

Prairie Newsletter



A Lynd Community
Newsletter

December 10, 2011

Dear Lynd Residents,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. It gets busy this time of year trying to get all of the regular activities done, and then adding in the holiday activities can make it really busy. Please try to take time for yourselves and enjoy spending time with your family this holiday season. I hope you are able to fit some of the Lynd School's activities into your busy schedule. We would love to have you attend. Good luck to anyone who still has shopping to do for Christmas. I know I still do. Just try to remember that it is the thought that counts. Drive safely when on the roads, and try to stay warm. Happy Holidays!

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

Early Dismissal
On Friday, December 23rd
@ 2:25 p.m.



Lynd Community Meetings:

Lynd PTO Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

At: 5:00 p.m.

Lynd School Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

At: 6:00 p.m.

Lynd City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

At: 6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- December 13—ECFE
- December 14—Book Mobile
- December 15—3yr. PreK Christmas Program
- December 20—Christmas Dinner
- December 22—Winter Solstice
- December 23—End of 2nd Quarter
- December 23—2:25 p.m. Early Dismissal
- December 24—Christmas Eve
- December 25—Merry Christmas!
- December 26-January 2—No School
- December 31—New Year's Eve
- January 1—New Year's Day
- January 3—School Resumes
- January 3—First Day of 3rd Quarter
- January 16—No School/Teacher In-service Day
- January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 26—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- January 31—Parent/Teacher Conferences

Senior News:

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. I wonder if we will have snow for Christmas. I don't mind having a little snow for Christmas, but I don't want it to make bad driving conditions.

When you are out on the roads this Holiday Season always remember to drive careful and keep your car equipped with winter weather gear.

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, January 3rd, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

The next Senior Birthday Party is on Friday, December 16th, 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 December!!!
Happy Holidays!**



(3yr. PreK) Lynd Christmas Program

Thursday, December 15, 2011

At: 1:45 p.m.

Lynd School Cafeteria



Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

You are invited to come and celebrate Christmas with us here at the Lynd School. We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 20th. The cost is \$3.50 per plate. If you are interested in eating with your child(ren), the lunch schedule is as follows:

Serving starts—11:15 a.m.

K-2—11:30-12:00 p.m.

3-4—12:00-12:30 p.m.

5-8—12:30-1:00 p.m.



If you are planning to attend, please let us know so our cooks will have a lunch count for the day. Thank you!

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.

Head Lice

When a case of head lice is SUSPECTED, the student will be assessed by the school nurse and/or school staff. If a case is CONFIRMED, the parent/guardian will be notified to arrange for treatment and dismissal from school. From there, a letter will be sent out notifying parents/guardians of the students that have been directly exposed. Siblings and students in close contact with students identified as having lice will be screened immediately. The custodian(s) will be notified and the proper cleaning procedures will take place immediately.

The school nurse does perform periodic head lice checks during the winter months. This does not mean that a child has head lice. It is just precautionary. If you would like more information, please refer to the Minnesota Dept. of Health website for treatment and causes of head lice.

Minnesota department of health tracks influenza illnesses. To accommodate this, we ask all parents/guardians to notify the school of the type of illnesses that keep a child home from school.



The Principal's Newsletter

Mr. Swenson

You know you're getting old when Santa starts looking younger.

Robert Paul

**Lynd Public
School**

GO PANTHERS!!

December 2011



A Holiday Message from Mr. Swenson

Greetings everyone!

At the end of the school day on December 23rd we will begin our Christmas vacation. When we return on January 3rd, it will be the year 2012.

The New Year is a time for reflection. It is a time to congratulate yourself on your accomplishments and think about your learning experiences. It's a time to think about where you are today and where you would like to be by the end of the year. One of the keys to getting what you want is having a plan. While each of us has a different definition of success, we all share the desire to make our dreams a reality.

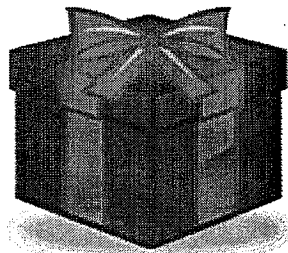
I encourage you, over the next month, to spend a few quiet moments asking yourself the following questions: Did I learn anything new this year? Did I step outside my comfort zone at least once? While it's easy to keep doing the things we all know we do well, it's risky to try something different; but, taking on challenges is the only way to grow.

As you evaluate 2011, celebrate your triumphs and learn from your disappointments. Savor the relationships you've nurtured over

the last year and remember those you've let slip away. This is a wonderful time of the year to reach out to the people with whom you've lost touch, taking a minute to wish them well.

