

Prairie Newsletter



A Lynd Community
Newsletter

January 25, 2012

Dear Lynd Residents,

I hope everyone has been having a wonderful year so far. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of January already. We have been really busy at school. Since we haven't had any bad weather we have not had to reschedule any makeup days. This has been nice. I am sure that the Minnesota winter will show up sooner or later, but I am enjoying the fact that we haven't had any really bad snow storms yet. We have been busy with after school activities such as basketball, Kids' Club, and Study Island. The kids have been enjoying their time at these activities. It helps get through the cold winter since it is tough at this time of year for them to get outside and play. Have a wonderful February and drive safely.

If you have anything you would like to add to next month's Prairie Newsletter, please feel free to bring it to the school or call Joann at 865-4404.

Joann Condelli

"I Love to Read" Month



February is "I Love to Read" month. The teachers at the Lynd School emphasize to the students the importance of reading throughout the year.

To celebrate reading, the Lynd School has some fun reading activities planned. More information about these activities will be sent home with the students.

Lynd Community Meetings:

Lynd School Board Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2012
At: 6:00 p.m.

Lynd City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
At: 6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- January 24—ECFE
- January 25—Book Mobile
- January 26—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- January 31—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 2—Groundhog's Day
- February 7—ECFE
- February 8—Book Mobile
- February 14—Valentine's Day
- February 17—12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal
- February 20—No School
- February 20—Presidents' Day
- February 21—ECFE
- February 22—Book Mobile
- February 29—Leap Day
- March 2—Last Day of 3rd Quarter
- March 5—First Day of 4th Quarter
- March 9—No School—Teacher Comp Day
- March 12—No School—Teacher In-service Day
- March 23—Spring Pictures
- March 23—All School Picture
- March 29—Lynd School Spring Program
- April 3—Easter Dinner
- April 4—2:25 p.m. Early Dismissal



Senior News:

Well we are almost through the first month of the new year. I hope everyone has been having a wonderful January. We haven't been able to complain about the weather so far this winter other than a few snow days and a few cold days. As long as everyone is able to get where they need to go without having to travel on bad weather roads, I am happy. I hope everyone has a wonderful February. Stay warm and drive safely. Lynd area seniors are always looking for new members, so please join the fun at the following events.

The next Senior Potluck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

The next Senior Birthday Party is on Friday, February 17th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Take some time and catch up on the news. We'd love to have you come and visit!

Happy Birthday to everyone in February!!!



Give Kids a Smile 2012

The Minnesota Dental Association is coordinating a statewide charitable program called Give Kids a Smile. The dates are Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4. More than 200 clinics across the state will open their doors to provide free dental care to low-income children. After Jan. 1, parents can find local participating dental offices by visiting the MDA Web site or calling United Way (just dial 211). Cell phone users should call 651-291-0211. Toll free is 1-800-543-7709. Parents then call the dental office to make an appointment.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, January 26th &
Tuesday, January 31st
(4:00-8:00 p.m.)**

The conference schedule will be similar to the conference schedule at the beginning of the year. We will be sending out your child's conference information as soon as possible. Please notify your teacher if assigned times do not work for you.



Early Childhood Screening

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012
At: The Lynd School**

This screening will include any children that have not yet been preschool screened that are between the ages of 3 and 5 years old. If you have a child in this age group, please contact the school at 865-4404 to be put on a list to receive a packet of preschool screening information and a scheduled time to be here on the morning of February 7th.

Early Childhood Screening (examen preescolar)

**Martes, 7 de febrero del 2012
En: La Escuela de Lynd**

Este examen incluye a niños este los 3 y 5 años que no han sido examinados. Si usted tiene un hijo/a de esta edad por favor llámenos a la escuela at 865-4404 para poder mandarle información sobre el examen y darle una cita para que traiga a su hijo/a la mañana del 7 de febrero.

Volunteers

We had Mrs. Reaves, along with two of our students, volunteer to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Kmart in December for a total of four hours.

According to the Salvation Army, the money received in the buckets increases 60% when volunteers stand by the buckets. Thank you for volunteering.

Pictured to the right are Daniela Cano, Savannah Driessen, and Donna Reaves, the bell ringers.





