



Fall 2017
Issue 1

Linn Grove PTO



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ATTENTION!! No More PTO Events This Year!

That is one thing NO one wants to hear, but it could be a possibility if we do not reach our fundraising goal of \$15,000.

Hopefully by now you have received the fundraising paperwork, Write ONE for Linn Grove. If not please see our website at: <http://www.linngrovepto.org/write-one-for-linn-grove.html> or find the paperwork in the school office.

This year instead of doing fundraising for RBTA, Pizza/Merchant Card sales and FFN, we will be doing a Write ONE for Linn Grove campaign. We will still do our raffle basket sales for FFN as many enjoy that and it's a lot of fun.

But if we do not reach our goal of \$15,000 which is an average of \$30 per student we will have to cut events and things we fund.

So what are a few things that we could lose this year?

- **Family Fun Night** - No Face painting, no bouncery fun in the gym, no new games, and not all games will have prizes.
- **Breakfast with Buddies** - **Cancelled**
- **PBIS** - Cut to the program, so no end of year celebration
- **Science Night** - **Cancelled**
- **ROAR** - Cut to the program
- **Field Trips/In house Field Trips** - Budget Cut in half
- **5th Grade Send off** - Budget Cut in half, pay only for shirts
- **Staff Appreciation** - **Cancelled or Cut**
- **Teacher Requests for their Rooms** - Cut in half or more
- **Box Tops** - No end of year celebration
- **Fitness, Art, Music & Library Funds** - Cut from budget

We need to raise money so we can continue these programs. We were hoping start a new Scholarship program to help those kids wanting to go to camp or another activities during the summer, let's make that happen.

Please make sure you share information about the fundraiser! People can donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/Write1forLinnGrove> or send a check in with your student made out to Linn Mar Foundation. *see page 9

- * **Individual Incentive Deadline NOVEMBER 30th to play Dodgeball!**
- * **School Incentive Deadline April 15th, but we will need to cut programs starting in January depending on what we have raised so far.**

Upcoming PTO Events



November

November 14th - Chick Fil A 5:00-8:00 pm, Linn Grove earns back 10% when you show them your flier (find on FB and Remind app if didn't get it home)

December

December 5th - 6:00-7:30 December PTO Meeting, come when you can and childcare is available.

December 9th - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Kids Holiday Bazaar @ Linn Grove. This event isn't just for the kids, but this is a great time for the kids to come buy gifts for those special people in their lives. Everything is \$10 a under and there is FREE Gift Wrapping!

December 13th - ALL DAY La Cantina Marion, Linn Grove earns back 10% when you show them the flier that will go home before the event. And it's all day long on food and drinks.

January

January 9th - 6:00-7:30 December PTO Meeting, come when you can and childcare available.

January 11th - TIME TBA Pajamas at Perkins! Stay tuned for more information but LG can earn 25% back and wear PJs to school & Perkins!

January 25th - 6:00-8:00 pm - Pajama Skate Night @ Super Skate. Cost is \$6.50 to skate, that also includes your skate rental! Come out and show off your moves.



PTO & Board Positions

"Job Shadow" one of the PTO Board Positions!

This 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 this 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 spring. We will take Nominations in March and Vote in April. **The open positions will be;** President, Vice President, Correspondence Secretary, Recording Secretary, and 2 Co-Treasurers.

You can check out more information about the board positions at:

<http://www.linngrovepto.org/2015-2017-pt0-business.html>

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

The Linn Grove PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at Linn Grove Elementary by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. Please see our by-laws for more information.

The PTO coordinates and hosts numerous, not for profit, family events such as Movie Night, Cuddle Up & Read, Chalk the Sidewalk and Family Game Night. We also put on conference dinners for staff and staff appreciation week. We coordinate class packs for your convenience.



Tis the Season! Earn Money for Linn Grove while you do your holiday shopping this season! Here are a few ways, share with family & friends!



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.



