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Linn Grove PTO



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Cash 4 Kids - Hy-Vee Receipts

Do you know about Hy-Vee's Cash 4 Kids program? For the last 5 years Hy-Vee has been giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to local schools during this program each year.

But we **NEED YOUR HELP!** Currently we are down \$86,669.39 down from last year, which equals **\$433.35** for Linn Grove. We know not everyone shops at Hy-Vee all the time, but please ask friends, family and neighbors if they will save their Hy-Vee receipts for you!

Currently we have added a total of \$155,969.85 in receipts, which equals **\$779.85 for Linn Grove.**

Remember there are a LOT of qualifying receipts!

QUALIFYING CEDAR RAPIDS AND
MARION HY-VEE RECEIPTS INCLUDE:

**GROCERY, CATERING, PHARMACY, FUEL,
HY-VEE STARBUCKS AND CARIBOU,
WINE & SPIRITS, MARKET GRILLE + MORE!**

And a BIG REMINDER!

This year the time frame of turning in receipts has changed!

This is so we can get the money before the school is out for summer.

Turn in receipts by Wednesday April 5th!!



So please, turn in all Hy-Vee receipts you can get to help Linn Grove earn more money with little effort! **We get \$1 for every \$200 turned in.**

If you have any questions please contact **Carmen Bell** at: bell4ever@aol.com

Want to be reminded of a PTO Event, when a Box Top Contest is coming to an end or maybe an update on a fundraiser? Then sign up for Remind from the Linn Grove PTO!



Sign up for important updates from the LG PTO

Get information for LG PTO right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for LG PTO:

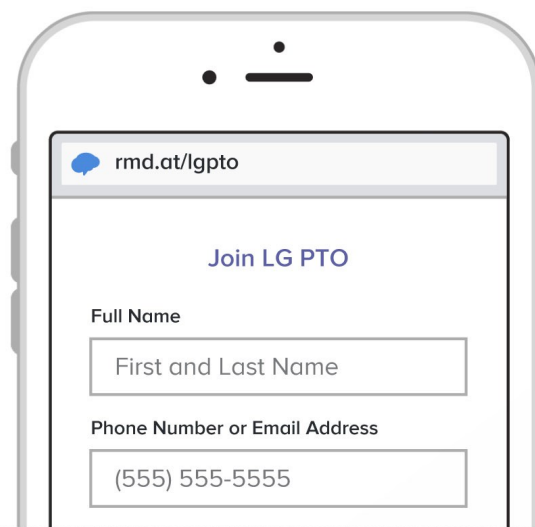
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If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/lgpto

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@lgpto](https://t.me/lgpto) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@lgpto](https://t.me/lgpto) to **(424) 543-7183**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/lgpto on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>

1st time shopper on Smile:

- 1) Sign into your Amazon account as normal.
- 2) Type in Linn Grove PTO in the search for Charitable Organization
- 3) From the Search select Linn Grove PTO
- 4) Start Shopping!

Now anytime you go to Smile.amazon.com you will automatically help Linn Grove!

Amazon will give Linn Grove 0.5% the price on eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Linn Grove!

Those purchases add up, share with friends and family so we can earn money while you shop.

If you have any questions please contact the PTO at linngroveptoemail@gmail.com.

Our caps YOUR CAUSE

Prairie Farms Our Caps Your Cause is a new program we just signed up for. Linn Grove received 5 cents for every cap code entered in online for Linn Grove. Once we hit 1,000 codes they will send us a check.

How Does it Work?

1. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms milk in gallon or half gallon sizes
2. Peel off the Prairie Farms cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code
3. Click the Enter Cap Codes Button at;
<http://www.prairiefarms.com/our-caps-your-cause.aspx>
4. From the drop down menu, select Linn Grove PTO
5. Enter your codes (up to 5 may be added at a time for quicker entry)
6. Click the Redeem Codes button

That's it!

For every code redeemed, Prairie Farms will give **5 cents** to your selected charity.
Small change that makes a big difference.



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Box Tops for Education

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Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Last school year, we earned \$3,387.40 and used the money to help fund things like ROAR, Movie Nights, Friends & Family Breakfast and our Library. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$4,000.00

Are you a Box Tops member? **Sign up at www.BTFE.com** to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of hundreds of participating products. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash.

There are so many products that have Box Tops on them, you can find a complete list at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>

And remember, check the expiration date on all Box Tops, if they are past the expiration date we cannot turn them in.



**Current Contest from now until February 22nd
is to win \$5 to the Book Fair!**

**The top classroom in each POD will win \$25
to spend at the Book Fair!**



Other Ways to Earn Box Tops for Linn Grove!

Check out the earn section of the Box Tops section and you will find games and other sweepstakes to try and earn more money for Linn Grove. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn>



NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. **Here's how it works:**

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



BUY.

FIND OFFERS.
BUY PRODUCTS.

SCAN.

SCAN YOUR
RECEIPT.

EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



Also check out our NEW Box Top FB Page:

Linn Grove Box Toppers, you will find contests and bonus information!



Pop Tabs & Ronald McDonald House

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Did you know that Linn Grove collects pop tabs (aka pull tabs) to donate to Ronald McDonald House?

Collecting the pull-tabs from cans is an easy and fun way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois.

The pull-tabs collected at the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City are shipped to a recycling center for processing. RMHC of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois receives money from the recycling center based on how many pounds of pull-tabs get delivered.