The Principal's Newsletter

Mr. Swenson

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

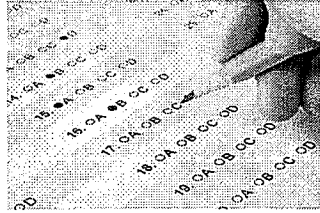
-Frederick Douglass

Lynd Public School

GO PANTHERS!!

January 2012

MCA Testing



Greetings everyone!!

It's that time of the year again...a littler earlier! Students will be tested on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments to show what they know. Results are used to help your child learn and to make critical classroom, school and district-wide decisions that are intended to increase achievement for all students. Students in grades 3-8 will be tested in Reading and Math. This year will have a change as the Math will be online and students will have 3 opportunities to take this assessment. 5th and 8th graders will also be tested in Science.

Testing dates are as follows for Lynd Public School:

- *Feb. 6-ACCESS Testing
- *Feb. 22-24-Math Online Testing
- *March 14-16-Math Online Ret-take
- *April 11-3-Math Online Re-take

- *April 17-18-Reading
- *April 24-5th Grade Science
- *April 25-8th Grade Science

Here are some tips to help your child get ready for the tests:

- *Study regularly: Taking good notes and studying every day helps students succeed.
- *Ensure a good night's sleep: Children need at least 8 hours of sleep per night-9 hours of sleep is even better.

*Eat a nutritious breakfast: either at school or home, eat foods high in protein such as toast with peanut butter, cereal, eggs, milk, yogurt, and cheese.

*Believe in your child's success: Talk about assignments and the school day. Provide encouragement and support.

- *Encourage your child to listen to all test-taking directions given by the teacher and to ask questions about any directions that are unclear.
- *Remind your child to use positive self-talk, ("I know I can do this"), avoid being rushed and take deep breaths.

Students must be in school and prepared to give their best effort. Please do not schedule doctor or dentist appointments on these dates and make sure your children arrive to school on time!!

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support of Lynd Public School!! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 507-865-4404. Make it a great day!!

Mr. Swenson

Important Dates

January 31...Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 6-10...ACCESS Testing

February 17...Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

February 20...No School/ Teacher Comp Day/ President's Day

February 22-24...MCA Math Online Testing-1st Attempt

March 2...Quarter 3 ends

March 5...Quarter 4 begins

DISTRICT 415 MISSION STATEMENT

Lynd Public School has a safe, educational environment and high-quality, individualized curriculum which is the foundation that promotes student success and prepares students to become life-long learners.

Breakfasts are served with water:


Main Item
Milk—Skim, 1% or Chocolate Skim
Juice—Apple, Grape, Orange
Whole Grain Toast—Butter, Cinnamon Sugar
(Students pick three items.)

February 2012 Breakfast & Lunch Menu

All lunches are served with the menu items, whole grain bread, milk & water.

Menu is subject to change.

