



Jenny Lind Elementary School

5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430



JANUARY 2023

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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SAVE THE DATE

January 11: Site Council 5:00-6:30pm
January 16: NO SCHOOL for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 27: NO SCHOOL for Teacher Training

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Jenny Lind Site Council

Site Council is a group made up of representatives from the staff, students, community members, and parents. Through effective and inclusive communication and decision-making, this group acts to establish strategic planning, resource allocation, site-specific policies and processes designed to support the achievement of Jenny Lind students. Site Council is open to any parent or community member who wants to work to improve the educational experience at Jenny Lind.

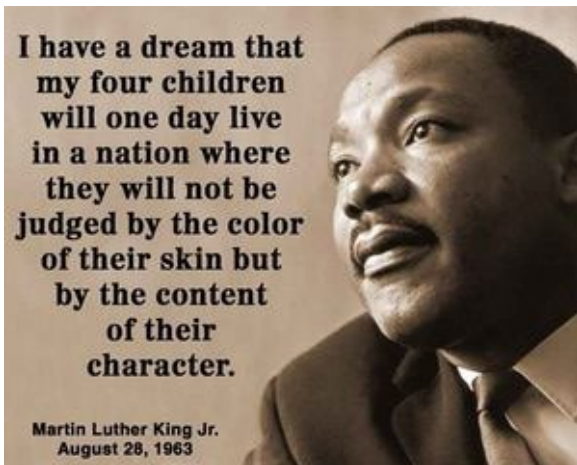
Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Next meeting:

January 11th

5:00-6:30pm

Dinner and childcare provided!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Also called MLK Day or King Day, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Day is observed on the third Monday of January, which is close to King's actual birthday on January 15. The day is a federal United States holiday with all government and most business offices closed.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and social activist that had a huge impact on the civil rights movement of the 1950's in the United States. King died in 1968 and will be remembered for his non-violent protests against segregation and his "I have a Dream" speech.

PLEASE JOIN US!



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Principals' Corner

Well Lind Family,

The new year is off to a wintery start! While we are glad to have a plan for students to engage in some e-learning when we have inclement weather days, we know that our students love physically being at Jenny Lind and we are hopeful Mother Nature is kind to us for the rest of this winter season. We have FAST testing and other assessments coming up this month and look forward to sharing your students' progress with you at our spring conferences on February 21st. We are also in the process of planning for Black History Month, so be on the lookout for fliers and communication from our amazing Student Council!

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

Social Worker Update

While we are glad to be celebrating a new calendar year, we know that changing the calendar doesn't make everything instantly better. Your Jenny Lind team is here to support you and your family. In addition to your wonderful teachers the Jenny Lind School Social Workers and School Nurse are available for parent consultation.

We can talk over the phone, set up a video call to:
*Listen to concerns about your child's health or mental health and give recommendations on next steps.

*Share behavioral strategies we use at school and problem solve behavioral difficulties with you.

*Brainstorm ideas with you to help your child deal with worries, sadness, and/or anger in a healthy way.

*Help connect you to resources for your own health and wellness.

*Help connect you to financial resources that so many of us need more than ever due to the pandemic.

*Or, to just listen and offer support for you during this extra difficult time for parents!

This is a difficult time for us all. We want to be there for them and for you!

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.

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CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

For January the High 5 theme is awesome animals.

Students will learn the following:

Literacy:

- Letter Names
- Letter Sounds
- Rhyming
- Alliteration
- Journal Writing
- Concepts of Print

Math:

- Counting (0-30)
- Number Recognition (0-10)
- Patterns (AB)
- Shapes (Triangle, Circle, Square, Rectangle, Diamond, Star)
- One-One Correspondence

-Subitize

-Matching

-Sorting

-Sequencing

Science / Social Studies:

-Season (Winter)

-Daily Weather

-Animals in winter (hibernation and migration)

SEL:

-Sharing

-Taking Turns

-Social Problem Solving

-Classroom Rules

-Identifying and managing feelings



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Kindergarten

Happy New Year! Our upcoming unit for reading is titled: *Writer's Tell Many Stories*. In this unit, students read and compare stories to understand the purpose of storytelling. Every day, we practice our phonics curriculum, Groves Methods. Our upcoming letter focus are: *v, w, e, y, and x*. In math, we are currently learning how to write equations that show combinations up to 5. To help prepare your child for our upcoming benchmark assessments, please practice letter sounds and number identification daily.

1st grade

This semester, students will have a four-day rotation of specialist classes: Music, gym, dance and S.E.L (social emotion learning). In math we will be working on number combinations and story problems using addition and subtraction. In literacy we will be learning about how and why authors create stories. This is the month that students will begin taking library books home. Our Library visits are on Wednesdays.

2nd grade

This month we will start Unit 4 in our Math curriculum which focuses on measurement. We will also compare and contrast two different texts, both fiction and nonfiction. We will continue learning how to read using our Groves curriculum. We will have FAST testing Jan.

17th - Jan. 19th. Homework will continue to be math work sent home on Monday due on Friday and the reading log. Please reach out to your student's teacher with any questions.

MUSIC



In music class, High 5 is continuing to learn the basics of music by singing, dancing, and keeping the beat, and they are having a great time! Grades 2, 3, and 4 have started studying music from Ghana and will continue that for the rest of January, including songs in the Akan language and traditional West African drumbeats. In addition to learning traditional drum technique, students will also get the opportunity to improvise and compose their own drumbeats in class. 5th grade students are starting by reviewing what we learned before Winter Break and then setting goals for their next band concert in May, which we will be preparing for by learning new notes and new tunes to play.



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Media/TESTING

Happy New Year Jenny Lind Family! Please remind students to bring back any library books they may have taken home over break. We will resume weekly library visits starting January 10. Reading can be a great way to connect with your child and help build their literacy skills at home. Ask them about what they are reading or try reading aloud together!

Winter FAST testing starts Tuesday, January 10 and will be completed over the next few weeks. These screeners are important for monitoring student progress throughout the year. Please assist your student in preparing for test days by encouraging a good night's sleep the night before and breakfast the morning of the test. We want to show everyone what Jenny Lind scholars are capable of achieving!

Dance

We are starting the new year with learning some new dances! Our younger grades are learning the Hokey Pokey dance. While our older grades are working on some across the floor movements. Our focus this month is routine and repetition.

ELL

In ELD class, we are preparing to take the ACCESS tests in February. This test assesses each EL student's ability to communicate in English through the four modalities of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. You can help

prepare your student to do well on the ACCESS test by asking them to add details to their sentences; for example, you could say "tell me more about that" or "why do you think that?" I can't wait for you to see how much they have learned!

After School Classes

After School fall session will end January 11th. Current students must register for new classes. Registration Forms were sent home with your child this week and are also available in the Main Office. **Winter session will begin Monday, January 23rd.**

No After School programming
Wednesday, January 18th.

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