



Jenny Lind Elementary School

5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430



DECEMBER 2020

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Principal: Pao Vue, 612-668-2020
- Asst. Principal: Mercedes Walker, 612-668-2020
- School Secretary: Lee Hibbard, 612-668-2023
- Attendance: 612-668-2023
- Parent Liaison: Shienoval Applewhite, 612-668-2027
- Transportation: Eleanor Coleman, 612-668-2024
- Health Office: Sandy Lynch-Nurse, 612-668-2052
- MPS Transportation: 612-668-2300
- Tech Support: 612-668-0088

SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Character/Superhero Day

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Snow Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Crazy Hair or Crazy Hat Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sports Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pajama Day

SAVE THE DATE

December 21-Jan. 1: NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess

January 4: School resumes

January 18: NO SCHOOL for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23rd: Virtual Open House 12-1:00pm

January 25th: Virtual Open House 6:00-7:00p

January 29: NO SCHOOL for Teacher Recordkeeping

Joke Corner

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

It waves

December Celebrations

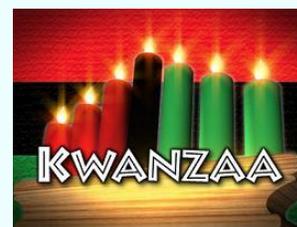
Dec.21: Winter Solstice

marks the beginning of winter and is the shortest day of the year



Dec.26th-Jan. 1st: Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday celebrating history, culture, family and community. It was started in California in 1966. It was created by scholar-activist Dr. Maulana Karenga. Kwanzaa is now celebrated all over the world, but primarily in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean. Focusing on values, culture and history, Kwanzaa encourages people to learn more about their roots and to focus upon their values.



Distance Learning Attendance Procedures

Daily attendance is expected for all students. If your student is unable to attend school, please call 612-668-2023 to report their absence. We know Distance Learning is tough on families. We miss you and are here to support your family!



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Principals' Corner

Jenny Lind Families,

As we continue to celebrate the wonders of this season and the celebrations of gratitude that fill our homes at this time of year, we have an opportunity for reflection. In past years, this might have included family gatherings around a dinner table, festivities with friends, and travel to see relatives near and far. This year, our plans will shift to more intimate gatherings within our homes and the focus will be on spending family time playing games, watching movies, and making new meaning for the holidays.

To help prevent close contact and the spread of the virus, we would like to reiterate the importance of social distancing and practicing healthy hygiene. The upcoming break and potential holiday travel pose an increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread. As we learned from our governor's direction last month, it is simply not a good time for out-of-state travel that is anything short of essential.

We all know the value of learning in relationship with each other. The weeks leading up to our winter break will be filled with lots of good work, time in the snow with friends, and our continued focus on learning safely together! Minneapolis Public Schools has made the decision to continue with Phase 2 of Distance Learning for the rest of this quarter, however, Wednesdays will now be a flexible learning day for all students. On this day, students are expected to be at opening and closing meetings and will still have access to their homeroom teachers for a portion of the day. Students will then have several activity options on choice boards and independent work assignments for the rest of their day.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this uncommon year. The sacrifices you are making every day are paying dividends in our ability to support student learning from a distance. We are truly grateful for all you are doing to support your children's learning and our work. May you enjoy the wonderful holidays with your family.

Lind Administration

Media Release

We would like to begin recognizing our amazing students with a "shout out" on our Facebook page. If your child doesn't have a media release form, check your email for one. There are two sections on the form, one for general media release, the other for the yearbook. If you don't submit this form, your child will not be included in the yearbook at the end of the year. If you are comfortable with giving your permission, please complete the form and send it back to us. Thank you so much!

Educational Benefits Application

Each year, we need the Education Benefits Application filled out by each family. Below is the information about this form, as well as a link to the form. Please complete this application as quickly as possible. **By filling out the form, Jenny Lind will receive more funding for supporting our students. All families in the district are asked to complete the school meal eligibility form, regardless of income or eligibility. Deadline is December 15.**

When visiting schoolcafe.com select "Register". Parents will be prompted to create an account that includes a username and a password. They will then be able to select the eligibility tabs in order to complete the application. Thank you!

Stay Connected

Now more than ever, **it's critical that we have your most recent contact information.** All MPS schools use **SchoolMessenger** to share important information about weather closures, building safety, school events, transportation and more. Make sure you receive text messages by texting "Y" to 67587. If your phone number or email have changed, please call the main office so we can update our records.



