



# Jenny Lind Elementary School



5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430

JANUARY 2021

## 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

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>: Virtual Open House 12-1:00pm  
January 25<sup>th</sup>: Virtual Open House 6:00-7:00p  
January 29: NO SCHOOL for Teacher Recordkeeping

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### Jenny Lind Allstar Parents (formerly Site Council)

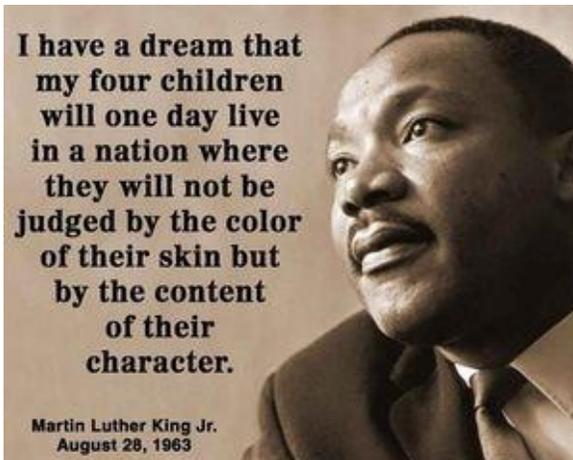
*Jenny Lind Allstar Parents is a group made up of representatives from the staff, students, community members, and parents. Through effective and inclusive communication and decision-making, this group acts to establish strategic planning, resource allocation, site-specific policies and processes designed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

*Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

Next meeting:

*January 12th*

*2:00-3:00pm*



### 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

Dear Jenny Lind Families:

As we write this letter, many of you may already be getting ready for the upcoming holidays during Winter Break. While each of these holidays has special traditions and rituals, a universal thread that runs through each is that of family and gratitude.

This year, many of us have felt the weight of anxious moments, uncertainties, sickness, and isolation from family and friends. There's no denying how the year of 2020 will be remembered. And yet, there is also much to be thankful for in our lives. The gift of being in school, even if it's Distance Learning. We're reminded of this every day when we see students in their Seesaw classrooms with teachers who are bringing their creativity and optimism into the lives of their students each day. And, parents, who have expressed their gratitude for being in this community, even during these times.

Typically, the upcoming winter break is one that could be filled with gathering with friends, traveling to see family, and recharging our batteries for the second half of the school year. This year will be different as most of us won't be taking the risk of extending this virus, which means we'll be staying home and finding new ways to fill our holiday season. However, if you are making plans that extend outside of your home, please be safe.

Perhaps, we'll be graced with new fallen snow in the next few days to help make the season feel festive. We hope you will take pause to reflect on all who are meaningful in your lives and to give thanks for the many things bestowed upon you.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful holiday. May the year 2021 be a fresh start for all of us.

Mr. Vue & Ms. Walker

## 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. If you are not receiving our robo calls, we may not have a correct number for you, or your number is blocked. We also send all robo calls in an email format too. If your phone number or email have changed, please call the main office so we can update our records. To receive short text messages, text "Y" to 67587.

## 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 family is here to support you. In addition to your wonderful teachers the School Social Workers, School Psychologist and School Nurse are available for parent consultation.

We can talk over the phone or set up a video call to:

- \*Listen to concerns about your child's health or mental health and give recommendations on next steps.
- \*Answer questions, help with resources and provide the most up-to-date information relating to COVID-19.
- \*Assist you in finding COVID-19 related resources, symptoms you may be experiencing and where to find free testing facilities near your home.
- \*Give recommendations on motivating your child/children to participate in and get the most out of distance learning.
- \*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.



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

With the pandemic and distance learning, this is a difficult time for us all. Although we can't be with your kids at school, we still 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.

Nick Cross, Social Worker 612.351.2206 (call/text)

Natasha Kunin, Social Worker

Mon 11-3, Tues, Weds

612.361.4562 (call/text)

Ellie Michel, Social Work Intern

612.888.1249 (call/text)

Sandy Lynch, School Nurse

612.418.7921 (call/text)

Dr. Schevita Persaud, School Psychologist

612.460.5387 (call/text)

## Nurse Update

On Wednesday, December 16, Governor Waltz made the announcement that on January 18th, every elementary school may choose to operate an in-person learning model with mitigation strategies for all students and staff. Mitigation strategies include, masks, social distancing, frequent handwashing and not coming to school if you feel sick. How the reopening of schools will look for Jenny Lind and other schools in the district, is yet to be determined. Watch for coming updates after Winter Break.

