



# Jenny Lind Elementary School



November 2021

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Principal:** Pao Vue, 612-668-2020

**Asst. Principal:** Mercedes Walker, 612-668-2020

**School Secretary:** Lee Hibbard, 612-668-2023

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

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

**Nurse:** 612-668-2052

**Health Office:** 612-668-2033

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

**Tech Support:** 612-668-0088

**Attendance:** 612-668-2033

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** PICTURE DAY!

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** No School/Record Keeping Day

**November 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** American Indian  
Awareness & Family Involvement Week

**November 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:** No School-Thanksgiving  
Holiday

**December 20<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>:** No School-Winter Recess

## **Principals' Corner**

Dear Lind Families,

Can you believe it? We are almost at the end of First Quarter!

Thank you for the last 2 months together and thank you to those of you who were able to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. We know the learning, growth, and development of children happens best when there is a healthy home-and-school relationship. The partnership between you and Lind is critical throughout your child's developmental journey, and it is an honor to work with each of you. Whether you've been a part of the community for many years or you are new to our school, we hope you see that Lind strives to provide an exceptional experience for all of our students, parents and caregivers.

As parents and caregivers, we rely on your help in educating your child. You can support your child's learning by making sure that he or she comes to school every day, on time, and ready to learn. You can also further support your child by participating on Site Council, and attending conferences, meetings, and other school activities. There are various opportunities to be involved in the school. Please reach out to our school's Family and Community Liaison, Ms. Rochelle, if you are interested.

Here are a few reminders about our school day:

- o Our school day is 7:30-2:00. Our doors open at 7:15.
- o Dismissal starts at 2:00. Parent pick-up and students leave for buses beginning at 2:05. All children must be picked up by 2:15.
- o All changes to individual student arrangements for Dismissal must be made by noon.

Your cooperation and assistance are vital to providing a good education for all students. We need to know what your suggestions, concerns, and questions are so that we can do a better job of supporting your child's educational program. We urge you to come in, call, or send a note if you have specific questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support of your child and for your partnership at Jenny Lind.

Mr. Vue & Ms. Walker





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## Social Worker Update

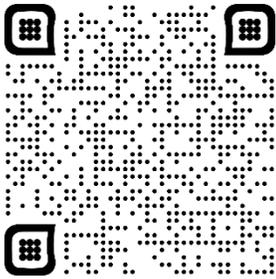
The Social Work team is happy to support you and your family. We have resources ranging from rent support and eviction prevention funds to short-term mental health support. We know that many students are struggling this year with being back to in person learning, being at a new school, community violence and more. Please reach out to us if we can do anything to help support you and your family.

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

Vanessa Wilson – Intern (Tue/Wed) - 651-560-3420

Resources are available [here](#).



## PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Picture forms were sent home with your child. You can also order online. Order forms should be completed/turned in no later than picture day. To sign up online, go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and enter the school code: EVTR3CV3G. Looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces!

## Late passes

If your child is arriving after 7:40am, please let them know they need to come to the main office for a late pass. They can also get breakfast while supplies last. Thank you!

## DRESS FOR WEATHER

Now that the weather is getting colder, please send your child to school with warmer clothes and outer wear. The students will be going outside every day, unless it is raining. Thank you!

## Health Office

Hello Jenny Lind students and families! We have a new nurse starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are excited to welcome Summer Pavon to our Jenny Lind family.

If your child does not feel well, please do not send them to school.

Note that the period of quarantine for COVID exposure has changed from 14 days to 10 days for unvaccinated students, but in some cases, it may still be for 14 days.

To the parents of little ones, please put extra clothes in their backpack, or perhaps a set of clothes to leave in their locker for when they have accidents, we don't have a large supply of extra clothes.

## Want to join our JL Community?

Please join us at Site Council! Our first meeting is on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am either in-person or virtually. Reach out to our parent liaison, Rochelle at 612-668-2027 if you have any questions and to find out how to get the link to the meeting.



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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

In the month of November, High 5 will be learning about Our Community. For math, we will be counting 0-20, shapes (circle, square, triangle), #3, one to one correspondence, patterns, and more or less. For literacy, we will be learning concepts of print, letter names, letter sounds, rhyming, alliteration, journal and name writing. For science, we are learning about seasons and weather. Every day we practice social problem-solving skills, feeling identification, self-regulation, classroom rules and routines.

