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# Linn Grove PTO



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## Family Fun Night - April 7th 5:00-7:30

So what is Family Fun Night? It's a night for parents and their children to come to the school for some games, fun, prizes and to connect with other families.

FFN is right around the corner and we wanted to fill you in on what will be going on that night!

- FREE! Almost all of the fun stuff you can do is free at Family Fun Night! The only cost is if you want to eat dinner, purchase Kona Ice or play in the gym.
- Dinner cost is low and you get a LOT of food! We have Zios coming again with his MOUNDS of spaghetti and 8" Gondolas! Sometimes 1 plate of food can feed 2 people.
- Cupcake Walk is back again! You can play as much as you want.
- Book Walk has a new giveaway, every time you win a book you get to enter your name in to win a FREE Kindle Fire!
- Face Painters are back! We know how much everyone enjoyed them last year so we have them again this year.
- DIY Photo Booth, check it out and bring your phone. We will have a backdrop and lots of props for you to take your own pictures.
- Raffle Baskets and Tickets! We have over 25 amazing baskets this year that just keep growing!
- Hungry Hungry Hippo inflatable, Bounce House and a 15' Slide in the gym!
- Over 4 new games in the Pod! Check out the giant Connect 4 game this year!

How can you contribute? Volunteer to help set up, tear down or help that night. Volunteering for FFN is not a big time commitment, most help out 30 min to an hour so you still have time to spend time with your family! Do you have a 5th grader who would like to volunteer with you? Sign up together! Or if you have older kids in the Middle School or High School we invite them to volunteer as well.

Go online at to sign up <http://signup.com/go/z1zrtW> or email us at [lgptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:lgptovolunteers@gmail.com) and let Angela and Jessie how you would like to help!

Donations needed for the Cupcake Walk, donations can be sent in on April 6th or 7th!

Dinner Pre Order slips went home last week, you can find a sheet online along with more information about Raffle Baskets at:

<http://www.linngrovepto.org/family-fun-night.html>

# Upcoming PTO Events



## April

**April 4th** - PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Media Center, Childcare is provided. Come for all or part of the meeting

**April 7th** - 5:00-7:30 pm Family Fun Night (see front page for more information.

**April 25th** - LaCantina Day ALL DAY! Stop in for a bite to eat or a drink and Linn Grove will get back 10% on your ticket! Please make sure to mention it's for Linn Grove or bring a slip in!



## May

**May 2nd - Final PTO Meeting of the year!** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Media Center, Childcare is provided. Come for all or part of the meeting. We will be setting budget, fundraising for next year and the calendar.

**May 4th & 5th** - Breakfast with Buddies! Come join your child for donuts, juice or milk before school starts! This is open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends!



**May 16th** - 4:00 - Close Culver's Night, come dine in or drive up during this time and Linn Grove will receive 10% back! No slip needed.

## June

**June 6th** - 6:00-8:00 pm Linn Grove Summer Skate Night at Super Skate! Come dressed in your summer best, \$6 to skate. Let's kick off Summer Break with some fun!



## Job Shadow

### "Job Shadow" one of the PTO Board Positions!

Next school year, 2017-2018 is the last year for most of us on the board. 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](mailto:Linngroveptoemail@gmail.com) if you are interested



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

**1st time shopper on Smile:**

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- 2) Type in Linn Grove PTO in the search for Charitable Organization
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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](mailto: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.



**If you have any questions please contact the PTO at [linngroveptoemail@gmail.com](mailto:linngroveptoemail@gmail.com)**

# 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](http://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.**

**We are gearing up for our BIG end of year celebration!**

**There is a big goal to hit to make it happen but we know Linn Grove can do it!**

**So turn them in so we can DUNK our Teachers!**

## 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



**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!**

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google play

**BUY.**  
FIND OFFERS.  
BUY PRODUCTS.

**SCAN.**  
SCAN YOUR  
RECEIPT.

**EARN.**  
WATCH EARNINGS  
STACK UP.



to try and earn more money for Linn Grove. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn>

Also check out our NEW Box Top FB Page:

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

# Hy-Vee Receipts Due NOW!

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!** We need all Hy Vee receipts turned in by Wednesday April 5th!

