

FAMILY TIMES

JENNY LIND SCHOOL

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HOLIDAY SHOW

Join us on Thursday,
December 15, at
6:00 PM in the gym
for our holiday show.
See students perform
in celebration of
Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Diwali
and Hmong New Year!



Delon Smith
Principal



Elizabeth Corris
Assistant Principal

MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT

Jenny Lind will be focusing on the character trait of caring for the month of December. Caring is displaying kindness and concern for others. Activities and conversations about caring will take place in our classrooms throughout the month, and we encourage you to continue these conversations with your child at home.



PTO NEWS *JENNY LIND ALL STAR PARENTS PTO*



Angela
Steverson
Vice President

We would love to have you join our PTO. The PTO will have our next meeting on ***TUESDAY, January 10, at 8:45 A.M.***, in the conference room. **WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION.** In January we will be planning some fun winter events for our students. Share your input on things you might like to see happening at Jenny Lind during the 2016-2017 school year.

Come and meet other parents, enjoy refreshments! ***PLEASE join us, everyone is welcome. RSVP to Loretta Minet at 612-668-2025.***

DONUTS WITH THE DEANS

Please join us every 2nd Friday for Donuts with the Deans. Deans will greet parents at their vehicles and in the atrium with a nice tasty treat. This is our way to show you our appreciation to you for entrusting your youth with us. Feel free to reach us with any questions, 612-668-2020.

Donut Dates: **December 9, 2016**
January 13, 2017
February 10, 2017
March 10, 2017
April 14, 2017
May 12, 2017



SITE COUNCIL MEETING



There will be a Site Council meeting on **Monday, December 12 at 8:45 AM** in the conference room. Please plan on attending at let your voice be heard on what is happening at Jenny Lind!

NURSES NOTES

As your School Nurse, I am happy to assist you to assure that your child's health is cared for at school. I am here to support a healthy learning environment for every student.

With the Winter Season right around the corner, many parents use "Over the Counter Medication," (also called OTCs) to help their child through the discomforts of the cold and flu season.

Examples of common OTC products you may use include:

- Tylenol (acetaminophen), ibuprofen
- Cough syrups and cold medicines
- Cough drops



If you want your student to have any of these medications at school, you will need to have a doctor's order along with your written permission for your child to take any medicines at school.

Any medicines taken by students in grades K through 5 must be kept in the Health Office and administered by either the School Nurse or the Health Assistant. Parents are also welcome to come to school and administer medication to their child if they choose.

Communication with the School Nurse is essential to ensure your student's health needs are addressed in the school setting.

Please feel free to contact Sandy Lynch, MS, RN, Licensed School Nurse with any health related questions or concerns you may have regarding your child: 612-668-2052 (Jenny Lind) or 612-668-1645 (Olson Middle School).

PARENT PICK UP

If there is going to be any change in your child's dismissal plan, **PLEASE call the office no later than 2:00 PM.** Dismissal time is very hectic and it is difficult to accommodate all the requests.

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office
612-668-2020

Health/Attendance
612-668-2033

Lunchroom
612-668-2038

Community Education
612-668-2044

Family Liaison
612-668-2025
E-mail: loretta.minet@mpls.k12.mn.us

Follow us on Twitter @JennyLindSchool.

Upcoming Dates

December 12—Site Council meeting

December 15—Holiday Show

December 19—December 30—Winter Break

We're on the web!

<http://jennyind.mpls.k12.mn.us>

LITERACY CORNER

How do we raise lifelong learners; Children who are constantly finding opportunities to learn and grow in richer and deeper thought processes?

Are we holding our children accountable to much higher standards as readers than we hold ourselves?

My first question is, what is currently on your nightstand? Are we holding our children accountable to much higher standards as readers than we hold ourselves? My nightstand has cookbooks, professional books, children's literature, my current book club book, J. Jill catalogues and several books on faith. (Yes, I like to shop, learn more about teaching and books I want to use as a teacher, and how I can grow as a human being.) Real readers read a variety of texts – easy, difficult, long, short, fun, and practical. Real readers do not walk into the library or Barnes and Noble and ask for the longest, most difficult book. Real readers do not only read what someone else wants them to read. And most important, real readers have to find time and rituals to make reading a part of their lives.

Many adults read for work, or only read newspapers and magazines. Many admit they are too tired or busy to read for pleasure so they only read on vacations. Avid readers talk about why they read and how this passion began. I am encouraging our parents to share your reading lives with your children. Parents need to talk with your children about why they read and when they read. Finding rituals, special spots, and times for reading are essential for every family. Kids need to have authors they love, topics they are passionate about, and series for which they eagerly await the next book to be published.

I am encouraging parents to be "caught" reading by your children, to continue reading to your children even when they can read themselves, and to share your habits as readers. When do you read? How do you find books that are interesting to you? Where do you read? How do you read a book that is not interesting to you? I also need to remind parents that we as readers do not always come home from a hard day at work and snuggle up to Shakespeare.

Parents want what is best for your children, and have both the challenge and opportunity to mold the characters of the readers in your lives. It is parents who most often instill the love of reading in their children.

As our evenings get colder and darker, find a good space to cuddle up with a good book, venture out to the library and allow your children to CATCH you...Reading!