



Jenny Lind Elementary School

5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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SAVE THE DATE

June 9th: 5th Grade Recognition (IP)
 June 10th: 5th Grade Recognition (DL)
 June 11th: Last day of school

5TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

12:30pm - Live Stream for In-Person Families

1:00pm - Recognition Party with Families

DL CEREMONY

Thursday, June 10th

11:00 AM-12:00 PM



Principals' Corner

Dear Lind Families,

Unbelievably, we are a mere 8 days from the end of our school year. This has been the most unprecedented year for everyone where we have witnessed countless acts of resiliency among students, staff, and families. Our flexibility and patience were tested time and again as we all attempt to navigate through many different situations. Through it all, we are grateful to have your support.

As we continue to live through this worldwide pandemic and crises in our city and nation, we want to recognize the mix of emotions within our school community: deep gratitude for our amazing students, parents, and staff who came together to tackle a complex array of issues in this unprecedented environment; sadness that were unable to engage fully in our communal experiences and cherished end-of-year traditions; and hopefulness that we may begin to chart a course for a return to life filled with the richness of the ordinary. On some level, we are all living with the tension that these emotions create. Our focus has always been student achievement but we have also been clear about our first and most important priority this past year - the safety and well-being of our students and our community.

As we look to the future, please know that we have your family at the heart of our decisions along with our commitment to live out our mission and values. We believe that schools have an important role to play in the reopening of society and we are excited to bring our community back to campus in the Fall. We have missed you and we look forward to the day when we all can be together again. Our work will continue to be co-creating a culture of high academics, respect, understanding, and inclusivity. We want a positive school experience for all of our students.

We hope you are continuing to stay healthy and strong, and that you keep your friends and family close at heart. Thank you again for your constant support and trust in us. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Until next time, Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker



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Staff Update

With the school year ending, we will be saying goodbye to some students and staff who are leaving Jenny Lind. While it is always hard to say goodbye, we wanted to let these amazing staff know they will be truly missed. We wish you happiness in your new adventures whether in a new city, new state, new school, or new career, and we thank you for all you have done for our Lind community:

- Erin Bartlett
- Eleanor Coleman
- Stephanie Davies-Larson
- Paige Fors
- Mariah Jackson
- Natasha Kunin
- Tim Lockett
- Sandy Lynch
- Pam McDuffy
- Ellie Michel
- Bailey Ortiz
- Danielle Ricci
- Melanie Steinborn
- Jaena Washington
- Malorey Wegner
- Abbi Whipps

Social Worker Update

This has been quite a school year. A lot has happened since we started school back in September. We know that summer can bring times of relaxation and also times of stress. This summer, please know that you are loved by your Jenny Lind family. We hope that you are taking advantage of the many summer school opportunities through the school district or other opportunities through the Parks, and other community organizations. We will be sending out more information about summer resources closer to the last day of school. If your child is enrolled in summer school, know that there is a School Social Worker at each building that can help support you and your family. Feel free to reach out to them or us if you need anything. With the District's CDD and changes in school placement, know that if you aren't coming back to Lind in the fall we will miss you and wish you and your family much success in your new school. We hope to see your smiling faces around this summer in the parks and out in the community.

Nick, Natasha, and Ellie

CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

High 5 is celebrating the end of the school year with several fun activities. We will be presenting a spring concert virtually, having a pizza party and on the last day of school playing with chalk and bubbles and having a popsicle treat!

High 5 students worked hard this year to learn kindergarten readiness skills—literacy concepts (letter names, letter sounds, writing first names, rhyming and alliteration), math skills (counting 0-50, number recognition, shapes, patterns and one-one correspondence), social/emotional behavioral skills (making friendships, social problem-solving, emotional self-regulation,





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sharing/taking turns and demonstrating kindness). High 5 students have also focused on learning about race, equity, and a celebration of cultural identity.

Please click on the link for the High-5 spring concert!

<https://youtu.be/P1L2oSjXcl>

High 5 staff would like to thank family and friends of High 5 students for their support and dedication to their child's educational development- bravo to you all! Have a safe and happy summer!

Jennifer Trammell / Pam Booth & Mary Gorzek / Pat Jones

Kindergarten

We are wrapping up our math unit focused on growing and shrinking patterns. We also are ending the year focusing on geography. Ask your child about a landform they learned about.

The kindergarten team had a wonderful time working with your child throughout this school year. The kindergarteners worked very hard and we are proud of them! Please encourage your child to continue reading and counting (forwards and backwards) every night to prepare them for First Grade.

-Mr. Nelson, Ms. Mattson, Miss White

1st grade

We are so incredibly proud of our first graders! We have loved being your teachers and can't believe how much you have grown

academically, socially, and emotionally. You all have worked so hard and we have had so much fun! We cannot wait to see the amazing things you will do and learn in second grade!

