

Prairie Newsletter



A Lynd Community
Newsletter

November 25, 2011

Dear Lynd Residents,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful November so far. I can't believe that Thanksgiving is here. Now that it is Thanksgiving Christmas will be right around the corner. I always enjoy Christmas because I am able to spend time with my family as long as the weather cooperates. I have been working on some Christmas shopping, but I have a lot left to do. I am hoping to get it done earlier this year, but we will see what happens. We have a lot of fun activities coming up at the Lynd School in December, so watch the Prairie Newsletter about all of those fun activities. It was wonderful seeing so many at the Thanksgiving dinner and we are hoping to see you all again at our Christmas Programs and Christmas Dinner. Have a wonderful holiday season.

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

Thank You!

Lynd School & PTO would like to thank all of the students and families that sold items for the Chip Shoppe Fundraiser that we held earlier in the year. We would also like to thank everyone who ordered. Thanks to your orders and sales we were able to raise \$3,733.80 for the school. Thank you!

Lynd Community Meetings:

Lynd PTO Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2011

At: 5:00 p.m.

Truth & Taxation Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

At: 6:00 p.m.

Lynd School Board Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2011

At: 6:00 p.m.

Lynd Community Ed. Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2011

At: 5:30 p.m.

Lynd City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

At: 6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- November 28—School Resumes
- November 28—(3-8) Basketball Starts
- November 30—Book Mobile
- December 2—12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal
- December 5-9—Book Fair
- December 8—Lynd School Christmas Program
- December 10—Holiday Happiness
- 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

Senior News:

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is already here. I hope the weather allows everyone to get to their holiday festivities. We haven't any snow to speak of yet, but it is Minnesota, so you always have to be prepared.

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, December 6th, 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!!!



(K-8) Lynd Christmas Concert Matinee

Thursday, December 8, 2011

At: 1:30 p.m.

Lynd School Gymnasium

(4yr. PreK-8th grade)

Lynd Christmas Program

Thursday, December 8, 2011

At: 6:30 p.m.

Lynd School Gymnasium

Book Fair @ Lynd School

December 5-9, 2011

You can also check out the Lynd School Website at www.lyndschooll.org and click on the scholastics link from November 30-December 12th to order books on-line.

(3yr. PreK) Lynd Christmas Program

Thursday, December 15, 2011

At: 1:45 p.m.

Lynd School Cafeteria

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.
Thank you!

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!

Thank You!

We would like to thank the 8th grade class for the wonderful job they did to make the Thanksgiving Day Dinner such a success. You all did an awesome job. Also, thanks to the staff for the wonderful job they did in decorating. It looked great.
Thanks, Peggy & Jan ☺

Breakfast

In the case of a late start due to bad weather, breakfast will consist of toast, milk, and juice.



Come one, come all to 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 in 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.

December 13: Holiday Fun!

We will only be having one class this month and it will be filled with fun winter activities and hand-made take-home gifts.

All classes are FREE to families with children ages birth-kindergarten.

We look forward to seeing you at class!

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

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.)

December 2011 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.