This is an equal opportunity institution.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Strudel Sticks Whole Grain Cheese Bread Dippers w/Sauce Tasty Pea & Cheese Salad, Vegetables, Fruit	Fruited Yogurt Whole Grain Soft Shell Taco w/Toppings Steamed Broccoli w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Delicious Peas	Whole Grain French Toast Explorer Sub Sandwiches on Whole Grain Bun w/Toppings Jungle Fresh Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Animal Fresh & Funny Fruit	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Cereal Tasty Beef & Bean Burrito w/Toppings Awesome Asparagus, Sweet Pineapple Tidbits	Lumberjacks Lasagna Spicy Garlic Bread Sticks, Green/Gold Beans, Cucumbers, Fresh Fruit	Frosted Roll Creamy Chicken Over Whole Grain Biscuit Wonderful Romain Lettuce Salad w/Toppings, Whole Kernel Corn, Diced Peaches	Whole Grain Waffles Sizzling Sliced Ham Au Gratin Potatoes, Candy Carrots, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Fruit	Donut Twists Beanie Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Cowboy Baked Beans, Cat in the Hat California Blend Vegetables, Sombbrero Fruit	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Cereal Zesty Polish Sausage on Whole Grain Bun Baby Cakes, Green Peas, Fruit	Sunny Fresh Cheese Omelet Tasty Tator Tot Hotdish w/Corn Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Romain Lettuce Salad w/Toppings, Steamed Broccoli, Diced Peas	Whole Grain Mini Bagels w/Cream Cheese Mini Corn Dogs Seasoned Pasta, Orange Wedge, Green Bean Casserole	Cooks Choice Piping Hot Chili Corn Bread, Crazy Corn on the Cob, Tricky Tropical Fruit	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks Luau Turkey & Vegetable Whole Grain Wrap w/Toppings Sunny Coleslaw, Tropical Seasoned Carrots, Citrus Fresh Fruit	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	No School!	Breakfast Burritos Extra Sloppy Sloppy Joes on Whole Grain Bun Potatoes, Cauliflower w/Cheese, Crisp Cold Blueberries	Carmel Rolls Whole Grain Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tasty Tomato Soup w/Crackers, Seasoned Squash, Pineapple Tidbits	Whole Grain Pancakes Savory Sliced Pork Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit	Mini Donuts Rainbow Fish Nuggets Golden Hashbrown Patty, Colorful Vegetables, Fruity Applesauce	
26	27	28	29			
	Cereal Cheese Burger on Whole Grain Bun w/Toppings Tator Tots, Diced Peaches	Scrambled Eggs w/Smokies Spaghetti w/Whole Grain Noodles Romain Spinach Salad w/Toppings, Whole Kernel Corn, Whole Grain Garlic Toast, Banana	Cinnamon Tastries Super Nachos Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Cucumbers, Green Peas, Fruited Jello			

Lynd School District Community Education Opportunities for Kids in February

Study Island Grades: 3-8



Cost: FREE
 Time: 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 Date: Thursday, February 2nd
 Monday, February 6th
 Thursday, February 9th
 Monday, February 13th
 Thursday, February 16th
 Thursday, February 23rd
 Monday, February 27th
 Where: Lynd School
 Instructors: Ms. Dietz, Ms. Fernholz

Note:
 Study Island is a fun way for the students to practice for their MCA tests. Each student participating will receive a snack and milk.

Kids' Club Grades: K-8



Cost: \$15.00 for the month of February
 or \$3.00 per time
 Time: 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 Date: Thursday, February 2nd (Play Day)
 Tuesday, February 7th (Computer Lab)
 Thursday, February 9th (Spirit Squad)
 Tuesday, February 14th (Valentine's Party)
 Thursday, February 16th (Craft Day)
 Tuesday, February 21st (Computer Day)
 Thursday, February 23rd (Spirit Squad)
 Tuesday, February 28th (Gym Day)
 Where: Lynd School
 Instructors: Ms. Demers & Mrs. Sik

Note:
 Each student participating will receive a snack and milk.

Boys' & Girls' Basketball

Grades: 3-8

Go Panthers!

If you haven't already paid
 your fee, it needs to be paid
 as soon as possible.

Basketball Parents' Night Friday, February 10, 2012

Please attend the games on Friday, February 10th against the Coyotes. We will be announcing the parents and handing out flowers between the first and second games. We hope to see you there!

We will need (6-8) Concession Stand workers for all of the home games. We would also like parent volunteers to help in the Concession Stand during the games. Thank You!

To register call Lynd School at 865-4404. **Scholarships** are available for all Community Ed. activities.
 Call Lynd School @ 865-4404 for further information.

Hay becas disponibles para las actividades escolares, para mas informacion llamenos a la escuela de Lynd al 865-4404.

Please return the bottom portion w/money by Thursday, February 2, 2012.
 (This will help us ensure that we have enough supplies for everyone.)

Kids' Club.....\$15.00 for the month of February or \$3.00 per time

Feb. 2nd Feb. 7th Feb. 9th Feb. 14th Feb. 16th Feb. 21st Feb. 23rd Feb. 28th

Study Island.....FREE for the month of February

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Student's Name _____ Grade _____


Parent Signature _____



February 2012

Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 <i>Groundhog's Day</i> Kids' Club Study Island	3	4
5	6 ACCESS Testing Study Island	7 ACCESS Testing Early Childhood Screening Kids' Club ECFE (6:00-7:30 p.m.)	8 ACCESS Testing Book Mobile	9 ACCESS Testing Kids' Club Study Island	10 ACCESS Testing	11
12	13 Study Island School Board Mtg.	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Kids' Club	15	16 Kids' Club Study Island	17 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal	18
19 Lynd 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i> No School Teacher Comp Day	21 Kids' Club ECFE (6:00-7:30 p.m.)	22 (3-4th) Grades Math Online Testing Book Mobile	23 (5-6th) Grades Math Online Testing Kids' Club Study Island	24 (7-8th) Grades Math Online Testing	25
26	27 Study Island	28 Kids' Club	29 <i>Leap Day</i>			

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Getting to know the Lynd Public School Staff!!