On behalf of all the staff at Lynd Public School, we would like to thank all parents, grandparents, and stakeholders for your partnership with us in education. We take pride in educating our students in preparing them for 21st century skills. May you all have a wonderful holiday season with your family and a very Happy New Year!! May it be filled with joy, peace, and prosperity.

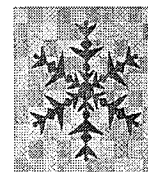
-Mr. Swenson



Winter Weather Reminder!!

Parents:

As the weather grows colder, please remind your child to bundle up. Some students are coming to school wearing clothes and/or footwear that are not appropriate for the current weather conditions and/or building temperature. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately so that he or she can focus on their work and enjoy some time during the day playing with their friends. Thank you!



Important Dates

December 12th...
School Board Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.

December 15th...3 yr. old
PreK Christmas Concert @ 1:45 p.m.

December 20th...Lynd Christmas Dinner-Serving starts at 11:15 a.m.

December 23rd...End of 2nd quarter-Early Dismissal @ 2:25 p.m.

December 24-Jan.2...
No School

January 3...School Resumes

January 16...No School!
Teacher In-service Day

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.

Homecoming in Lynd: A Tradition Worth Keeping!

By Lynd's 7th Grade Language Arts Class

Homecoming celebrations are still fairly new in Lynd. This is the third year in a row we have celebrated homecoming here, but you'd never guess it was such a new tradition. It is a colorful week in which kids have fun showing their school spirit and showing off their creativity. Each day of the week brought another activity and another treat. Here's how the week played out.

One of our first Homecoming events was the Homecoming hug, where the entire school, including the staff, held hands and tried to hug the school. Ms. Smisek gave us directions and the fourth graders led us outside. We didn't make it, but we still hugged it. We had a lot of fun doing it. After that, we had cookies for a treat.

Monday was also the day of coronation. We got to pick who we wanted as a king and queen. We all gathered in the gym, then Mr. Swenson introduced the eighth grade candidates. Next, we all stood up and sang our school song. After that, Mr. Swenson revealed the winning candidates, Shaelah and Caleb. After the candidates took an oath of leadership, Mr. Swenson announced the Homecoming events for the rest of the week.

Tuesday was backwards day. It's where you wear your clothes backwards. The fifth graders went in all the middle school rooms walking backwards. The second graders sat in their chairs backwards. For a really good treat we had upside down muffins on a stick with frosting and sprinkles.

Wednesday was "School is Cool" day. We got to wear our pajamas, slippers, and sunglasses all day. It was so fun. A lot of little kids wore their robes and brought their blankets and stuffed animals to school. At the end of the day we got ice cream.

Thursday was crazy head day. Some people wore their hair in crazy ways, including wearing wigs and coloring their hair. For instance, Ryan Nickelson wore a huge, blonde "Vince Neil" wig. Others wore hats. Daniela Cano, for example, had a grey bunny hat on. Some people even put crazy make-up on. It was fun to walk through the halls and see everyone's crazy heads. At the end of the day we all got mud cup treats that even had worms. It was a crazy snack for crazy head day.

The last day of homecoming we had spirit day, where everyone wore red and black. It was also a day to celebrate our school meeting AYP. To celebrate we got to go to Marshall and watch the movie *Happy Feet Two*. We got a treat from the school there too: popcorn and pop. It was a lot of fun.

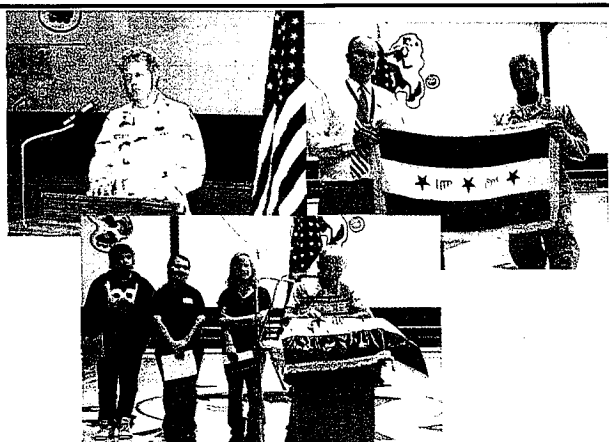
Overall it was a crazy, colorful week filled with fun and creativity. We may be a small school, but we have a lot of spirit. Clearly this is a tradition worth keeping. Go Panthers!

