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Welcome Back!

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and are getting back into the swing of things with school starting!

It was great catching up with everyone at Meet and Greet and Chalk the Sidewalk! A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with both events!

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Chalk the Sidewalk

This year the PTO held the 2nd Annual Chalk the Sidewalk. It was a fun & free family event. Our goal was for families to be able to get together before school started and create something colorful and fun to welcome back the staff and students at Linn Grove.

We had 40 families come out and each had a square to color. It looked AMAZING! Kona Ice was there to keep us cool, and we appreciate them being involved in this event with us. The teachers and staff said it was a fun sight to return to school and see all of the chalk drawings. Thanks Mike Larson for chalking both front entry doors.

Thank you to those who donated chalk for the event, we will save what is left over for the next time. Please check out pictures of the event on our Facebook page.



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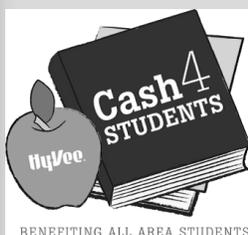
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NFL60

Thursday September 3rd we held our first annual NFL60 event. The idea was to get kids moving and exercising for one hour, without realizing it was exercise. It was moved to the gym due to the heat. Thank goodness, because it was HOT outside. We had 75 students participate. What a fun time! We had sprints, catching, throwing, ladders, cones and more. The kids had a BLAST! Thanks Linda and Scott Foens for chairing this event, and all of the volunteers for helping out!





Cash 4 Students & Hy-Vee

Did you know last year we received **\$1744.71** with Hy-Vee's Cash 4 Student program?

Since we know Linn Grove just keeps doing better with Hy-Vee Receipts let's raise the bar and set a **goal of \$2500.00** for the 2015/2016 school year!!

We would like to thank everyone who helped by turning in receipts and taking their time to add them up for us!

Cash 4 Students is a simple program based on the collection of Hy-Vee grocery receipts starting May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Customers save their Hy-Vee receipts and turn them into the school of their choice. ANY receipts from Hy-Vee count as long as Hy-Vee is at the top. Receipts collected must be from a Marion/Cedar Rapids Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Drug Store, or Hy-Vee Gas. A few different receipts you can turn in are:

- Gas receipts
- Starbucks receipts (inside Hy-Vee)
- Medication receipts
- Car Wash receipts (Wilson Ave Hy-Vee has a car wash)
- Hy-Vee Dining Room Receipts
- Grocery Receipts

Based on the receipt total, including tax, a donation from Hy-Vee will be made to the collecting school. The amount donated will be \$1 for every \$200 in receipts submitted. Schools can use the donated money for whatever needs the school has.

Cash 4 Students Details:

- **Receipt tapes dated May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016 are accepted**
- **At this time, Hy-Vee is NOT accepting e-receipts as a part of Cash 4 Students**
- **All 14 Hy-Vee Food Stores and Hy-Vee Drugstores are participating in the Marion/Cedar Rapids Area**
- **The top 5 schools receive an additional \$500**
- **Ask grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors, anyone willing to help Linn Grove**

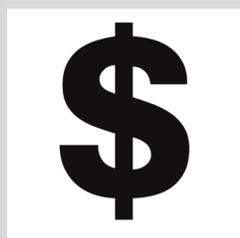
Turn your receipts into the office or place them in the Hy-Vee Receipt box in the entry way inside an envelope or bag marked:

Hy-Vee Receipts
ATTN Linn Grove PTO/Carmen Bell

As always, we appreciate when you add them up for us, but you can also turn them in not already added up!

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

A HUGE thank you to Hy-Vee for continuing this wonderful program!



Box Tops for Education

I am sure you have seen them. I am sure you have heard people mention Box Tops. But do you know how much clipping those Box Tops can bring to the school?

Once you start looking, you'll see these little pink coupons everywhere! Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for your school. Each school participating in the Box Tops for Education program may earn up to, but not more than, \$20,000 cash per year!!

Box Tops helps the PTO fund things like; Movie Night, Family Fun Night, Field Trips, Library Materials and much more!

There are more ways you can help bring in more Box Tops for Linn Grove from online sweepstakes to in-store offers, there are lots of chances for you to earn a little extra for your school. There are no maximum annual limits on schools' earnings of Bonus eBoxTops credits or Bonus Box Tops.

You can find out more about coupons, sweepstakes and in store offers at **BTFE.com**

Watch for upcoming contests! The PTO will run different Box Top contests and reward those individuals, rooms and grades who bring in the most during the contest period.

Please make sure all Box Tops you turn in are **not** expired, we will not receive credit for these.



If you have any questions please contact Kelly Ackley at kelkel31602@yahoo.com or the PTO at linngroveptoemail@gmail.com

Campbell's Soup Labels

Labels for Education a fun and easy program where families and members of the community work together to "Earn Free Stuff" for their school!

By collecting UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from over 2,500 participating products, supplementing your earnings through the Labels for Education program and with our bonus offers, your school earns points that can be redeemed for Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise. Explore our online catalog to see what your school can earn!

If your school or organization is not one of over 60,000 registered with the Labels for Education program, you can help your school enroll by contacting your school principal and asking them to appoint a coordinator, or you can volunteer to be a coordinator. The school coordinator helps by managing the school's account, program communication, point collection, and redeeming points for merchandise for the school.