Paraprofessional Vonnie Tillemans

My name is Vonnie Tillemans. My husband and I have five children. We have four grandchildren who live nearby with our daughter and her husband. This works out real well as we LOVE to spend time with them! They are seven, five, two, and eight months old, and adorable! The rest of our kids live in nearby Minneapolis! We feel very blessed!

My interests are; gardening, reading, bible study, art, cooking, sewing, and remodeling our house with my husband.

I like the kids and fellow staff members here at the Lynd School. I also like the friendly atmosphere they bring to our small school!

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Preschool Paraprofessional

Jennie Hulsizer

My name is Jennie Hulsizer. I am married to the amazing, Joseph Hulsizer. I have four wonderful children: Charles, 21 years old, Rachel, 19 years old, Josiah, 16 years old, and Zoe, 11 years old.

I love spending time with family, playing games, shopping, or just visiting. I take an active role in politics and government. I enjoy crocheting, and listening to Christian music.

I've worked as a substitute teacher in several schools in the area. I have never experienced such a positive and upbeat atmosphere as I have at Lynd Public School.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #415
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Independent School District #415 met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lynd Boardroom. Chairperson Michelle Williams called the meeting to order, with members, Amy Korman, Greta Nelson, Crystal Pochardt, and Mike Pochardt present. Member Diane Miller was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Bruce Houck, Principal Jason Swenson, and Karen Sweetland.

Motion #132 by Michelle Williams, seconded by Amy Korman, to approve the agenda/addendum. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #133 by Amy Korman, seconded by Greta Nelson, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 regular School Board meeting. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #134 by Mike Pochardt, seconded by Amy Korman to approve the December, 2011 bills as presented. All other members approved – motion carried.

Motion #135 by Mike Pochardt, seconded by Amy Korman, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for November 2011. All members approved – motion carried.


Motion #136 by Crystal Pochardt, seconded by Michelle Williams to certify the Levy Limitation and Certification 2011 payable 2012. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #137 by Mike Pochardt, seconded by Greta Nelson to approve the Crisis Management Policy as presented. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #138 by Michelle Williams, seconded by Amy Korman, to approve the 2011-2012 Summer Camp plan for K-5th grades from RTR, Hendricks and Lynd. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #139 by Crystal Pochardt seconded by Greta Nelson to approve the 2011-2012 Integration Plan. All members approved – motion carried.

Michelle Williams/Amy Korman to adjourn – all in favor.


Michelle Williams, Chairperson


Crystal Pochardt, Clerk

Public Input:

None

Teacher Input:

None

Superintendent's Report:

*State of Minnesota has a surplus in the state fund. The school districts are owed about 2.1 Billion.

*Small School funds for next year will go into the general fund as needed

*Q-Comp – trying to get approval from the state – then move forward with staff

*Title I has been approved for \$13,000

*Fire Marshall has been in the building and has given us his report - \$80,000 to be done by Feb 1, 2012.

Principal's Report:

*Staff Development team has met and they are reviewing and analyzing data

*FLY meeting in January, 2012 is scheduled for Worthington, MN

*We had an early dismissal day on Friday, December 2, 2011 – staff worked on Curriculum Mapping

*Jennifer Mahan-Deitte, Curriculum Coordinator, has been working with Shared Services Districts in Arranging on line meetings for the teachers.

*The Book Fair made \$600 for the Library.

*Second Quarter ends on Dec 23, 2011 – Early out planned – 2:25 pm.

