students will have outdoor recess whenever possible. The staff makes decisions daily on whether recess will be held indoors. Wind, wind chill temperatures, and the condition of the playground (ice, snow or standing water) are all taken into account before the decision is made. Please dress your child in warm clothing, which includes hats, gloves, winter coats and scarves, to ensure that they are both safe and warm on the playground.



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School Tours and Registration

We have begun registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Linne Elementary is a 1+ rated school with a focus on Educating the Whole Child. Programs in the fine arts or Spanish dual language help make Linne a unique option for many parents. We are now scheduling school tours and have begun the registration process for potential kindergarten students for next school year. For more information please call 773-534-5262 or e-mail info@linneschool.org.

Happy Holidays!

December is here—the holidays, the lights, decorations, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. We hope that you and your families have the opportunity to share and enjoy celebrating together with family and friends throughout this holiday season.

This can also be a stressful time. Children can become overwhelmed and stressed during these next few weeks. It is important to continue to follow a structured routine whenever possible. Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and continues to stay focused on their school work. This is the perfect time to go to the Library and get holiday books to read with the family. Make it a tradition to give your kids the gift of a memorable holiday experience. It's amazing how much kids value and remember family traditions. Unlike anything else, they're a source of fun, they strengthen family bonds and they form a meaningful link to the past. Whether you're baking cookies, watching a favorite holiday movie or piling into the car to look at neighborhood lights, don't underestimate the value of time spent together and enjoying each other's company. Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Renee P. Mackin, Principal
Gabriel A. Parra, Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

12/8	4th Grade Hour of Code 4–5:30 Computer Lab
12/15	Friends of Carl Von Linne Meeting 3 p.m. Library
12/17	FUNDrive Event 9–12
12/19 12/20 12/21 12/23	K-3 Holiday Showcase Please see schedule on back of newsletter.
12/20	LSC Meeting 4 p.m. PAC Meeting 8:15 a.m.
12/23	Last Day prior to Winter Break No After-School Programs
12/26– 1/6	Winter Break
1/9	Classes Resume



Holiday Showcase

Mark your calendars for the K-3 Holiday Showcase. All performances will take place in the Dance Studio followed by a visit to the classrooms (**No visits for Kindergarten rooms**). See the schedule below for specific dates and times of your child's performance.

Monday, December 19 in the Dance Studio.

11:15 a.m. - Room 203 2nd grade
12:15 p.m. - Room 209 2nd grade
1:15 p.m. - Room 224 2nd grade

Tuesday, December 20 in the Dance Studio.

10:15 a.m. - Room 202 3rd grade
10:40 a.m. - Room 204 3rd grade
1:15 p.m. - Room 230 1st grade
1:45 p.m. - Room 222 1st grade
12:45 p.m. - Room 232 1st grade

Wednesday December 21 in the Dance Studio.

10:15 a.m. - Room 201 3rd grade

Friday, December 23 in the Dance Studio.

11:45 a.m - Room 120 Kindergarten
12:45 p.m -Room 122 Kindergarten
1:45 p.m - Room 124 Kindergarten

4th Grade Hour of Code

We would like to invite 4th Grade parents and students to our Hour of Code for Parents Event on Thursday, December 8 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Mac Lab, Room 226. Please join us for this fun experience, hosted by students. 4th Graders are looking forward to showing their parents what they are learning about computer coding. And parents will get a chance to do their own coding! Hope to see you there!

Zumba

Please join us each Wednesday beginning at 8:15 a.m. for free Zumba classes. Drop off your children and make your way to the dance studio (main building basement) for an hour of fun and fitness. Classes are all FREE and are followed by informative sessions in various topics that include personal health or nutrition from our partners at Presence Health. This may also be a great opportunity to engage in discussions with the school principal. We hope you take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

School Uniforms

The Linne Local School Council has instituted a student uniform policy that helps promote safety, a sense of belonging, and a feeling of equality for the student body. Please remember to have your child dressed in his/her school uniform daily. Non-uniform days are announced by teachers or office staff. As a reminder students should wear a light blue polo shirt and blue navy blue pants. Hoodies or sweaters should also be navy blue. Attire with the school logo is available for sale at the main office.

NWEA Testing

NWEA Testing will begin the week of December 12, 2016. All students in grades 2-8 will take this computer based assessment in reading and math. Data from the NWEA will help us ensure that your child has the individualized instruction that they need. Make sure to ask your child their RIT score and target goal! If you have any questions on the NWEA please call or email Mr. Parra or Ms. Mackin.

A Few Words of Wisdom...

Be there!

The holiday season is here and it would be a good time to stress the importance of your child's attendance. Regular attendance in school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career.

Show him/her that school comes first by trying to keep days off for illness and family emergencies. Also, schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments for after school or over school breaks.

Schedule family trips and vacations during winter/spring break or just simply wait for the summer. Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