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
				1 Breakfast Bites Chili—Crackers Honey Corn Bread, Corn-on-Cob, Tropical Fruit	2 Whole Grain French Toast Sticks Whole Grain Turkey Vegetable Wrap W/Fixens Creamy Coleslaw, Seasoned Carrots, Jolly Banana	3
4	5 Cereal Christmas Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Brown Rice, Tasty Green Bean Casserole, Romain Lettuce Salad w/Toppings	6 Breakfast Burrito Sloppy Joes on Whole Grain Bun Sweet Potato, French Fries, Steaming Broccoli, Juicy Blueberries	7 Sticky Carmel Rolls Sliced Savory Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Oriental Vegetables, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Orange Wedges	8 Piping Hot Whole Grain Pancakes Whole Grain Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup w/Crackers, Seasoned Squash, Sweet Pineapple Tidbits	9 Mini Whole Grain Donuts Hot Doggy on Whole Grain Bun Tasty Baked Beans, Carrots w/Dip, Delicious Diced Pears	10
11	12 Cereal Yummy Cheese Burger on Whole Grain Bun w/Toppings Fresh Fried French Fries, Crazy Diced Peaches	13 Scrambled Eggs w/Smokies Savory Spaghetti Sauce over 50/50 Whole Grain Noodles Romain Spinach Salad w/Toppings, Corn, Garlic Toast, Fruit	14 Cinnamon Tasteries Whole Grain Super Nachos Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Flavorful Peas, Vegetables, Fruited Jello	15 Whole Grain Waffle Sticks Hot Ham & Cheese on Whole Grain Bun Broccoli & Cauliflower w/Dip, Strawberries	16 Fruit Muffins Festive Fiesta Pizza w/Toppings Whole Grain Garlic Toast, Creamy Coleslaw, Seasoned Carrots, Mandarin Oranges	17
18	19 Cereal Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun Seasoned Green Beans, Diced Beets, Funny Fruit	20 Sausage McMuffin Christmas Dinner! Tender Pork Steaks Smothered in Gravy Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Seasoned Green Peas, Fruited Salad, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Dessert, Punch	21 Apple Strudel Sticks Whole Grain Cheese Bread Dippers w/Sauce Vegetable Pasta Salad, Vegetables, Fruit	22 Fruit Yogurt Whole Grain Hard Shell Taco w/Toppings Steamed Broccoli, Mouthwatering Diced Pears	23 Whole Grain French Toast Whole Grain Sub Sandwiches w/Toppings Carrots w/Dip, Fresh Fruit	24
25	26 No School Vacation Day	27 No School Vacation Day	28 No School Vacation Day	29 No School Vacation Day	30 No School Vacation Day	31

Lynd School District Community Education Opportunities for Kids in December

Study Island Grades: 3-8



Cost: FREE
 Time: 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 Date: Thursday, December 1st
 Monday, December 5th
 Monday, December 12th
 Thursday, December 15th
 Monday, December 19th
 Thursday, December 22nd
 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 December
 or \$3.00 per time
 Time: 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 Date: Thursday, December 1st (Craft/Bingo)
 Tuesday, December 6th (Computer Lab)
 Tuesday, December 13th (Play Day)
 Thursday, December 15th (Christmas Craft)
 Tuesday, December 20th (Christmas Party)
 Thursday, December 22nd (Spirit Squad)

Where: Lynd School
 Instructors: Ms. Demers & Mrs. Sik
 Note:
 Each student participating will receive a snack and milk.

Boys' & Girls' Basketball Grades: 3-8



Cost: \$15.00 for the season
 \$30.00 maximum per family
 Time: 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 Start Date: Monday, November 28th—(3-8) Boys' Practice
 Tuesday, November 29th—(3-8) Girls' Practice
 Thursday, December 1st—(3-8) Boys' & Girls' Practice
 Where: Lynd School

December schedule can be found on the back of this page
 Players need to be signed up by the first practice
 Fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

Holiday Happiness Preschool-8th Grade



Cost: \$5.00
 Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011
 Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 Where: Lynd School

Come and join the fun at the Lynd School to celebrate Christmas. We will be having different stations of fun Christmas projects for the kids to create. The kids will also get to make and eat a Christmas snack. There will be a present for each child who attends, and Santa may even be the one to give it to them. We hope to see you there!

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.

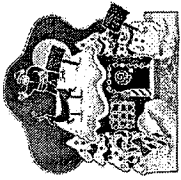
Please return the bottom portion w/money by Thursday, December 1, 2011.

(This will help us ensure that we have enough supplies for everyone.)

