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Linn Grove PTO



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Update from the PTO

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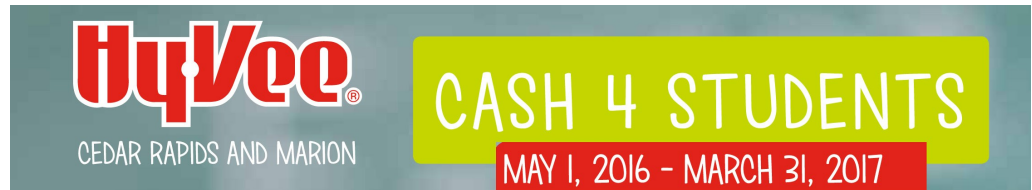
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- This year our Red Black Track Attack goal was to raise \$2200 and we raised a little over \$4,000! Way to go Linn Grove! That is awesome way to start the year with our fundraisers.
- Currently we are in the middle of our Merchant Card Fundraiser and the kids are excited to share with me when I am at school on how many cards they have sold. We have a few getting really close to their 30 & 40 card goal. But remember, you only need to sell 3+ cards to be entered into a drawing to win an amazing gift card from The Playstation or PlanetX. Every card helps us meet our goal, even 1 card is so helpful in raising money for our Library. We would like all unsold cards and money in by Thursday November 17th!
- At the November PTO Meeting we were able to add something exciting in the spring! For the first time at Linn Grove we will have a roller skating unit in Gym for 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders! Mr. Harms has been wanting this for years and going forward we are hoping to have it budgeted for every 2 years as we think this is a great opportunity for the kids to try something out they may not get a chance to. We have heard from the other schools that participate it in now (which are quite a few) and the kids LOVE it!
- Pictures, pictures and more pictures! We try and take pictures at all PTO Events and upload them to our Facebook page (Linn Grove PTO) so make sure you check them out! Our website has pictures from some of our events past and present.
- Looking to volunteer during the day? Lindsey Schiebe our volunteer coordinator is always looking for people to help in the lunch room! It's an hour a day and you can pick what days you are there. It's from 11-12 and the kids LOVE having extra helpers in there to open milk, yogurt and other lunch items. It's a great time to get to know the kids! Please contact Lindsey at LGVolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us to find out more information!
- We just want to send out a thank you to everyone this year. It's been a great start to the year with volunteers and turn out to our events! If you ever have questions or ideas please feel free to contact one of us on the PTO or email us at our PTO gmail account. We don't expect everyone to come to all our events but we like to have one to two a month hoping everyone can make it to one of them. If you have ideas for a FREE community event or fundraiser please let us know!



Okay everyone, so far this year it's been slow getting Hy-Vee receipts in! Remember you can turn in Gas Receipts, Medication Receipts... Lets start getting them in! And don't forget to ask your neighbors, co workers, friends and family for them! This is close to 10% of our budget that we get from Hy-Vee!

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 Dinning Room Receipts
- Grocery Receipts



Turn your receipts to your class or look for the Hy-Vee Receipt bin in the entry way. You can mark them: **Hy-Vee Receipts ATTN. Linn Grove PTO/Carmen Bell**

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!

Questions please contact Carmen Bell at bells4ever@aol.com or 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.



If you have any questions please contact the PTO at
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Box Tops for Education

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 November 30th
is for a Grade Level Popcorn Party!!**

**Which ever GRADE turns in the MOST Box Tops in
November will win a POPCORN PARTY!!!**



And we have a **BIG** surprise for the end of the year Box Top celebration! We have done **Principal Sundaes**, **Silly String the Staff** and this year we will be **SOAKING the Staff!**

So start getting those Box Tops turned in, the more we have by April (total for the year), the more staff to get SOAKED! Goals will come out after the first of the year, but we are going to want to soak a LOT of people!

Just a couple days left of Sam's Club Bonus Box Tops!!

Sam's Club Bonus eBox Tops

1. Purchase 3 or more Box Tops for Education products in one transaction at Sam's Club between 8/16/16 and 11/16/16.
2. Snap a picture of the receipt showing the date, UPC code and total purchase amount. Send the picture to samsclub@btfereceipts.com by 11/30/16
3. ENTER YOUR CODE. Go to <https://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/btfesamsclub/> and enter your code by 12/16/16 and our school will get the eBox Tops we have earned!