Linn Grove PTO is thrilled to announce two new fundraising opportunities. The first is with Shutterfly, the leader in personalized photo products, offering a wide range of photo books, gifts, home décor collections, and unlimited FREE photo storage. The second is with Tiny Prints, the leader in personalized stationery, offering luxe designs from top stationery designers. For each purchase you make from either one of these brands, 13% will be donated to our organization.

How To Support Us:

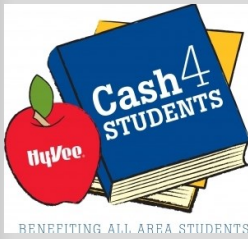
Go to our Storefront URL here – **LinnGrovePTO.ShutterflyStorefront.com**

Click through to Shutterfly.com or Shutterfly.com/Tinyprints and start shopping

Make a purchase. That's it, it is that easy AND you can still use any promo's that are being advertised on the Shutterfly site. Feel free to share this email with all your friends and family, the more people who purchase, the more our organization earns.

Thank you,
Linn Grove PTO

When you shop with Shutterfly or Tiny Prints 13% of each order will be donated to our organization



HyVee
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CASH 4 STUDENTS

APRIL 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

Wow! Did you know last year we received **\$1,419.71** with Hy-Vee's Cash 4 Student program? That was a little less than the year before but this year we are back on track to earning more! So keep those receipts coming in!

Since we know Linn Grove loves goals and we are really good at reaching them, let's raise the bar a bit and set a **goal of \$2000.00** for the 2017/2018 school year!!

Cash 4 Students is a simple program based on the collection of Hy-Vee grocery receipts from Cedar Rapids & Marion Stores starting April 1, 2017 till March 31, 2018. A few different receipts you can turn in are:

- Gas receipts
- Starbucks & Caribou receipts (inside Hy-Vee)
- Medication receipts
- Market Grille Receipts
- Grocery Receipts
- Wine & Spirits
- Catering

Based on the receipt total, including tax, Hy-Vee will donate \$1 for every \$200 in receipts we turn in.

Questions please contact Carmen Bell at bells4ever@aol.com or the PTO at linngroveptoemail@gmail.com

As always we appreciate when you add them up (with tax this year) for us, but you can also turn them in not already added up!

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 separate ones may be added at a time for quick 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

Box Tops for Education

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Welcome back to school, parents! My name is Kelly Ackley and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator for Linn Grove Elementary. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Last school year, we earned \$3,392.20 and used the money to help fund things like ROAR, Movie Nights, Breakfast with Buddies 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, here are a few, but you can find them all 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. Check out Linngrovepto.org for information on upcoming contests.

Also check out our NEW Box Top FB Page: **Linn Grove Box Toppers**, you will find contests and bonus information! And Check out the next page for the Box Top App! We have already earned so much with this app, thanks to all of you who have taken advantage of it!



Pop Tabs & Ronald McDonald House

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 & soup tabs, put them in a ziplock bag & drop them off at Linn Grove!

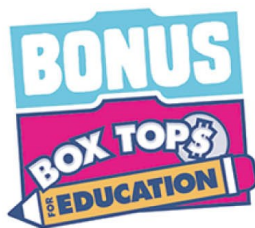
There is bin in the front Office marked for Pop Tabs.

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.



Announcing the new Box Tops App!

This is a great way for us to earn additional BONUS Box Tops!
This does not take place of the ones you clip and send in, these are just bonus ones!