_____ Kids' Club.....\$15.00 for the month of December or \$3.00 per time
 ___ Dec. 1st ___ Dec. 6th ___ Dec. 13th ___ Dec. 15th ___ Dec. 20th ___ Dec. 22nd
 _____ Study Island.....FREE for the month of December
 ___ Dec. 1st ___ Dec. 5th ___ Dec. 12th ___ Dec. 15th ___ Dec. 19th ___ Dec. 22nd
 _____ (3-8) Boys' Basketball.....\$15.00 for the season
 _____ (3-8) Girls' Basketball.....\$15.00 for the season
 _____ Holiday Happiness.....Saturday, December 10th.....\$5.00

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____



December 2011 Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Kids' Club Study Island	2 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal	3
4	5 Book Fair Study Island PTO Mtg.	6 Book Fair Kids' Club	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair (K-8th) Christmas Matinee @ 1:30 pm (4yr. PreK-8th) Christmas Program @ 6:30 p.m.	9 Book Fair	10 Holiday Happiness (9:00-11:00 a.m.)
11	12 Study Island Community Ed. Mtg. School Board Mtg.	13 Kids' Club ECFE (6:00-7:30 p.m.)	14 Book Mobile	15 (3yr PreK) Christmas Program @ 1:45 pm Kids' Club Study Island	16	17
18	19 Study Island	20 Christmas Dinner Kids' Club	21	22 Winter Solstice Kids' Club Study Island	23 End of 2nd Quarter 2:25 pm Early Dismissal	24 Christmas Eve Day
25 Christmas Day	26 No School Vacation Day	27 No School Vacation Day	28 No School Vacation Day	29 No School Vacation Day	30 No School Vacation Day	31 New Year's Eve Day

Lynd Public School

Lynd, Minnesota - Home of the Panthers - K-8



Getting to know the Lynd Public School Staff!!



School Nurse Beverly Seehusen

My name is Beverly Seehusen. This is my third year as the School Nurse at Lynd Public School. I obtained my licensed practical nursing education in Rochester, MN, and my Registered Nurse Associate degree at Minnesota West Worthington Campus. I have three children Joshua, Jessica and Jenna and three grandchildren Ashton, Raya and Rowan. My daughter Jessica was recently married in September and my daughter Jenna plans to be married next June. Our family is close and we enjoy spending time together.

My hobbies include riding my 4 wheeler in the Black Hills of South Dakota and woods of Northern Minnesota, riding my dirt bike, gardening, walking, riding horse and caring for my two horses. I also enjoy traveling.

Working at Lynd Public School is one of the highlights of my nursing career. The staff and students at Lynd Public School are awesome; they strive to make everyone feel welcome. I am honored to be a part of such a friendly, caring educational facility.

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Assistant Cook Jan Lensing

My name is Jan Lensing. I am the assistant cook.

I grew up on a farm near Lamberton. When I was twelve we moved to Morgan. We lived there for a year and a half. In 1964 we moved to Russell, where I graduated in 1968. I then moved to Minneapolis where I lived for 35 years. I worked for IDS for 5 years and then for Blue Cross Blue Shield for 30 years. I worked in the print shop. I started out in the mailroom, then the camera and plate area. I ran presses, bindery equipment, copy machines etc. When I left BCBSM in 2003 I was a scheduler/estimator. I moved to Lynd in June of 2003. I've worked at the school since September of 2004.

My family consists of my mom, dad, 6 girls and 5 boys. I have 19 nieces and nephews, 33 great nieces and nephews and 3 great-great nieces and nephews.

My hobbies are camping, word books such as cryptograms, word find, bent and wiggly and fill-ins. I also enjoy reading, crocheting, sewing and spending time with family and friends.

My favorite thing about the Lynd School is seeing all those smiling faces of the kids every day. They are such a joy to be around. Also, the staff is very friendly and wonderful to work with.



