



APRIL 2023

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: Tressie Mitchell 612-668-2033

Nurse: Asha Ahmed: 612-668-2052

Parent Liaison: Tera-Nay Lee, 612-668-2027

Transportation: Tera-Nay Lee, 612-668-2027

After School: Gail Jackson: 612-668-2044

MPS Transportation: 612-668-2300

SAVE THE DATE

March 31st: NO SCHOOL-Record Keeping

April 3rd-7th: NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

April 12th: Site Council 5pm

April 14th: Career Fair

April 17-19th: Eagle Bluff Field Trip

Principals' Corner

Happy Autism Awareness Month, Lind Family! We are kicking off this month with Spring Break and then we come back for our final quarter of the school year. It is hard to believe that this year is heading towards completion, but we know all good things must come to an end. During April we will have our rescheduled "Black History Month Career Fair" that has been rebranded as the Definitely Diverse Career Fair and we are hoping to have a huge turn out! Please sign up by filling out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/yzDJtzsycARNBL3R9>

We will also start our MCA testing, so be on the lookout for more information about making sure students get a good night's sleep in preparation. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and we look forward to finishing the year strong with your support!

Be well and see you soon!
Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker

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 – 2nd grade – 612-467-9720

Nick Cross – 3rd – 5th grade – 612-351-2206

School Counselor News

This month I've been trying to incorporate academics in all of my counseling activities. Sometimes I let students lead by reading the books I have on a topic we are discussing in group or play a math facts game that they create. I am amazed each and every day with the capacity of JL students to persevere and crawl over and through obstacles. Sometimes we even challenge ourselves physically with wall sit contests. Challenges are good for us and help us grow and learn. Reading stories aloud, playing games, and exercising our bodies help build skills for learning in ways that can be fun!





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Health Office Update

Welcome our new nurse Asha Ahmed! We are so happy to welcome her to the Health Office, joining Ms. Tressie. Stop by and say hello!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

For the month of April, the High 5 theme is Nature All Around Us. High 5 students will focus on the following:

Literacy:

- Rhyming
- Alliteration
- Concepts of Book Print
- Letter Identification
- Letter Sound Identification
- Theme Vocabulary
- Journal Writing
- Name Writing

Math:

- Counting 0-50
- Patterns
- Number Configurations
- 3D Shapes
- One-One Correspondence
- Number Identification
- Estimation
- Subitize

Science:

- Daily Weather
- Season Spring
- Sink & Float
- Opposites
- Growing & Changing

SEL:

- Social Problem-Solving
- Sharing & Taking Turns
- Feelings Identification
- Yoga
- Self-Regulation

Kindergarten

We can't believe we have one final quarter with this wonderful group of kindergarteners. Our upcoming unit for reading is titled: *Weather and Season*. In this unit, students read and compare selections about weather and learn how changing seasons affect our daily lives. Every day, we practice our phonics curriculum, Groves Methods. Our upcoming focus are digraph sounds: ch, sh, and th. We will also continue to learn new sight words each week. For math, we will explore 3-Dimension shapes.

2nd grade

We are heading into Quarter 4 and cannot believe we are already there! For the month of April we will be focusing on problem and solution within what we are reading and what we are writing.

In math, we will still be focused on Unit 6. We will be working on composing, decomposing shapes, and using these shapes to discuss fractions. We will be creating a "patchwork quilt" from paper to highlight the end of the Unit 6.

As the weather begins to warm please make sure we are still bringing boots to help keep our feet dry from the snow melting. If able, an extra pair of socks in the backpack would be great too!

If you have any questions, please reach out your child's teacher.

Second Grade Team

4th grade/5th grade

Hello 4th /5th Grade Families,

This month in 4/5 we have been working on many new skills! We have moved on to Unit 4 in Bridges. 4th Grade is currently working on learning the standard algorithm for addition and subtraction and 5th Grade has been



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working on learning the standard algorithm for multiplication! We have continued to progress in our word study units as well! In reading, we have been completing a book study on Esperanza Rising which we will finish after spring break before moving on to another Novel Study which will take us to the end of the school year. Can you believe there are only a couple months left?! Have a great break!

MUSIC

In the music room, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students will be focusing on singing world music, particularly traditional childrens' music from a variety of African cultures, including the countries of Liberia, Senegal, Nigeria, and Ghana. 5th grade band students will be rehearsing their spring concert music, especially "Old MacDonald had a Band", which features a group solo for each type of instrument to be performed at the spring concert. Meanwhile, many of our special education students are enjoying music games and are learning to play a large collection of instruments like the Maracas, hand drum, triangle, and wood block.

MEDIA CENTER

Testing:

Minnesota statewide assessments MCA and MTAS for 3rd-5th grade will be starting the week of April 10-14. All students are expected to participate. For more information, please contact your child's teacher or see the Testing section of the Jenny Lind website.

Library/Media Center:

It has been wonderful to see students enjoying all the excellent new books we have in the Lind library this year. Please

help your student find any school library books they have brought home and remind them to bring the books back to school after spring break. Thank you!

ELL

ACCESS testing is over. The ELL students all did an amazing job! The preliminary ACCESS test results should be available in May and I am looking forward to sharing these results with you. It is so exciting to be able to show you how your students have grown. ELD classes are back on their regular schedule with each student having a minimum of one class period a day that is focused on learning Academic English. In the third through fifth grade classes, the students are polishing their Academic Writing skills and in the Kindergarten through second Grade classes the students are perfecting their Academic Reading skills.

After School

The last day of Afterschool programming for the 2022-23 school year is Wednesday, May 10th.

RESOURCE FAIR FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 12

Families that are new to the country are invited to a resource fair at Green Central (324 E 35th St) on Wednesday, April 12 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. There will be information and resources for health care, food, legal counseling, clothing, education, housing and more starting at 4:30 p.m. Transportation and childcare available. To help families arrange transportation or for other assistance, call our Community Education partners at 612-338-3757 or 612-668-4291.