**Right now we are behind on where we were last year so we need every Hy-Vee receipt we can get! Please ask neighbors and family to see if they would donate their receipts to Linn Grove!**

**Remember there are a LOT of qualifying receipts!**

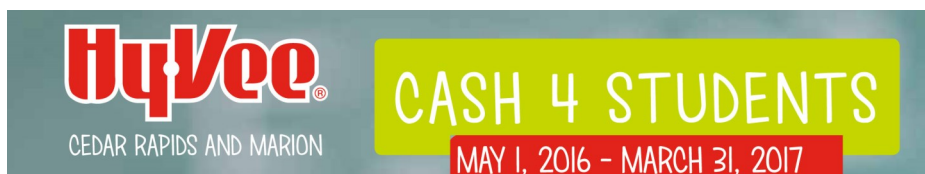
QUALIFYING CEDAR RAPIDS AND  
MARION HY-VEE RECEIPTS INCLUDE:  
**GROCERY, CATERING, PHARMACY, FUEL,  
HY-VEE STARBUCKS AND CARIBOU,  
WINE & SPIRITS, MARKET GRILLE + MORE!**

## **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](mailto:bell4ever@aol.com)

**Thank you for helping us earn money for our school!**

**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.

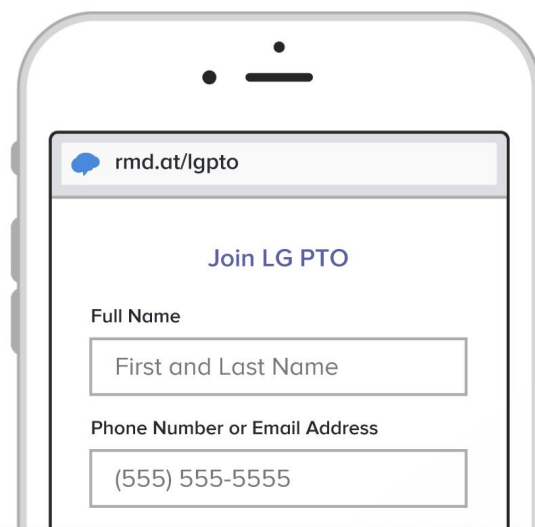
Pick a way to receive messages for LG PTO:

**A** 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](https://rmd.at/lgpto)

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



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

Text the message [@lgpto](#) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@lgpto](#) to **(424) 543-7183**.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/lgpto](https://rmd.at/lgpto) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



# Supply Packs are BACK!

You can start ordering School Supply Packs April 1st! This is an option to all families at Linn Grove next year but you do not need to order your supplies this way. We are trying it out to make it easier for you!

There are two ways to order; send in the order form with a check made out to the Linn Grove PTO or order online at [www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks) and enter in our schoolID: **LIN249**.

Paper order forms will be sent out in the next couple days and you have until June 6th to turn in your order form, or until June 25th to order online!

## Why Purchase a Supply Pack?

- ◆ No shopping
- ◆ No fighting the crowds
- ◆ No keeping track of the supply list
- ◆ No finding that last red folder
- ◆ No wondering if you need to get Crayola brand or if Rose Art is okay
- ◆ And NO hauling all the supplies to school, as they will be there waiting for your student at Meet & Greet!

Save your time, your money and your sanity! Summer is meant to be carefree and fun!

**\*Prices per pack:**

Kindergarten - \$18.00  
1st Grade - \$19.00  
2nd Grade - \$20.00  
3rd Grade - \$21.00  
4th Grade - \$19.00  
5th Grade - \$21.00



These packs include EVERYTHING you need from the supply list, which you can find here:  
[https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Elementary\\_School\\_Supply\\_Lists.pdf](https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Elementary_School_Supply_Lists.pdf)

**Donate a Pack!** This is an option online to donate a grade level pack. These are used for those that come to school without supplies either at the beginning of the school year or sometimes new students. With the order form you can donate \$5 towards supplies which is used to purchase grade level packs and extra supplies for the teachers like pencils.

Please let us know if you have any questions, [linngroveptoemail@gmail.com](mailto:linngroveptoemail@gmail.com)