Board Reports

None

December 13, 2011
 Regular Lynd City Council meeting

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2012

JANUARY 09, 2012	(REORGANIZATIONAL) (REGULAR)	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Mayor Boe called the meeting to order at 6:00. Council members present were Walters, Korman, Olin and Sodemann. Also present were Attorney Peterson and Maintenance Operator Demuth.
FEBRUARY 13, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	MINUTES: The council read and approved M/S/P Walters/Korman to approve minutes
MARCH 12, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	TREASURER'S REPORT: The council reviewed and approved M/S/P Walters/Korman to approve
APRIL 09, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	BILLS M/S/P Walters/Sodemann to approve bill payment
MAY 14, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	ATTORNEY REPORT: There were some residents present from Affinity Hills and questioned if there were more activity with the railroad. Attorney Peterson stated that he has not spoke with the railroad.
JUNE 11, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	FIREMAN'S REPORT: Chief Klatt was absent, but Council member Korman stated that there had been 1 First Responder call.
JULY 09, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	OPEN FORUM: Mark- nothing, but he did state that the building permit for resident should be far enough away from the easement.
AUGUST 13, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	OLD BUSINESS: Final Tax Levy: Approved and signed M/S/P Olin/Sodemann to approve levy
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	Building Permit: Council approved M/S/P Korman/Walters to approve revised permit
OCTOBER 09, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	SS deductions- the federal government has not decided if they will keep the lowered amount for another year, if it isn't done soon it may affect the payroll due January 1 st .
NOVEMBER 12, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS: Insurance payment: the city has received the funds for the 4-plex, and the rest should be coming soon.
DECEMBER 10, 2012	REGULAR	6:00 PM	Adjourn M/S/P Sodemann/Walters to adjourn 6:45

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDITION
TO YOUR FAMILY, OR ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT
HAS MOVED TO THE LYND SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

**IF SO, PLEASE CALL THE LYND SCHOOL AT 865-4404,
AND GIVE US YOUR INFORMATION OR MAIL ANY
NEW
INFORMATION TO THE LYND SCHOOL AT:**

**LYND SCHOOL
106 ST. ALBAN ST.
PO BOX 68
LYND, MN 56157**

**CHECK OUT THE LYND
SCHOOL'S WEBSITE
AT: www.lyndschoool.org**

**WE WILL BE ADDING
INFORMATION ABOUT THE
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR AS
WE HAVE IT.
KEEP CHECKING THE
WEBSITE FOR UPDATED
INFORMATION!**

Gift Cards

Lynd School and the Lynd PTO would like to encourage you to take advantage of our gift card program. These gift cards are an easy and painless way for us to raise funds for various projects at the school. We offer gift cards for both Hy-Vee and County Fair. It won't cost you any extra money and the school receives 5%. Gift cards can be purchased at the school office during normal business hours.

Make your dollars go further by using these gift cards. THANK YOU!

HELP EARN CASH FOR THE LYND SCHOOL!!

2 EASY STEPS!!!

**COLLECT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW
& BRING THEM TO THE LYND SCHOOL!**

BOX TOPS

CAMPBELL UPCs

KEMPS MILK LIDS

LAND O'LAKES LIDS

COUNTY FAIR STAMPS & RECEIPTS

ALUMINUM CANS

TYSON PROJECT A+

CANDY BAR WRAPPERS

COKE REWARDS CODES on LIDS & CASE BOXES

EMPTY INKJET, FAX, COPIER, LASER CARTRIDGES

Nestle Pure Life bottled water or Nestle Pure Green Tea Refreshers



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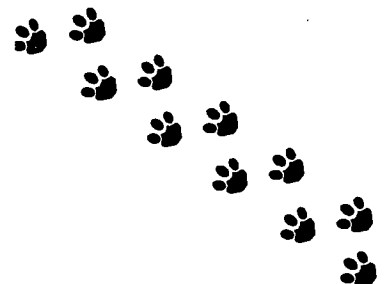
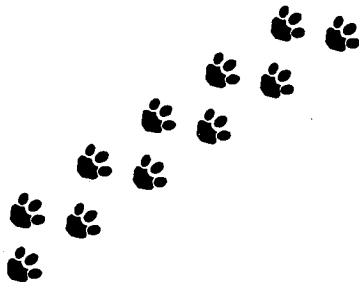
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