Pictured below are a few pictures from American Ed. Week



Veterans Day

Lynd School recognized Veterans Day during a morning program in the gymnasium. We would like to thank our guest speaker, Matthew Whitesitt, for sharing with us his experiences in Iraq. He did a wonderful job. We also had some of the 7th & 8th grade students read the Patriot's Pen essays that they wrote. More information about the Patriot's Pen essays will be in an upcoming Newsletter. The Lynd Students and Staff are very thankful to the veterans for the sacrifices that they made for our country.



Lynd PTO News



Requests from Faculty

The Lynd PTO received and approved a request from Mrs. Palmer to help purchase recorders. We are very happy that we could help out.

Thank You!

If you bought pizza at the carnival, or purchased items from the Chip Shoppe fundraisers, thank you for your support! All money raised goes back to support Lynd School and the students.

Topics for our next Meeting

We will be reviewing any new requests from the faculty.

We will be reviewing options for T-shirt screen printing. We would love to have you join us!

Interested in becoming a Member?

You can either call the school (865-4404) or attend our next meeting in January. We are looking for someone like you!

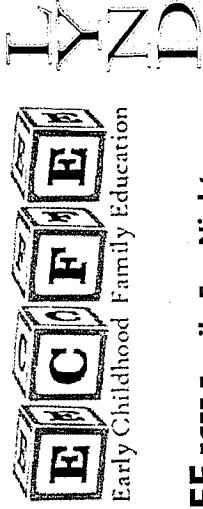
Gift Cards

Remember the PTO is selling gift cards!

County Fair Cards – We have County Fair cards you can purchase at the school.

Next PTO Meeting:

Monday, January 9th at 5:00 pm at the school



Come one come all to **FREE ECFE Family Fun Nights** at **Lynd Public School!**

ECFE offers you a variety of activities:

Classes designed for parents and children ages birth until they enroll in kindergarten.

Playtime for parents and children at an ECFE classroom.

Special events for children and their parents.

A typical ECFE class:

Begins at 6:00 in a preschool room and ends at 7:30 in the gym.

The class begins with parent and child activities in a preschool room along with a snack.

After parent/child time, our next activity will be a teacher led circle time. This will include stories, songs, games and technology activities.

We will end our class time with games in the gym for everyone to enjoy.

January 10th and 24th – The Wonderful World of Jan Brett

We will be exploring the snow filled stories of the curious characters in the books, The Hat, and The Mitten. Families will have the opportunity to make fun crafts, and participate in a variety of activities pertaining to these fun classics.

February 7th and 21st. Get Tacky with Helen Lester

Investigate the wonderful world of penguins in February. We will talk about cute little Antarctic animals while we play and learn. Come on February 7th to make your loved ones some homemade, from the heart, Valentine's Day cards.

March 6th and 20th - Rhyme Time with Dr. Seuss

Are you a poet and don't know it? While you're waiting for that summer sun, come join us for some Dr. Seuss fun. We will be playing games, making crafts, and chasing cats in hats.

April 3rd and 17th - Get Buggy with Eric Carle

Discover the creative imagination of Eric Carle as we watercolor the cute characters in his stories. Create buggy crafts, play games, make a bug snack.

We look forward to seeing you at class!

-Miss O'Brien, Miss Dyce and Mrs. Christensen-

Preview of Upcoming Dates!

Below are the January & February calendars. Both of these calendars are subject to change. Please watch the Prairie Newsletter for upcoming information and possible date changes.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 No School Vacation Day	3 School Resumes First Day of 3rd Quarter	4	5 Kids' Club Study Island	6	7
8 	9 Study Island School Board Mtg. PTO Mtg.	10 Kids' Club	11	12 Kids' Club Study Island	13	14
15	16 No School Teacher's In-service Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Kids' Club	18	19 Kids' Club Study Island	20	21
22	23 Study Island	24 Kids' Club	25	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)	27	28
29	30 Study Island	31 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Kids' Club Study Island	3	4
5	6 Study Island	7 Kids' Club	8	9 Kids' Club Study Island	10	11
12	13 Study Island	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Kids' Club	15	16 Kids' Club Study Island	17 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal	18
19	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i> No School	21 Kids' Club	22	23 Kids' Club Study Island	24	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!!



2nd Grade Teacher Laurie VanOverbeke

My name is Laurie Van Overbeke and I am the second grade teacher at Lynd Public School. I received my Bachelors of Elementary Education degree with a minor in Kindergarten and Early Childhood from Mankato State. I have been a teacher at Lynd Public School for the last 15 years. Of those 15 years, I have taught kindergarten and second grade.