### Kindergarten

We have had a very productive first quarter of kindergarten. We are currently working on counting quantities and writing numbers up to twelve in math. Every day, we practice our new phonics curriculum, Groves Method. In reading, we are learning about how characters are different. Please continue to read with your child every night and ask questions about the story. Also, remember dress your child for the cold weather, we go outside every day for recess.

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

In first grade we are learning about subtraction and solving story problems. We are learning about community: where we live, work, and play; and we will explore ways to help our community.

In language arts, we are learning to do what good readers and writers do. We are asking questions when we read and write to better understand content. We are learning to listen to the sounds in words to read and write, and we are learning to plan what we will write with a beginning, middle, and end.

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

Hello 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families!

Our second graders have been learning and growing so much! They have been working hard and are enjoying being back with friends – at a safe distance! :)

We have been continuing our work in our social emotional curriculum, Second Step. Our theme for Unit 2 is Empathy.

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. Each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class had their first visit to the library. Our librarian, Beck, helped students learn about our media center space, the books, and then got to check one out to enjoy at school. Students will have the option to bring their library books home after Harvest Break.

In math we are continuing our learning with our pilot curriculum, Savvas Investigations 3 and Dreambox. The second graders have been engaged with our Unit 1 study of a variety of math skills including reading, writing & representing numbers, coins, telling time, reading, adding, and subtracting!

We are so proud of our students and their love and motivation for learning! Keep up the great work!

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

Third grade is starting their new reading unit on characters and character traits. Read a fable or folk tale at home and ask your student to retell it back to you. We are also starting our new math unit on numbers to 1,000. Continue to practice multi-digit addition and subtraction problems. Weekly homework will be starting the week of November 8th. Thank you for your continued support and we loved seeing you all at conferences.

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

4th Grade has been enjoying finishing their fairytales in literacy and are just about to start researching animals for an informational report. In math the students are working on multiplication facts 1-9 and just about to start multiplying larger numbers. 4th Grade has teamed up with the Loppet Foundation and have enjoyed riding bikes and playing team games in the gym. Families, continue to remind your child to read 30 minutes a day at home and practice their multiplication facts. -Ms. Goodrum and Ms. Sacks



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello from 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

Thank you to everyone that attended Fall Conferences! It was great to meet all of you and connect about the great work your child is doing. This month in Reading we will be focusing on inferencing and drawing conclusions within nonfiction text. In Writing we will be working on a research project connected to careers and what it takes to get there! Please share at home with your child how your education and career path led you to your past and present occupations.

Math we are continuing to work in multi-digit multiplication and division strategies. 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to be strong in various strategies of solving within division and multiplication. Please continue to practice basic multiplication facts and division.

Important reminders:

Second Quarter Begin Nov. 8

No School Nov. 12 (Teacher Record Keeping)

No School Nov. 24-26 (Fall Break)

## Media Center

*Class visits to the library have finally begun! Students are visiting the library once per week to check out books. Students were sent home with letters providing more information about the library and book checkout. If you have any questions, please contact Beck in the Library/Media Center.*



## AEB FORMS

**ALL families with children enrolled in the Minneapolis Public Schools district should complete an Application for Educational Benefits each year.**

Information provided on Applications for Educational Benefits:

- generates millions of dollars in funding for Minneapolis Public Schools and our schools, students, and families.
- determines benefits for students and families such free bus cards and discounted internet service. Please note that due to a federal waiver, all students will receive no cost breakfast and lunch for the entire 2021-2022 school year. **All families are still strongly encouraged to complete an application for their household.**

The Application for Educational Benefits (formerly known as Free and Reduced) can be completed at **TITAN K-12 Family Portal**.

1. Visit **TITAN K-12 Family Portal**.
2. Click on **Apply for Meals Today** (log in not required).
3. Follow the instructions to complete your online application.

**An eligibility notice letter will arrive via mail or email within 10 business days.**

Paper applications and letters will be also sent out in the mail prior to the start of the school year to every family that has not yet completed the form online. Save time and resources by filling out your application online today!

## **Additional Information**

- One application needed per family each year.
- This form used to be called the "Free and Reduced Lunch" form
- The income thresholds are higher than in some programs, so many families are surprised to find they DO qualify.