



Jenny Lind Elementary School



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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

Parent Liaison: Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

Transportation: Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

Health Office: 612-668-2033

MPS Transportation: 612-668-2300

Tech Support: 612-668-0088

Attendance: 612-668-2033

SAVE THE DATE

October 5th: Parent Site Council 7:30am

October 20-22: No School/Conferences

Principals' Corner

Dear Jenny Lind Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2021-2022 school year! And a very special welcome to our families who are new to the Lind community. There has been so much joy in being back together physically and we would like to thank you for being part of the Lind Family. It was a wonderful September to welcome all students back on-site for full-day instruction. Learning is best realized by full-time, in-person instruction and activities. We are thrilled that our school is buzzing with all our students, staff, and once again, our parents. **We invite you to come to join our first Site Council on October 5th.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on October 19 and 20. We are hoping that very soon, you can be a part of all the wonderful school events we've planned for this year. Please continue to check the calendar and look for further communication coming home regarding all our events. This is just a reminder that face coverings are required for all students and visitors regardless of an individual's vaccination status in all MPS buildings, and we are still working to maintain 3-6 feet of social distancing. Please fill out the Applications for Educational Benefits (AEB) form for your child if you have not done so. We also understand that there have

been many transportation challenges these last few weeks. Our District has been working on additional strategies to mitigate these challenges and those strategies will soon be implemented. We appreciate your patience and partnership as we work thorough this situation together. Again, thank you for your partnership and support for our entire school community. We look forward to seeing all of you at conferences and other events.

Warmly, Lind Administration

Social Worker Update

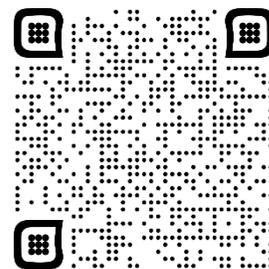
Welcome to a new school year from the Social Work team. Please reach out if we can help your child or family. We are happy to share resources as needed. We enjoy checking-in with your children providing support, teaching skills in small groups and 1:1. Please reach out if we can help.

Travis Hayes – Pre-K – 2nd grade – 612-467-9720

Nick Cross – 3rd – 5th grade – 612-351-2206

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

Resources are available [here](#).



PLEASE REMEMBER:
ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK EVERY DAY. Please send you child to school with a mask. Thank you!

Health Office

Hello Jenny Lind students and families! The Health Office staff wants to welcome you to the new school year! A way that families can help support health and



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safety of their students at school is to send a change of clothes in the backpack to be kept either in your student's classroom or locker. We have a limited supply of extra clothes and this will ensure your student is prepared for any accidents that may happen. Thank you!

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Dear families of **Bus 4 Out**:

Your student(s) will be moving to a different bus. This change will be in effect as of October 4th. Please check your child's backpack for new tags on Friday, October 1st.
Thank you!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

High 5 is off to a great start of the school year! For the month of September our theme is Ready For School. We are learning letters A, B & C names and sounds, counting 0-10, patterns and the number 1. High 5 friends are practicing taking turns, sharing and being kind (our class rule).

Thanks-
Jen & Mary

Kindergarten

The kindergarteners are busy learning and following classroom procedures, routines, and rules. In math, we are exploring our manipulatives: cubes, geo-blocks, pattern blocks, bears, buttons, and tiles. We are

also learning about the attributes of these tools.

In literacy, we are working on rhyming and identifying key details in a story or poem. Please remember to wear a mask every day

1st grade

The first few weeks of first grade have been spent getting to know each other. We are working on our routines and procedures for math, reading, and writer's workshops. In math, we are learning to count with accuracy and double check our work. In language arts, we are reviewing letter sounds and sight words. We are interviewing each other and creating "All About" books for each student. We are practicing listening skills, calm bodies, and keeping hands and bodies to ourselves. Classroom rules are being created together taking into consideration the students' hopes and dreams for first grade.

2nd grade

The second-grade team is so excited to have the students back, face-to-face learning, for the 2021-2022 school year!

We have been busy establishing relationships with students and families. We are also working on building community within our classrooms. This was challenged when we lost Miss Goodrum to a 4th-grade position, but the students are adjusting to their new classrooms and thriving! It's amazing how resilient children are.

The students have begun lessons in Second Step curriculum which teaches social skills. Our first two weeks of school have focused on how to be respectful in school and the four skills for learning, which are focusing attention, listening, using self-talk, and being assertive. We are partnering with Groves in literacy this year, in addition to our district reading curriculum, Benchmark Advance, to increase student achievement in reading and writing. We are piloting a new math



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curriculum called Savvas Investigations 3. Students are introduced to math tools they will encounter all year. They are also introduced to three of the year-long Classroom Routines that support work and provide review and practice in number, data, and geometry. We look forward to a year filled with a lot of learning and growth, emotionally and academically, for our second-grade scholars!

3rd grade

Third grade has been having a great time starting the year with everyone in-person. We are working on graphing in Math and writing about our hopes and dreams in literacy. We also started our new phonics program. Ask your student about Groves time! We want to remind everyone to continue to wear masks to school and bring your device back and forth each day. We are looking forward to a fabulous school year.

4th grade

4th graders are off to a great start reviewing place value and getting into our first unit of math. In literacy we are starting to read and write fairy tales! 4th graders are focusing on kindness and empathy. They are doing awesome!

5th Grade

5th grade has been working hard on procedures and classroom expectations, which will continue. In literacy, we have been reviewing story elements such as plot development. We will be moving into character traits and making self to text connections. Math has been a review of multiplication strategies and gearing up to review division. We have had a strong start and it's been a pleasure getting to know our 5th grade students.

SPECIALISTS

Art

In art class, we have been getting reacquainted with the art room after having art on a cart last year. We have been working hard to establish our routines and to get to know one another. We started off the year with a self-portrait so that we can picture ourselves as artists! Here are some 5th grade examples!



Physical Education

Welcome back to school and welcome back to the gym!!!! Your scholar is on a 3-day rotation or a 4-day rotation to their physical education class. Comfortable shoes to run in is a MUST. Crocs are dangerous in the gym. Students are experiencing more falls wearing Crocs while being active on the wood floor. Active shoes, that are tied, make all the difference in their success.

We have water fountains in the gym, I do encourage students to bring a water bottle. *Grades high-5—2nd grade will work on strength through running activities and tag games. *Grades 3-5 will work on their strength



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and stamina through running activities and small indoor soccer games.

Science



This is Room 116, learning about living and non-living things!

Media Center

Hello JL families! My name is Beck Helgeson, and I am the new Media Resource staff member (aka Librarian) at Jenny Lind. We are currently preparing to welcome students back into the Media Center for weekly visits and book checkouts, hopefully beginning in mid-October. I will follow up with more information and a letter home in the coming weeks, so please be on the lookout. I am so excited to be a part of the Jenny Lind family!

Want to join our JL Community?

Please join us at Site Council! Our first meeting is on Oct. 5th 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.



After school programs are back! The Jenny Lind After School fall session will start Oct. 25.

Classes will occur
Mondays thru Thursdays
from 2:00-4:30

- 2:00 to 2:15...Snack
- 2:15 to 3:15...Block 1 classes
- 3:15 to 3:20... Transition
- 3:20-4:20... Block 2
- 4:20-4:30... Dismissal for parent pick-up and walkers
- 4:30...Bus departure

Snacks will be served in a socially distanced setting.

Registration will be held online via **Eleyo**, a website we use to track classes. Use the QR code below or visit the URL to select a class and sign up your student.

https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/search?redirected_yet=true&sf%5Bcategory%5D=77



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