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Social Worker Update

This year has been challenging for many of us. Your Jenny Lind Social Work team wants to help you as much as we can, we are partners in your child's education. One way that we can partner with you is by offering community resources to support you and your family. We have put together some Holiday Resources which you can find here: <https://sites.google.com/mpls.k12.mn.us/lind-holiday-winter-resources/> We also have some ongoing resources for food support, housing, etc. here: <https://sites.google.com/mpls.k12.mn.us/lind-family-resources/home> Links can also be found on our website and Facebook page. We try to keep everything updated, so let us know if something is closed/not working or if you know of any additional resources we could share.

Nurse Update

There is a new app that can help Minnesotans keep themselves and their families safe. Minnesotans are encouraged to opt in and spread the word about this free, voluntary, and anonymous app.

The COVIDaware MN, app will help others in the community make informed decisions about their health and playing their part to slow the spread of the virus. The more individuals who download the app, the more effective the tool will be to notify Minnesotans about potential exposures. Minnesotans can learn more about the app on the [COVIDaware MN website](#), and download it today from the Google Play or App Store.

This innovative technology protects the privacy of Minnesotans and collects no data about a user



CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

High 5 friends have been busy practicing academic concepts such as: writing first names, letter names, letter sounds, alliteration, rhyming, counting, number recognition, shapes, patterns and much more! Mrs. Trammell/Ms Pam & Ms. Gorzek/Ms. Pat

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is well underway with our distance learning. The students are growing socially and academically. Our reading unit poses an essential question, "How are characters different?". Please continue to read with your child every night and ask questions about the story. In math, we are learning about number relations and counting collections. Please encourage your child to practice counting to 30 every day and count small collections of things up to 20. Thank you to all of the families who work diligently to ensure their kindergarteners are online and completing work regularly.

1st grade

First grade is really excited to pass out Friday Rainbow Awards to those students who completed 60 minutes in Deambox and LexiaCore5. We are so proud of those students hard work and want them to feel recognized! In math, we are finishing our shapes unit. First graders have learned how to identify, describe, compare and take apart 2D and 3D shapes. We are continually working hard on other math skills like counting backwards, ordering numbers, one more and one less, and addition. In reading, we started a nonfiction unit on living things! First graders will be learning more



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about why and how living things grown and change! We are so proud of our students!

2nd grade

In math, students have been working hard on their 2 digit addition and subtraction strategies. In reading, we have started our second unit that is all about fairy tales. Second grade was also able to go on a virtual field trip this month and watch CTC's Last Stop on Market Street.

3rd grade

All classrooms finished up Unit 1 in math. Students worked to name and describe parts of a graph and the type of data it represents. Students also used graphs to compare data and solve problems. Students collected, organized, displayed and interpreted data for solving real-world problems. Unit 2 will be working with numbers to 1,000. Students will explore numbers up to 1,000. They will develop mental strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems in this range. They will identify patterns and relationships and use them to solve problems.

In literacy, we are getting to the end of Unit 2: Ways Characters Shape Stories. Each unit begins with an essential question. Unit 2 had the students think about how do our actions influence our lives? It was weaved throughout the three weeks through fables, myths, and folktales. During this unit, students read and compared stories, poems, and myths to analyze characters and understand how their actions shape events. In the two weeks before winter break, we will focus on Conventions of Language from Units 1 and 2, to solidify standards around the use of nouns (concrete/abstract),

verbs (regular/verb tenses), subject/ verb agreement, and using adjectives and adverbs. We will begin Unit 3 in Benchmark Advance after the holiday break.

Please remind your child(ren) to continue working on Dreambox for math and Lexia Core 5 reading, computer programs for at least 20 (+) minutes per day. The correlation between the amount of usage and improved math and reading skills is proven.

4th grade

4th graders have been doing awesome work with multiplication and learning new strategies to understand texts. Our most important update is our schedule change! Students now have more time to work on their online work throughout the day. On Wednesdays, students will have independent work from a choice board on Seesaw to supplement their amazing progress in class. They can sign up for one-on-one meetings with Ms. Sacks and Ms. Mackenzie as well! 4th graders are incredible!"

5th grade

Hello families! We are starting new and exciting things this month! In Literacy, we are starting fiction texts. We will be comparing and contrasting different story elements and continuing our practice of writing in complete sentences. In math, we are starting our work with fractions! On Wednesdays, we are planning fun, educational activities for the students including virtual field trips and interactive websites so your student can learn! Please reach out to the 5th grade team if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all that you do!