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:**

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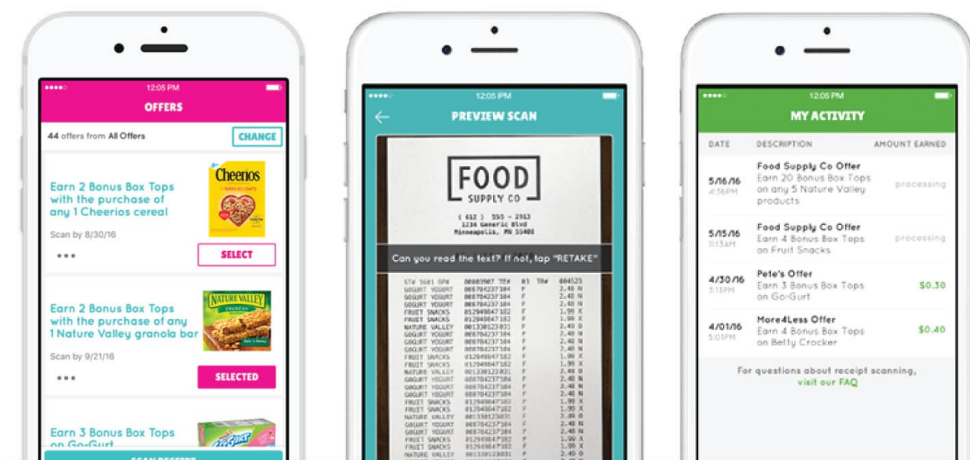
FIND OFFERS.
BUY PRODUCTS.

SCAN.

SCAN YOUR
RECEIPT.

EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



Download on the
App Store



ANDROID APP ON
Google play

Keep up to date with the PTO, sign up for Remind!



Sign up for important updates from the LG PTO

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

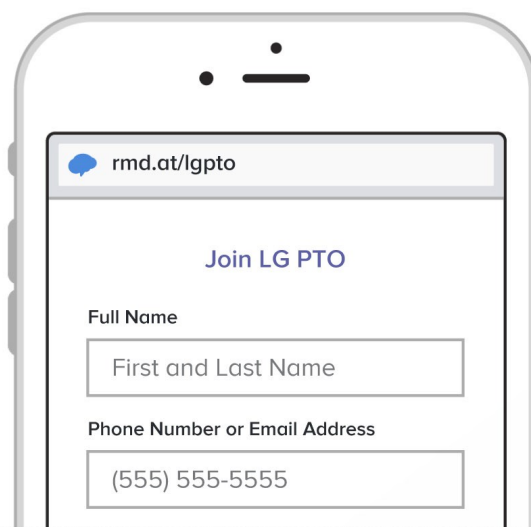
Pick a way to receive messages for **LG PTO**:

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

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.

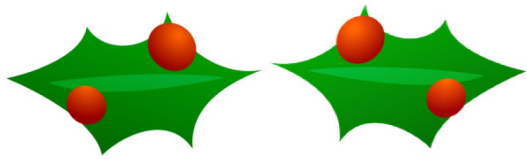
Text the message **@lgpto** to the number **81010**.

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 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Linn Grove PTO Kids Holiday Bazaar Vendor Contract

**please read closely as some things have changed this year*

_____, (the Vendor), agrees to set up a sales booth at the 3rd annual Linn Grove Kid's Holiday Bazaar for a fee of **\$10 (this is for one 10x10 space)**. The Bazaar will be held in the Linn Grove Elementary School Cafeteria (and Gym if needed) on **Saturday December 9th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

Some booths will be able to set up Friday December 8th between 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm and all can set up Saturday December 9th starting at 7:30, to be ready at 9:50 am. **Vendor space will not be secured until this contract is returned with the table fee paid in full.** For questions, contact Carmen Bell at: bells4ever@aol.com or call 319-721-7395.

Make checks payable to: **Linn Grove PTO** and mail to:

Carmen Bell
1932 50th Street
Marion, IA 52302

You **must** bring your own table(s)

_____ (please initial once read) All items for sale must be NEW and must be priced for \$10 or less. We would appreciate some items at lower price points.

If you would like to be included on the Kid's Holiday Bazaar Facebook Event or other advertising material, **please provide the following info and money by November 27th** :

Name to be advertised _____

Description _____

10x10 spots you need _____ Need an outlet (limited, first come first serve) _____

Email Address _____

Your Name _____

Will Donate Wrapping Paper _____ Will Donate Tape _____

Will set up on Friday Night _____ Will set up on Saturday Morning _____



LINN GROVE PTO

Write ONE for Linn Grove

Donation Form

The Linn Grove PTO is shaking things up for the 2017-2018 school year, focusing more on the FUN and less on the FUNDRAISING. This means that this will be the ONE AND ONLY time this school year we will be asking families to fundraise. This is your only chance to ask family and friends to donate to the cause.