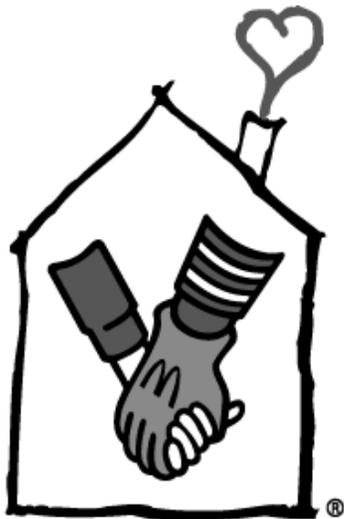
America's schools and organizations have earned over \$114 million in merchandise over the Labels for Education program's 40 year history.

You can find out more information at their website:
www.labelsforeducation.com



For more information, contact Linda Foens at linda.foens@gmail.com or the PTO at LinngrovePTOemail@gmail.com.

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!**



Why Ronald McDonald House?

The idea for a Ronald McDonald House began in Philadelphia in 1973, when Fred Hill, a member of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, learned that his three year old daughter, Kim, had leukemia. The Eagles organized fundraising efforts to assist Kim's, as well as other children's, fight against leukemia. During the course of these efforts, the idea of a 'home-away-from-home' where out-of-town families could stay during their child's hospital treatment, was born.

So save those pop tabs, put them in a ziplock bag and drop them off at Linn Grove! There is a box in the front entry 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

What We Fund

What our students, parents and staff accomplished over the years:

- *Installed new Fitness Trail *Installed Rock Wall in Gym *Risers for Music/Art Nights
- *Headphones for school *Outdoor Classroom

Continue support for teachers and staff with:

- *Weekly Reader, National Geographic & Scholastic Magazines
- *Back to school classroom donations *Meals during conferences

Continue support for students and student programs:

- *Funds for Library *ROAR *Family Fun Night
- *Iowa Assessment Snacks *Olweus Program *Old Creamery Theater Assembly
- *Movie Nights *Skate Nights *5th Grade Send Off *Field Trips
- *America Reads Support *Friends & Family Breakfast

Upcoming PTO Events

September



Wednesday September 16th - Maid Rite Perk Night

Friday September 18th - 9th Annual Red Black Track Attack Day Event during specials.

Friday September 18th - RBTA Family Fun Run/Walk Evening Event

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Linn Grove

Tuesday September 22nd - Skate Night 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come out to Super Skate Located at 5100

Northland Avenue Northeast.

It's only \$6.00 to get in and that includes skate rental!



PTO Meeting



October

Thursday October 1 - Homecoming parade

Thursday/Friday October 1/2 - Friends & Family Breakfast - Time TBD in the Linn Grove Cafeteria.

Tuesday October 6th - PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria, Childcare provided. Come for all or part of the meeting.

Thursday October 15th - McTeacher Night 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Linn Grove earns 10% of ALL sales during that time!

Wednesday October 21 - Casey's Pizza Card fundraiser begins



Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help chair and help out at some of our events this year! Please let the PTO know if you are interested in any of the positions below or if you would like more information.

We would like all events to have a Chair and a Co-Chair if possible. Don't worry if you have never chaired an event, the PTO will help you in any way you need and have materials for you.

Event Chair/Co Chair Positions:

Family Fun Night Co-Chair

Staff appreciation (Spring)

Conference Dinners (Fall and Spring)

****This is also the final year of a 2 year term for the entire PTO board. If you have any interest in being on the board next year, please let one of us know as soon as possible.****

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Email us at Linngroveptoemail@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions.



Red Black Track Attack!!

On September 18th Linn Grove will be holding their 9th Annual Red Black Track Attack! RBTA is a day of exercise and LOTS of fun!

Red Black Track Attack Day Event

- All the students at Linn Grove will walk/run around our track during their specials time.
- **Everyone is encouraged to wear PINK in support of Mrs. Knopp.**
- For each lap the kids are cheered on and rewarded with a jelly bracelet!
- Laps are tracked with the bracelets to determine as a school how far the kids have walked.
- For each 5 laps they walk (5 laps = 1 mile) they receive a beaded necklace!
- Mileage goal! Every year we have a goal and this year it is to walk 1140 miles which is the distance to the Yellow Stone National Park!
- Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come during your child's specials time to help out around the track! The kids love having parents there to cheer them on. *please make sure you are a registered volunteer with the district if you are coming to help out that day. You can sign up in the office or online at: <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

RBTA Family Fun Run/Walk Evening Event

- Families will run/walk around the Linn Grove community, the route is roughly a mile.
- Cost is a \$3 per person or \$5 for a family.
- Check in will start at 5:30 and runners will start around 6:15 with the walkers starting shortly after that.
- Wagons and Strollers are allowed for those who have young children!
- Everyone who participates in the evening event will receive a special RBTA pin when they check in and water at the end of the route.
- The top 5 adult runners and top 5 kid runners will receive a special Dog Tag Medal!
- We will be looking for volunteers to help along the route to guide runners/walkers, hand out water and more.

Every student will be bringing home a letter with more information about RBTA and a donation sheet. This is our FUN fall check writing fundraiser! This year we are raising money for ROAR (Readers on a Roll - Linn Grove's Summer Reading Program) and field trips.

Again this year there will be an **online donation link!** You can also register you and your family for the evening event as well as make a donation. The website is: <http://getmeregistered.com/RBTAFamilyFun>, this link can be shared on Facebook and by email! Make sure you share with friends and family!

Hope to see you at the RBTA day and evening event!

If you have any questions, please contact;

For the Day Event: Steff Drey at dnsdrey@q.com

For the Evening Event: The Linn Grove PTO at linngroveptoemail@gmail.com