In consideration of our students returning to in-person learning, now is the time to be sure that your child is up to date on their immunizations. Letters were sent out earlier this fall indicating whether your student is up-to-date, and if not, what immunizations they are missing. The letter you received listed any missing immunizations. Any questions about your child's immunization can be directed to our school nurse, Sandy Lynch, MS, RN, PHN, Licensed School Nurse. You can reach Nurse Sandy either by email: [Sandra.lynch@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Sandra.lynch@mpls.k12.mn.us) or by cell phone at 612-418-7921 or Health Office: 612-668-2052.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

In High 5 our theme in January is Animals! We will continue to focus on literacy skills (letter names, letter sounds, rhyming, alliteration), math skills (counting, number identification, patterns), and practice social emotional skills. Thank you, students, and families, for your hard work and partnership! Mrs. Trammell/Ms Pam & Ms. Gorzek/Ms. Pat

### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students continue to work hard during Distance Learning. While we all wish we could be together, the students are doing an amazing job and continue to learn each day. The focus for reading and math will be based on what the students need to know by the end of January. The next window for the district assessments will be in mid-January. Thank you to everyone for their help and support during this time!

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

Our first graders have been doing a great job with distance learning! We just finished our Geometry unit working with 2D and 3D shapes and are starting our new unit on measurement, money, and telling time. In reading we are starting unit 4 and our essential question is, "How do people create stories?" We will be discussing narrators, characters, and settings. In our SEL lessons we are focusing on identifying feelings and sharing our feelings with others. We are also going to start working on identities and how we see ourselves. We are continuing to acknowledge students who are completing 60 minutes of Dreambox and Lexia with a Rainbow Award each Friday! We are SO proud of how hard our students are working and appreciate all of your help from home!

Mrs. Washington, Ms. McNeill, Ms. Goodrum, Ms. Ortiz, and Mrs. Schreiner



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

In math, second grade will continue to work on solving addition and subtraction equations using our strategies; number line, break-apart and base ten blocks. In reading, we are wrapping up our fiction unit on fairytales and fables. We have been working on identifying the main idea, story elements: characters, setting, problem & solution and discussing cause and effect relationships in a variety of stories and texts! We are looking forward to diving into non-fiction animals and their habitats in the new year. The second graders have been working SO hard in Souday and their fluency is going up, up, up! We look forward to seeing more progress and growth in our whole group phonics.

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

There is a lot of fun, new learning is happening and will continue to happen into January for our third graders! We will continue with unit two for math in January. This unit focuses on exploring numbers up to 1,000 and developing mental strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems in this range. We will also continue to identify patterns and relationships and use those relationships to solve problems. In reading we are going to be starting unit 3 which is all about animal adaptations! The skills we will be focusing on are recounting key details and determining the main idea, comparing and contrasting, and using illustrations to gain information about the reading.

We are proud of all of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for all the hard work they have put in on Lexia and Dreambox and we would like to especially recognize our Dreambox and Lexia Stars!

From Ms. Stolhanske's class: Dekka, Laila, Louis, Kira, Theng Te, Shouana, and Krysta!

From Miss Mariah's class: A'Jay, Ca'Leeyah, Daylen, Jahqueen, Lamont, Ja'Dann, Jayla, Marion, Nauhoney, Ryland, Tanyah, and Neo!

From Miss Setterberg's class: Samantha B, Cristal, Taedyn, LaTaysha, King, Darrio, Ni'Onnie Samantha S, and Tealah!

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

In 4th grade for literacy, we have been working on finding the main idea as well as summarizing a short fictional text. In Math, we have been focusing on using the break apart method to solve 1, 2, and 3 digit multiplication problems. We have also started introducing multi-step multiplication story problems.

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

In math we are focusing on ordering fractions, finding fractions on a number line, creating equivalent fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions! In literacy, we are finishing up comparing and contrasting different story elements. In January, we will be focusing on finding the theme of a story and we will be exploring poetry. As always, our fifth graders will be continuing growing their skills in writing by using complete sentences.

### Joke Corner

**What did the Dalmatian say after eating lunch?**

**That hit the spot.**