



# Jenny Lind Elementary School



November 2022

## **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

us for some festivities as we celebrate our first nations relatives. We are also looking forward to our after-school classes starting; there is still plenty of space to sign up and there is financial assistance for families. Please stop by the main office for more information and to fill out an application; so far, we have programming for Monday's and Wednesday's, but the more students who sign up, the better and more robust the programming!

Hope to see y'all soon!

Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker

## **SAVE THE DATE**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Site Council Mtg 5:30pm

November 4<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL/Record Keeping Day

November 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL-Fall Break

December 9<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL

December 19<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL-Winter Recess

## 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!

## **Principals' Corner**

Hey Lind Family!

This year is moving with a quickness; can you believe that Quarter 1 ends on 11/3/22?

We have had a beautiful month of celebrating all our identities and strengthening our community. Several teams took their classes off campus for field trips and student council has been busy giving feedback to help shape our school improvement plan. We celebrated "Hispanic Heritage Month" by trying different foods from Latinae cultures while we listened to music and colored together. Then we had conferences, which were very successful, with almost 80 percent of families connecting with their child's teacher to solidify the home-school partnership. Most recently, student council led "Unity Day" where students wore orange and signed a pledge to stand up against bullying. It was a powerful display of kindness and student voice! In November we are looking forward to "American Indian Awareness Week" and hope you all will join

## **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!

## **Want to join our JL Community?**

Please join us at Site Council! Our next meeting is on Nov 2nd at 5:30pm. Reach out to our parent liaison, Rochelle at 612-668-2027 if you have any questions.



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## Counselor's Update

During the last few weeks, I have started to meet with small groups of students designed to boost connections and practice mindfulness. One activity that has been fun to practice is active listening. We practice this skill with partners. Each partner listens to the other without speaking for one minute and then tries to repeat back what they heard. To be heard in this way has an amazing positive effect on your students. Listening with focused attention makes them feel important. I recommend trying it at home. Reading aloud and playing games at home are some fun ways to practice active listening with focused attention. I look forward to working with your wonderful students each week!

Thank you –

Julie Gullickson, JL school counselor

## Social Worker Update

We want to take this time to remind families of the McKinney-Vento Act which says that children who are homeless due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason have certain rights at school. Situations that count towards being Homeless and Highly Mobile (HHM) include, but aren't limited to being doubled up with friends/family, living in a hotel, living in a shelter, or other residence not designed for housing. Your rights include being able to stay in your school of origin with transportation and removing certain paperwork requirements that might prevent access to an education. If you think your family might meet these criteria please reach out to Nick or Travis and we can talk you through it. For more information about the McKinney-Vento Act visit the district website <https://hhmfc.mpls.k12.mn.us/> 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

## Health Office

Reminders for parents:

Parents of little ones: please send extra clothes to school, they can keep them in their lockers.

Please observe your student in the morning before they come to school, if they are sick, or not feeling well please keep them home. Please call the health office when your student is absent so that we can keep adequate attendance for them.

Please make sure that your contact, and emergency contact information for your student is up to date.

### Health Tips:

1. Practice washing hands with student when they are entering the home from always coming from outdoors.
2. Staying hydrated through the winter can boost your immune system and give your body the support it needs to fight off infection. Drinking water and staying hydrated can also help you stay warmer in the winter month

As always, thank you for entrusting your student to our care.

Tressie Mitchell, HSA 612-668-2033





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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Hi-5

For the month of November in High 5 our theme is "Our Community". We will focus on the following skills in each academic area:

#### Literacy:

- letter identification and letter sounds
- G, H, I, J
- rhyming
- alliteration
- repeated read-aloud
- theme vocabulary
- first name writing
- journal writing

#### Math:

- counting, 0-20
- shapes (triangle and rectangle)
- patterns
- counting backward, 10-0
- one-one correspondence
- number identification
- longer vs. shorter
- sorting

#### Science:

- season, fall
- daily weather

#### SEL:

- empathy
- managing feelings

### Kindergarten

We have had a very productive first quarter of kindergarten. In math, students are learning combinations of numbers that make five and comparing quantities within 10. Every day, we practice our phonics curriculum, Groves Methods. Our upcoming letter focus are: **r, n, f, p, h, g,** and **o**. In reading, we are learning about how characters in stories 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

First graders are busy solving addition and subtraction story problems.

In literacy we are learning about story characters. When reading stories with your student, focus on the characters and what they think, do and say. Remember to empty your child's backpack each day for important papers and information. As the weather cools please send a sweater to school so your student is comfortable.

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

*This month we will be focusing on making predictions and inferences while reading a text. We will continue learning how to read using our Groves phonics curriculum. We will be sending home sight words to be practiced throughout the week with a quiz on Friday. We will also be sending home math homework on Mondays that is due the following Friday and we will send home a new November reading log as well.*

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

Our third graders have been putting in work for the second month of school! They have been learning a lot with our Bridges math curriculum! Students are working on phonics and reading with Groves. This month in literacy they have been learning about Government for the People! Please be on the lookout for your third graders planner that is sent home daily & their homework that is sent home weekly! Just a friendly reminder, please charge your student's device daily & make sure they are bringing it to school. If you would like to send a snack with your student you are more than welcome!



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

Hello Supernova families,

4th and 5th grade are continuing to work hard on our classroom procedures and expectations. In Math, we will begin Bridges Unit 2. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will begin to work on multidigit multiplication and early division. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin to understand fractions better and will work to learn how to add and subtract them. In Reading, we will also start Benchmark Unit 2, which focuses on characterization. In SEL, we are continuing to show respect, empathy, listening attentively, and being assertive. We have also started our geography unit on use of maps and the different types of maps.

## Phy Ed.

In P.E, H5-2 are now professionals in "Duck-Duck-Gray Duck"(In some states Duck-Duck-Goose) and freeze tag as well. Next week will begin working on "ships across the Ocean" as well as "team tag". As for grades 3-5, we are finishing up our soccer unit and throughout November we will be working on passing and dribbling in basketball. So much excitement for November!

## Dance

This month in dance we have been talking about different areas of movements in space. We have been learning how to move through the area of the room in different ways. The 4th/5th grade classes are ending this month with a lesson about Michael Jackson. We are learning about his incredible impacts on dance and a short few counts of "Thriller".

## ELL

In ELD Class, our yearlong focus is to be bilingual. In Kindergarten and First grade, we are reading the Alphatales Books and focusing on the Alphabet Letters and the sounds they

make. In Second grade, we are learning sight words with a focus on writing complete sentence. In Third, Fourth and Fifth grade, we are learning about facts and opinions and practicing writing descriptive sentences.  
Chrissy Brogdon

## Media Center

Students will start weekly library visits with their classrooms this month. They will have the opportunity to borrow books to read at school and at home. We will be sending a letter home with students about taking care of library materials. Please review and support your student in remembering to bring their library books back to school.

## Testing:

CogAT Testing will occur November 7-18. This test helps schools identify advanced learners. A letter will be mailed to your home with more information.





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## After School Classes

After School fall/winter session will begin THIS

WEDNESDAY Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Registration online @ [After School Youth Classes - Minneapolis Public Schools \(eleyo.com\)](#) or in the main office.

### Gail

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## 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.