



# Jenny Lind Elementary School

5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430



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## 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:** 612-668-2033

**Parent Liaison:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**Transportation:** Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

**School Nurse:** Summer PaVon, 612-668-2052

**MPS Transportation:** 612-668-2300

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Site Council 5:00-6:30pm

May 9-13<sup>th</sup>: SPIRIT WEEK

May 10<sup>th</sup>: 8:00-11:00am Women's History Career Fair

May 11<sup>th</sup>: H5-1<sup>st</sup> grade drive-in movie

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Grade 2-5: Dance

May 13<sup>th</sup>: All School Assembly

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Field Day

May 30<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL

## Principals' Corner

Hello Lind Families:

We can't believe it's already May and we hope this newsletter finds all of you well. While this school year has certainly been challenging for all of us in different ways, at Lind, excellence means that we are committed to continuous improvement across all aspects of our school: from academics to social, emotional, and physical well-being. As we approach these last 7 weeks of the school year, our focus continues to be rigorous instruction for all students. In addition, teachers and grade level teams have many activities and events planned to further engage and celebrate with their students. Please be

on the look-out for communication regarding these various events.

This is just a reminder that the last day of school for students will be June 24th. That day will be here soon enough, but in the meantime, we would like to reach out to you with some updates and reminders.

o The 42 instructional minutes that have been added to our school day since our return from Spring Break is being used to extend instruction for all of our core content areas by 10 minutes, as well as an additional 10 minutes in all Specialist classes.

o Our school day start at 7:30 and ends at 2:42. Parent pick-up and bus dismissal starts at 2:45.

o If your child is parent pick-up, please have your child picked up by 2:55.

Just a note that this week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. We are fortunate to have incredibly dedicated, passionate, skilled classroom teachers, Specialists, teaching assistants, and many other wonderful staff at Jenny Lind! We had a few things planned each day to honor and celebrate the staff, but we know that hearing from you would also mean so much to them; feel free to send in a note of gratitude to your child's teacher(s) if you'd like.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your children's education and thank you for being an important part of the Jenny Lind School Community this year.

Lind Administration

## 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 612-467-9720

Nick Cross – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 612-351-2206

Summer PaVon- School Nurse: 507-509-8208



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## Health Office Update

*It continues to be important students STAY HOME if they are feeling sick but please call the Health Office if your child is ill so staff can help guide families through the new shortened timeframes to keep the community safe. If your student is vaccinated for COVID, please be sure to send a copy of the student's vaccination card to school or bring it in and we can make a copy for you and update our records. If you are interested in vaccinations for your student, please contact the Health Office and we will help you identify locations to get your student vaccinated. Spring is here! Be healthy and well!*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Next meeting:

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00-6:30pm

**Dinner and childcare provided!**

## Media Center

As we approach the end of the year, we need to ensure students are returning overdue school library books. With so much time out of school and in distance learning this year, many books have been forgotten or misplaced. Please help to check your student's belongings at home for school library books and send them back to school with your student as soon as possible. **All books must be returned by FRIDAY, JUNE 3.** We will be sending home overdue notices with specific book titles next week. Thank you for your help!

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

For the month of May High 5 will focus on the theme, Nature All Around Us. Students will be engaged in the following:

Literacy- Letter Names, Letter Sounds, Rhyming, Alliteration, Story Retelling, Concepts of Print and Journal Writing

Math- Counting, Number Identification, Shapes & 3 D Shapes Identification, Patterns, One-One Correspondence, Before/After, Sorting & More/Less

Science- Growing & Changing & Season-Spring

Social-Emotional Learning- Sharing, Taking Turns, & Social Problem-Solving

Equity & Diversity- Practiced Kindness/Empathy & Cultural Celebrations



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## Kindergarten

Lind Kindergarteners are making great progress in our phonics skills. Please continue to practice reading every night with your kindergartener. We will begin our literacy unit about celebrations. Our essential question is: Why do we celebrate people and events? In social studies, we are learning about geography; specifically maps and landforms. We will continue practicing addition/subtraction problems in math and different strategies to help us find the answer.

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

Hello 1<sup>st</sup> grade families!  
We have been working hard the last few weeks! We are getting ready to start a new unit in reading about outer space. In math we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction problems and will soon move into our unit on graphing. In phonics we are working really hard on spelling and reading grade level words and sight words. Please keep reading with your student at home as much as possible!

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

2nd graders have been working hard! Students have been putting in great effort learning their phonics/literacy skills for spelling, reading, listening, & writing with our Groves & Benchmark curriculums and Lexia Core 5. We have been learning about contractions in Groves, and

reading Folktales in reading. We have still been making weekly trips to the library! Each student is able to check out 1 book a week & are able to bring them home! Please be on the lookout for the books to encourage reading at home! :) Please make sure to send books back with students weekly so they are able to check out more books.

In math we are continuing our learning with our pilot curriculum, Savvas Investigations 3 and Dreambox. The second graders just finished up the Fractions unit!

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

Third grade worked really hard on their MCA Math and MCA Reading tests. Our next unit in reading is on Economics. In math we have finished out Geometry unit and are moving on to Algebra. Make sure to look for the May calendar in your child's backpack. There are a lot of fun events coming up in May!

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

Hello 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families!  
We are looking forward to some fun events in May! You will receive more information as we get closer. We will continue to work on our literacy unit about our changing earth. We have learned about earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes! In math, we are focusing on our geometry and measurement skills. Be sure to encourage your child to be a positive leader and show kindness to all. Thanks!

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

This month we have many fun activities planned like the Women's History Month Career Fair on May 10th, Spirit Week, and a field trip to the Vikings stadium for a field day on May 19th. In Literacy, we

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will be finishing our book, the Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. In Math, we will begin our Geometry Unit and learn about how to find the area, volume, and surface area of different polygons and shapes.

## Specialists

### MUSIC



In the music room, students of all ages are working hard on songs that they will perform for the spring concert! The concert will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> and will feature lots of songs related to social studies, including the classic "Fifty Nifty" song, which lists all the states in alphabetical order. The youngest students will also be performing songs about literacy and math, including songs about the alphabet, counting, and subtraction. The fifth grade band kids are working on songs they can play together as a band for the first time in a fun, family sing-along style. See you at the concert!

### SCIENCE

In kindergarten students are learning about materials! They are doing experiments to see how materials are affected in different ways. Here is Ms. White's class testing what happens when blocks of wood get wet!

