

# Carl Von Linne Newsletter

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## A Message from our Principal...

The temperatures have dropped dramatically and snow is inevitable...It's winter in Chicago! Remember to dress your children for the extreme temperatures that are expected. (Review the Uniform Policy in your child's agenda for specific information on sweaters and sweatshirts) Doors open at 7:50 and if temperatures are below 20 degrees students will be allowed to wait indoors. Please remember that staff is not available to bring students in before 7:50, so do not send them early!

Please remember that there is no parking between the hours of 7:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all streets surrounding the school. This does include the area on Richmond Avenue directly in front of the annex building. This is a loading zone for school buses. In order to protect our children we ask that you do not park in restricted areas or leave your car in the street unattended. Police officers have been directed to ticket any cars violating the "no parking" rule. Our utmost priority is to ensure the safety of our children. Our Parent Patrol members are working diligently to help with traffic during drop-off/pick-up times. The patrol mem-

bers wear orange vests and have received training from members of the Chicago Police Department. Please respect the vital role that they play in helping to keep all of our kids safe. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact me directly.



## Progress Reports & Parent Portal

Student Progress Reports were distributed Monday, January 9, 2016. Please ensure to ask your child for his/her report. If you have concerns, questions, or comments please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher. You may also write your child's teacher a message through the parent portal or an e-mail. If you need teacher's e-mails please visit [www.linneschool.org](http://www.linneschool.org). The

Parent Portal feature is a unique, web-based tool that allows you to securely view your child's grades and attendance online. Once registered, parents will be able to view upcoming and past assignments, due dates, grades received, grade average summaries, attendance, tardies, as well as calendar events. You can create triggers or customized "alert events" that will prompt an e-mail or text message noti-

fication for attendance or grade activities. You also have the ability to manage multiple students in one account regardless of the school. We encourage you to fully engage with the parent portal. Letters with student ID numbers and personal identification number (PIN) were distributed at the last report card pick-up. Please don't hesitate to call the main office if you still need this information.

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### Dates to Remember

Jan 9	Classes Resume
Jan 9	Progress Reports Distributed
Jan 15	BAC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Lunchroom
Jan 16	Holiday Dr. Martin Luther Kind Day
Jan 17	Local School Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Library
Jan 24	PAC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Lunchroom
Jan 27	Family Dance More information available soon
Feb 2	Quarter Ends

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## Testing

The month of January and February brings a number of testing sessions for our students.

NWEA MAP testing began in December and the window will close in February for students in 2nd—8th grade. Students in K-2 will be assessed using DIBELS/TRC and the window is from January to February.

Bilingual students will be tested using the ACCESS test which is tentatively scheduled to begin in January.

Please ensure to communicate with your child his/her testing dates and ensure that they are well rested to take the assessment.

## Enrollment

Linne has begun enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. Students currently attending do not need to re-enroll. Other school aged children such as siblings who are not enrolled or transferring to Linne may register to ensure the best program placement.

## FCVL Family Winter Dance

Friends of Carl Von Linne has been working on the final details of the annual Family Winter Dance. This event will take place on Friday January 27, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m and is open to all students and their families in grades K-4. Linne students are FREE and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. FCVL requests a \$5 donation per adult. We hope to

see everyone enjoy music, dancing, refreshments, photo booth and much more. Tickets are now available for sale in the main office and during lunch hours.

\*FCVL is still looking for a DJ willing to donate their time for 3 hours. If you know someone willing to help please e-mail the Friends of Carl Von Linne Chair Yolanda Quintana at: [friendsofcarlvonlinneschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcarlvonlinneschool@gmail.com)

## We Need Your Help!

Are you interested in volunteering your time at Linne? We are in need of parents or grandparents to help in the primary classrooms, on the playground, supervising drop-off or pick-up on Richmond, and in the student lunchroom. Stop by the office for more information. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

## Contact Information

It is extremely important that we have accurate contact information. If you change your phone number or if an emergency contact is changed, please notify our school clerk, Gina Martinez. ([amartinez241@cps.edu](mailto:amartinez241@cps.edu) or 773 534-5262)

## Linne Athletics

Linne basketball teams have been proudly representing our school in regional CPS competition. Both our boys and girls will be kicking off the season this coming Saturday. With an eye on the playoffs and championship our young athletes welcome your encouragement and participation.. Keep up the good work. Go Lions!