My family consists of my husband Scott Van Overbeke, our two sons Brandon and Cameron, and our two dogs. Our family resides in Marshall, MN.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching our children in their afterschool activities, scrapbooking, going with walks, and playing pool.

Lynd Public school has a warm, family atmosphere that creates a safe, education experience with high quality curriculum. The staff, children, and parents make it a wonderful place to work!

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Paraprofessional Jayni Blough

My name is Jayni Blough. I have had the blessing of working at the Lynd Public School for six years in the 4 Year Old Preschool room. I am also an L.P.N. at Minneota Nursing Home. I worked for 15 years as a Hospital Nurse in PA and MN. I received my degree from Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA and Johnstown Vocational School of Nursing in 1974-1979. I am married to Gary Blough. We have two daughters and three grandchildren. Gary is retired from the U.S.D.A as a Civil Engineer.

My hobbies are swimming, reading, biking and watching Penn State Nittany Lion and Pittsburgh Steelers football games.

I really like the setting of a smaller school here at Lynd. The staff and the students bring lots of joy to ones heart. OF COURSE the preschoolers are the best!! They are so honest about some of the things they say and do that are so innocent!!!

Calling School Off or Late Start

This is a decision that I do not take lightly. In fact, deciding to cancel school is a tough, tiring process, and it's one of the biggest decisions an administrator can make. My standard for safety is not going to change when making a determination to call school off or start late. The safety of the students traveling to school is the only concern.

If there is even a prediction of any snow or wind, I'm up at 4 o'clock AM. I am often out driving the roads at 4:30 AM to determine whether to call school off or start late, and I usually try to make an announcement before 6 AM. Calling a snow day is not a science, because every day is different. There are many factors involved. What is the forecast for snow, and more importantly what are the winds going to do? One of the many factors to look at is the timing of snowfall, and conditions and forecasts for the day. I also take into account the students walking to school and rural roads during the winter months.

Sending students home early can sometimes create an undesirable situation for parents and students. Specifically, is there going to be anyone home when they are sent home early? The biggest concern for calling school early is to make sure students get home safely.

Lynd has six built-in snow make-up days in their calendars every year and more if necessary. There are a number of ways to accomplish this, such as: having class on teacher in-service days, holidays, or at the end of the school year. We also can lengthen the school day if it is necessary. This can be accomplished by lengthening class times by 15 – 20 minutes. This works especially well at the high school where instead of 45 or 50-minute classes, you can have 60 - 70-minute classes.

I ask that everyone be willing to assist the bus drivers they have a difficult job when the weather is difficult. We have a lot of winter left please be patient with me as the call is difficult to make.

Lynd Public Schools
Wall Corrections
Lynd, Minnesota
Comm. No. 4506.02

SECTION 000030 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Lynd Public Schools
Wall Correction
Lynd, MN

Lynd Public Schools I.S.D. No. 415 invites lump sum bids from invited Bidders for the construction work for the wall correction at Lynd School in accordance with bidding documents prepared by SGN/Wendel Architects.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project consists of the following:

1. Removal of exterior walls, columns and windows. Shoring of existing roof and temporary weather protection is included.
2. New masonry walls with EIFS finish and new aluminum windows.
3. Miscellaneous flashing, trim and other work as noted.

The work includes general, mechanical and electrical construction.

BID DATE

Bids will be received on or before **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.** Bids will be received and opened at the office of the Architect. Bids may be transmitted by hard copy, fax or email:

SGN/Wendel Architects
111 Washington Avenue North, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Fax: 612-332-1405
Email: jwilson@wendelcompanies.com.

SITE

Bidders may visit the site at any time during regular school hours. Please check in at the school office to examine the interior spaces.

PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Architect; phone #612-332-1401; email jwilson@wendelcompanies.com. Documents will be transmitted in PDF format by email only.

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BID SECURITY

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid in the form of a Surety Bond, certified check or cashier's check. A photocopy/scan of the bid security received with the bid is acceptable.

The successful prime contract bidder shall furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, accept any bid, waive informalities in bids submitted, and waive minor discrepancies in bidding procedures, as it deems to be in its best interest. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of forty five (45) calendar days immediately following the date of receipt of bids.

OTHER ISSUES

Direct communications regarding drawing or specification issues on this project to Jim Wilson at SGN/Wendel Architects, phone (612) 332-1401, email jwilson@wendelcompanies.com.

END OF SECTION 000030

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**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



SMART Points. SMART Reward.

Are you interested in helping Lynd Public School win a SMART Board or a MacBook computer? If so, please visit the website:

www.hy-vee.com and click on the SMART POINTS link on the left side of their main page.

Thanks and good luck!!

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