Live Nativity Scene

Parking Lot
Grace First Parish
Russell, MN

Saturday, Dec. 3 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Narration every 1/2 hour



*Portrayed by Community Members
with Live Animals*



*Bring your family!
Walk through or drive by.
Enjoy Christmas Caroling and music.
Come inside our decorated Church to enjoy
hot cider/coffee and goodies.*



*Portrayal of this Blessed Event is sponsored by Grace First Parish
of Russell. It is our Christmas gift for all to enjoy.*



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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Wall Corrections
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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

SCHOOL DISTRICT #415
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Independent School District #415 met in regular session on Tuesday, October, 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 see attached signature page for additional guests.

Motion #110 by Michelle Williams, seconded by Amy Korman, to approve the agenda/addendum with the addition of two new agenda items. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #111 by Amy Korman, seconded by Greta Nelson, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 regular School Board meeting and the September 6, 2011 Special Board Meeting. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #112 by Amy Korman, seconded by Greta Nelson to approve the September 2011 bills as presented. Crystal Pochardt abstained. All other members approved – motion carried.

Motion #113 by Crystal Pochardt, seconded by Greta Nelson, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for August 2011. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #114 by Crystal Pochardt, seconded by Mike Pochardt, to approve adding Bremer Bank as an official bank for payroll debits. All members approved – motion carried.

Shop Repair item was tabled until more information is gathered.

Motion #115 by Mike Pochardt, seconded by Amy Korman, to approve the contract with Cardinal Counseling for 2011-2012. All members approved – motion carried.


Motion #116 by Mike Pochardt, seconded by Greta Nelson to approve the purchase of 15 iPads for classroom use. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #117 by Greta Nelson, seconded by Mike Pochardt to approve raising the substitute pay to \$100 per day. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion #118 by Amy Korman, seconded by Mike Pochardt to approve the Flexible Learning Year Report as presented by Mr. Houck. All members approved – motion carried.

Closed session @6:54 pm – discussed negotiations

Amy Korman/Mike Pochardt to adjourn – all in favor



Michelle Williams, Chairperson

Crystal Pochardt, Clerk

Public Input:

None

Teacher Input:

Mr. Martin Boucek discussed the STEM (Science and Technology) Program that he is doing with the 5th-8th grade students

Superintendent's Report:

*ERate—working on 2012-2013 school year. New servers, video conferencing in classrooms.

*AYP—Lynd School made it in all areas

*FEMA—Building insurance does not pay for all the storm damage on bus garage and house. FEMA will cover what the insurance did not.

*FLY—25 Districts want to renew for three (3) more years.

*Staff Development days in January 2012.

Principal's Report:

*Thursday, October 6th, the United Way is sponsoring "Jumpstart's Read 4 the Record."

*Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15.

*Wednesday, October 12th is Unity Day.

*Day 2 of the Data Mine retreat will be on October 25th. From there, a formal presentation to the Board will be in November.

*On Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th, 8th graders will be taking the ACT Explore Test.

*ECFE/Title I Family Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

*Our first early dismissal is set for October 19th at 12:30 p.m.

*Laurie VanOverbeke and I will be attending a meeting on behalf of the district on Tuesday, October 25th. This is for Professional Learning Communities which is a requirement of the FLY.

Board Reports

None

**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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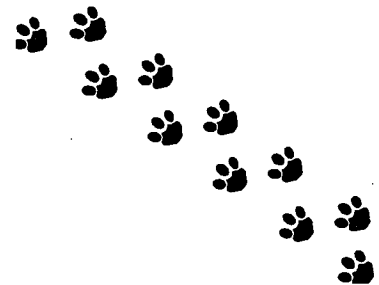
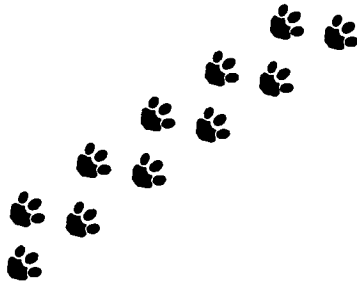
Lynd School District #415

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Best Kept Education Secret!”