2nd grade

Second Grade has been finishing the year with geometry, telling time and equal groups in math. We have also continued to work on building stamina in our independent reading and writing. In person second graders, please remember to bring your field trip slip back for our walk to NMIC on June 8. We are so proud of all the hard work you have done all year!
-Miss Kautz, Ms. Ramoutar, Miss Flynn

3rd grade

Our 3rd graders have worked hard all year long! To say we are proud is an understatement! We have accomplished so much considering all the challenges and changes. In 3rd grade we are finishing up our math unit on polygons and measurement. In this unit students have used geometric attributes to describe and create shapes and used tools to measure and solve problems involving perimeter. In our last week of school, we will be finished with the unit and focusing on fun activities that encompass all this year's math learning! For reading we will be wrapping up unit 8 which is focused on weather and climate with the essential question "How can we predict the unknown?" This unit has been fitting-especially considering the pandemic was completely unknown for all of us. We know this year has offered its fair share of challenges, but our kids are resilient, and they pulled through. We are thankful to our families for all the support through this crazy time and we want to especially thank the kids for sticking it out with us this school year. You all are beautiful, incredible, and



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truly capable. We love you all and hope you have a wonderful summer.

-Ms Stolhanske, Miss Setterberg, and Miss Mariah

4th grade

4th Graders have been learning about fractions and decimals. We will finish up the year with Geometry. In Literacy, we are continuing to focus on grammar and parts of speech. Our last unit for this school year will be Poetry. This is a fun way for all to wrap up 4th grade. While we know everyone is looking forward to summer break, it is so important that kids come to school (or log on for those in distance learning) every day! We are working hard and learning new things up until our last day on June 11th.

-Ms. Cutts, Miss Sacks, Ms. Bartlett

5th grade

5th Graders are getting ready to become 6th graders! We are focusing on book clubs, writing persuasive essays and working on our algebra unit. We have learned how to find x in an algebraic equation, we have learned about inequalities, and will be learning about graphing equations and putting equations into tables. We are focusing on using evidence to support our reasons and working collaboratively in book clubs.

This month in 5th grade DL, our math focus was on algebra. Students learned a quick and easy method for solving algebraic equations called "hands on equations". We also expanded on this and learned two different strategies to solve called "legal moves" and "double legal moves." Students will be starting middle school with a good foundation to build upon as they continue

learning algebra. We will finish the year working with "input and Output" tables focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

For literacy, we started out this month wrapping up our poetry unit which students really seemed to enjoy. We then shifted to persuasive essay writing. Students chose a topic that was of interest to them, and we have been working piece by piece during our literacy lesson on constructing each part of the essay. Students will begin writing the conclusion of their essay the week they return from the long holiday weekend. Then, they will begin putting all of the pieces they have written so far together to create a final draft their final essay.

For our grammar work this month, we have focused on synonyms, antonyms, as well as figurative language, such as, idioms, personification, and hyperbole.

*A reminder to all families that our 5th grade Completion Ceremony for DL students will take place virtually (online) on June 10th from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. We will be recognizing and honoring all of our departing 5th grade students as they go off on their next journey to middle school. We hope that you will join your student online with us for this celebration! More details to come as we get closer!

Physical Education

Thank you parents and students for a successful return to the gym! While our time in person was short, we accomplished so much more being together. My hope is you will continue to get lots of exercise and physical activity all summer long. Look to the Minneapolis Park Board for lessons and opportunities to learn skills safely.

When you have fun, you will forget about all the physical benefits that activity brings us. Be sure and



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capture pictures of you trying new adventures and skills. Include those little brothers and sisters, they look up to you and together you guys will giggle through the beautiful days of summer.

Reading books in the shade with a cool drink counts as a physically active adventure!!!

Please have a very safe and fun filled summer.

https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities_events/youth_programs/



Explore your MPS Summer Program options now!

Whatever you're looking for this summer, MPS has a program to meet your family's needs—whether it's innovative free Summer Scholars academies; free to low-cost Super Summer enrichment and learning; Minneapolis Kids childcare; or School Spirit Sport Camps. Click on the link below for more information.

[Summer Programs 2021 \(mpls.k12.mn.us\)](https://www.mpls.k12.mn.us)



Free Nutritious Meals For Kids 18 And Under

Only a click away!

The Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota during COVID-19.

How it works:

- 1 Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone.
- 2 Use the app to find the nearest site providing meals and meal packs by GPS.
- 3 Click on the nearby site and use the Meals Updates tab for more details.
- 4 Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media.

Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores. There are free meal sites across the state at schools and community locations. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of distribution.

More sites are added daily. For more information: www.hungerimpactpartners.org. Additional resources: Call the 2-1-1 Hotline, text COVID to 898211 or text "Summer Meals" to 97779, Spanish speakers, text "Verano" to 97779