



# Jenny Lind Elementary School



5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430

APRIL 2022

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Principal:** Pao Vue, 612-668-2020

**Asst. Principal:** Mercedes Walker, 612-668-2020

**School Secretary:** Lee Hibbard, 612-668-2023

**Attendance/Health Office:** 612-668-2033

**Parent Liaison:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**Transportation:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**School Nurse:** Summer PaVon, 612-668-2052

**MPS Transportation:** 612-668-2300

## SAVE THE DATE

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Twins Game (grades 2-5)

May 30: NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day

## NEW SCHOOL DAY HOURS

**Our school day will now end at 2:42pm. Children must be picked up by 3:00 p.m. Please make sure you are here on time to pick up your student(s). There is no supervision available before or after school.**

## Principals' Corner

Hello Lind Families:

We hope that all of you had a great Spring Break! It's such a blessing to have an opportunity to rest and re-charge. Although Spring Break was wonderful, it's also exciting to get back into the rhythm of things and finish the school year strong. We would like to reach out to you with some reminders and/or news.

o Our school start time is still 7:30. Doors open at 7:15 for students.

o Our school day ends at 2:42. Parent pick-up begins at 2:45.

o All students need to be picked up by 3:00.

o Please stay in the single file car line if you are picking up your child(ren). We will call students to come out to the parking lot.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing some unpredictable weather; we are in Minnesota after all. Therefore, please remember to have your child(ren) bring all appropriate clothing to ensure that they are ready for outdoor time. We know it's very hard this time of the year but we appreciate your partnership in sending the appropriate gear.

We will end this school year as we began: with a focus on building community with each other. Among many other end-of-year events, please save the date for Friday, June 17, as we gather for our School Community BBQ/Picnic.

As always, thank you for partnering with us to ensure that your child has the best possible experience here at Lind. The partnership between home and school is critical to support student growth and we are fortunate to have so many families who are engaged and eager to help in any capacity. Know that we are grateful for you! If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

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## Social Worker Update

Call, text or email us and we will try to respond as quickly as possible. If your question or concern is urgent, please state in your message to receive a priority return phone call.

Travis Hayes – Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 612-467-9720

Nick Cross – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 612-351-2206

Vanessa Wilson – Intern (Tue/Wed) - 651-560-3420

Summer PaVon- School Nurse: 507-509-8208

## Health Office Update

It continues to be important students STAY HOME if they are feeling sick but please call the Health Office if your child is ill so staff can help guide families through the new shortened timeframes to keep the community safe. If you student is vaccinated for COVID, please be sure to send a copy of the student's vaccination card to school or bring it in and we can make a copy for you and update our records. If you are interested in vaccinations for your student, please contact the Health Office and we will help you identify locations to get your student vaccinated. Spring is here! Be healthy and well

## Media Center

Hello Jenny Lind families! We wanted to let you know that MCA state testing is coming up soon. Third through fifth grades will be taking the MCA/MTAS tests between Monday, April 18 and Friday, May 6. A detailed schedule is available on the Jenny Lind website. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

For the month of April the High 5 theme is, Growing Up Healthy. High 5 students will learn the following:

Literacy- Concepts of print, book and theme vocabulary, rhyming, alliteration, letter names, letter sounds, journal writing and writing first names.

Math- Counting 0-35, number 0-10 recognition, patterns, shapes, one-one correspondence, before/after and opposites.

Science- Daily weather, seasons, magnets, making ice cream and healthy habits.

Social-Emotional- Social problem-solving skills, following rules, identification and expression of feelings and equity.

Music- Sing the song, "On Top of Spaghetti"

### Kindergarten

*Kindergarten students are wrapping up our 3-D shape unit in math. Ask your child about the 3-D shapes we studied. In literacy, we will be figuring out the message the story is trying to telling us. We will begin our social studies unit focused on goods and services. We will also learn about how we earn money to pay for these services.*



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## 1<sup>st</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> grade is starting new units in math and reading! In reading we are talking about why learning about the past is important and we are reading informational texts. In math our new unit is about addition and subtraction. We will be solving story problems and playing lots of number games! We are continuing to learn about our emotions during our SEL lessons and how to calm our bodies down when we are feeling upset!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The second- grade team is excited to be back from spring break with our amazing scholars!

The week we had together at the end of March was incredible! We had time to build our classroom communities back up and refresh our memories of the expectations, rituals and routines that we practice daily.

We continue to work through Unit 2 in math which is describing, identifying, and comparing attributes of 2-D and 3-D shapes, along with visualizing the structure of arrays. After Investigations 2 we will begin Investigations 3 which will focus on understanding equal parts of a whole.

In literacy we began Unit 4, Many Characters, Many Points of View. We will read and compare selections with varying points of view and analyze how point of view affects the reader's understanding of the story. Both classrooms are on Week 13 in Groves, where we are introducing the children to common contractions, apostrophes, and possessives.

Our second step curriculum for social-emotional health is continuing to address emotional management.

We look forward to the rest of April, especially the Twins game on April 13th! Please continue to support your child on building their reading stamina by having them find time in their afternoon/evening to enjoy a good story. Remember to fill in the reading logs and send them back to school on the last day of the week!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

During the month of April, we will be finishing our fraction unit and starting to learn about polygons and measurement. We are working on comparing different points of view among characters in fictional stories. MCA testing will be coming up at the end of the month. Make sure to get a good amount of sleep every night.

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Hello 4<sup>th</sup> grade families!

We hope you had a great Spring Break. Be sure to return your permission slip for our field trip to Target Field by Tuesday, April 12th. Thank you to those who have already turned them in. For literacy, we are starting a unit on poetry. In math, we are starting a unit on geometry.

Love,

Ms. Sacks & Ms. Katherine

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade

This coming month we will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment's



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(MCA's) on April 19, 20,22 and then the following week of April 26 and 27. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. I know our kids will do great! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Cutts or Ms. Christman. This month we are focusing on our novel study of, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. This is a complex text, but the kids are excited to learn about another culture and the amazing achievements from a child. In Math, we are focusing on Unit 5 Data and how that relates to mean, median, mode and range. Hopefully, the weather will start to warm up so we can do more activities and learning outside.

## Specialists

### MUSIC



Spring has come to the music room! We are singing happy songs about spring, dancing, and playing musical games together. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade band kids will also be studying joyful music with recognizable fun tunes such as "Baby Shark". Happy spring!

### Physical Education

We will continue for the first week of April with the March activities .

High5, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades: will continue to work on their single jump rope skills.

Jumping in a stationary place. And advancing to a running jump with a single rope.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade: will continue to work on shooting a basketball from a stationary position.

We would like to advance to our Jenny Lind March Madness game for each class!

Students are always more successful with activity shoes. And we have a bottle filler at Jenny Lind for students who bring a personal water bottle.

See you next  
month!