Last year the PTO raised over \$18,500 with our other 3 fundraisers. This year we have set a goal of \$15,000 via one fundraising event. We know this is an ambitious goal, but we hope to fund our field trips, support teacher resource requests, our many free community events and start a Fitness Fund and a Library/Arts Fund!

We have BIG dreams and BIG goals and with your support we are excited to do BIG things!

In order to boost excitement and energy surrounding this fundraiser we have set both a student incentive and some school-wide incentives that can be earned as our fundraising dollars roll in!

Student Incentive: (Donate between now and **November 30th** to be entered for the Student Incentive)

- Any student who raises \$50 or more will automatically get the opportunity to play dodgeball with **Mr. Buchholz, Mrs. Baranoski and Mrs. Farber** on a to be announced date!
- Any student who raises \$1 or more will be put into a drawing and one child from each classroom will be randomly drawn to also participate in the dodgeball game!

School wide Incentive: (Donate between now and **April 15, 2018** to hit our School wide Incentives)

- The Grand total raised by all Linn Grove students will be announced weekly during our fundraiser. School wide incentives will be earned after the first \$1,000 is raised and continue to increase in fun as the fundraising total rises.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Linn Mar Foundation

(All donations are tax deductible & a receipt of the donation will be mailed to the address on the donor's check)

Does the donor's employer have a donation matching program available? This is an easy way to DOUBLE your donation! Most corporations require a minimum of a \$30 donation in order to match. **Please include a completed and signed corporate matching form for each donor match.** Corporate matching forms for Alliant or Rockwell are available in the Linn Grove office. Please include a printed copy of your match confirmation if your corporation has online capability.

School Wide Incentives!

With the WRITE ONE FOR LINN GROVE fundraiser this year and so many exciting things planned we have a school wide goal of raising \$15,000! Students will enjoy the following as we reach milestones along the way to our goal:

- \$1,000 - Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Anavkar & Mrs. Sellner will show their excitement by dressing outrageously for a day
- \$4,000 - Mrs. Freiburger & Mrs. Baranowski will travel in style, riding through the halls of Linn Grove on a tricycle
- \$7,500 - All School Chicken Dance Break
- \$11,000 - Enjoy a day free of homework! Every student will get one night homework FREE!
- \$15,000 - Dress up as your favorite character for the day! It can be someone from a book, movie, TV show, video game or board game. Please, as with our fall parade, no weapons please.

PTO News You Can Use!

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard already this year! The teachers, staff, parents, grandparents and so many more!

Here is some information from the PTO to keep you up to date on what we have been doing.

Money we have raised so far:

Amazon Smiles: \$11.22

Chipotle: \$313.80

Culvers: \$404.96

Holiday Bazaar: \$100 (which goes to pay for custodians and wrapping paper)

McTeacher Night: \$450

Write ONE for Linn Grove: \$590

Money still coming in for November & December:

Chick Fil A: estimated \$150

La Cantina: estimated \$100

Write ONE for Linn Grove

Things that we have accomplished already this year:

Track Fitness Stations ordered and will soon be installed!

New Library seating & tables have come in!



Dates you will want to put on your Calendar:

November 14th 5th Grade Band Concert

November 22nd - November 24th - No School

December 5th - PTO Meeting

December 9th - Kids Holiday Bazaar

December 14th - Volunteer Workshop

December 14th - 1st Grade Fine Arts Night

December 19th - Linn Grove Super Singers & Grace Notes Choir Concert

December 22nd - January 2nd - No School, have a great winter break

January 3rd - Classes Resume, Welcome Back!

January 9th - PTO Meeting

January 11th - Volunteer Workshop

January 15th - No School

January 26th - LG Honor Choir @ Coe College

January 30th - Kindergarten Round Up

Please LIKE us on Facebook for up to date information and events!