Annually the pull-tab collection program generates **over \$14,000** to support services for the families and children that RMHC of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois serves. **Every pull-tab saved helps!**

So save those pop tabs, put them in a zip lock bag and drop them off at Linn Grove! There is bin in the front lobby marked for Pop Tabs.

Want to learn more about RMHC, go to <http://rmhc-eiwi.org/> and read more about what you can do to help and the amazing stories of families helped by Ronald McDonald House.

Linn Grove's Library Project!

As you know this year our fundraising goal was to raise money to make over our Library! We wanted some fun seating, new tables and more books!

Well we are now looking at 3 phases to get our library a face lift!

Phase 1 - New Computer tables! Our current tables are made to hold 4 computers but with our classroom sizes we have 5 on them which means kids are sitting on a leg of the table. Plus are tables are so far apart it's hard to teach the whole class at once!

Phase 2 - Fun Seating! We want the kids to WANT to be in the Library and comfortable to spread out and read. So we are looking at some fun seating that is comfortable. We think the kids will love these "couches" instead of the floor!

Phase 3 - Additional tables. The current Library tables are heavy and hard to move. The legs almost fall off after we move them a few times. This will not only give kids space and ease to combine tables but also for staff meetings or other district meetings.

Books - We continue to give the Library money to purchase new books. Currently our library has over 24,000 books. That is 40 books per student! The library will receive 10% of all Box Top money, usually \$300-\$400 annually, plus additional money from our participation in the book fair contests. The PTO is dedicated to giving additional money to the Library towards books when we have a surplus left over from fundraising and our budget.



Upcoming PTO Events

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT



February

February 21st - Science Night 6:00-7:45 pm, This is our first Science Night and we can't wait! Mt. Mercy will be there to show us how much fun science is, and there is **FREE Pizza** for anyone who comes! Watch for the RSVP to come home.

March

March 7th - PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Media Center, Childcare is provided. Come for all or part of the meeting

March 10th - Linn Grove Movie Night, doors open at 6:00 and movie will start by 6:15. Movie to be announced closer to the date. Please feel free to bring a blanket to spread out and wear your PJs! Water and popcorn provided by the PTO.

March 19th - Linn Grove Night at Hurricane Grill! Look for more information to come home soon.

March 30th - Parlor City DAY for Linn Grove! Slips will go home with kids in March, bring those slips to Parlor City anytime that day and we will get 10% back from your purchase! Lunch, dinner, snacks or Ice Cream!



Family Fun Night is COMING! Mark down on your calendars for April 7th, 5:00-7:30! We are planning it now and can't wait to share all the fun there will be!



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for someone to Co-Chair Family Fun Night with Kara. This person would then take over chairing Family Fun Night next year on their own or with help from Kara if needed. Let the PTO know if you are interested!

Event Chair/Co Chair Positions:

Family Fun Night Co-Chair - April

"Job Shadow" one of the PTO Board Positions!

Next school year, 2017-2018 is the last year for most of us on the board unless we run again. If you are interested in a board position starting the 2018-2019 school year please let us know! We would love to have you job shadow us next year so you are ready to run in spring 2018. What a great way to learn the ropes! Please contact the PTO anytime between now and next fall.

The open positions will be; President, Vice President, Correspondence Secretary, Recording Secretary, and 2 Co-Treasurers.

Please let us know at Linngroveptoemail@gmail.com if you are interested

We are currently trying to raise money for our fitness stations. If you know a business who would like to donate, or maybe a family or neighborhood please let us know. The station will be marked with your name, company name or neighborhood name on it as a thank you for your donation.



Linn Grove PTO

Linn Grove Elementary Fitness Stations

Would you like to show your support for our school? We would love for you to help us add **fitness stations** to our newly refinished walking/running trail. Linn Grove raised over \$26,000 to complete our trail and now we need help adding fitness stations.

Our trail is a fifth of a mile long and is used during the day by students in PE and at Recess. After school our running club uses it quite a bit also with our Red Black Track Attack event in September. The best thing is our Community also benefits from our trail. It is open to the public to come run, walk or bike on. Our families love this addition to the neighborhood as it gives them somewhere safe to go with their kids.

Adding fitness stations to our track will not only introduce equipment some kids never get the chance to use but also allows our community members to come and enjoy them with their family as well.

If you donate to our Fitness Stations your business name will appear on a sign by the station you help fund along with a big thank you to your business on our Website, Facebook page and Newsletter. Families or groups can also donate!

Minimum Donation starts at \$100

Fitness stations and amount needed (not including shipping & installation) for each. This is our ultimate wish list, but will get what we are able to with what we can raise.

Parallel Bars - \$470	Push Up Bars - \$170	Triple Chinning Bars - \$805	Arm Pedal - \$1250
Beam Jump - \$720	Dip Station - \$470	Sit Ups - \$665	Beam Step Up - \$545
Hamstring Stretch - \$245	Squat Vertical Bar - \$160	Crunch Station - \$260	Chin Up - \$435

PLEASE PRINT the following information

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return completed form and your donation to: **Linn Grove PTO 2301 50th ST., Marion, IA 52302.**
Make checks payable to **Linn Grove PTO.**

Your contribution is tax deductible; you may consider making a copy of this document for your records.

SOME OF OUR LINN GROVE FUN!