**Here is the chart of how many eBox Tops we earn
with the number of products purchased.**

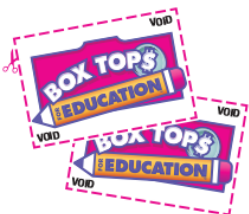
| PRODUCTS | EBOXTOPS |
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| 3 | 100(\$10 value) |
| 6 | 200(\$20 value) |
| 9 | 300(\$30 value) |
| 12 | 400(\$40 value) |

Print it off and keep it handy!

This year's schedule for Box Top Contests!

2016-2017 Box Tops Contests

| MONTH | DATES | CONTEST | VS | DETAILS | PRIZE |
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| November | 11/7 thru 11/30 | Popcorn | Grade vs Grade | Whichever grade brings in the most box tops wins popcorn for snack. | Popcorn Party |
| December | 12/12 thru 1/6 | Kara's Hair | Class vs Class (1 Class winner) | The Class with the most box tops will get to decide what color Kara Larson will color her hair for January. | Pick the Color of Kara's hair |
| January | 1/9 thru 1/25 | PJ Day | Whole School | If the whole school hits their goal they get a PJ Day. | Pajamas |
| February | 1/30 thru 2/22 | Pokémon Book Fair | Individual Drawing & Class vs Class | For each 5 non-expiring box tops, the students name will be put into the drawing for their classroom. There will be one winner per classroom. Top classroom in each pod will win \$25 to the book fair for their classroom. | \$5 to the LG Book Fair, one winner from each class. \$25 for 2 classes to the Book Fair. |
| March | 3/3 thru 3/27 | Indoor Picnic | Class vs Class (each grade) | The class in each grade with the most box tops will get to sit on the stage and enjoy their lunch picnic style! | Sit on the Stage for a Picnic |
| April | 4/3 thru 4/25 | Chalk Party | Grade vs Grade | The Grade that brings in the most box tops will get to have a fun sidewalk chalk party outside | Decorate with Chalk outside |
| April – Staff | 4/3 thru 4/25 | TDB | Staff vs Staff | For each 5 non-expiring box tops, the staff's name will be put into the drawing for a prize | TBD |
| May | 5/1 thru 5/19 | Dunk Tank | Whole School | For each 3 non-expiring box tops, the students name will be put into the drawing for them to have a chance to Soak the Staff! | Dunk Tank |
| All Year | August 2016 thru May 2017 | Soak the Staff | Whole School | Turn in those Box Tops! If we hit a HUGE goal for the year we will have a Dunk Tank and the more we get turned in the more staff we can have dunked! | Dunk Tank |





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 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 Kids Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday December 10th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, we will be holding our 2nd Kids Holiday Bazaar at Linn Grove! This event will be for kids to come shop for their siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors or whoever they may want to buy something for.

All items will be prices at \$10 or less, **NOTHING** over \$10! We are currently gathering vendors & crafters and will release a list soon! Also **FREE** gift wrapping for everything bought that day.

Stay tuned for more information! This should be a lot of fun for the kids and adults!

If you are interested in having a spot please contact Carmen Bell at bells4ever@aol.com or 319-721-7395. There is a \$10 table fee, which will be used for our **FREE** gift wrap center.

****Discount for Girl Scout Troops or any other none profits who want to sell goodies****

Upcoming PTO Events



November

November 15th - Maid Rite Night 4:00-8:00 pm, come and invite all your friends to eat at Maid Rite for Linn Grove! We will receive 10% back on sales who mention Linn Grove or bring in a slip. Slips to go home closer to the date.

December

December 4th - Playstation Night 3:00-6:00 pm, Come and have some fun inside at the new Playstation! Have you been there since the new owner took over? If not you need to see it, so much has been done and updated! Linn Grove will get 50% back on all admission.

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

December 10th - Kid's Holiday Bazaar 9:00 am - Noon, bring your kids to shop for friends, family and others at our 2nd Kid's Bazaar! Everything at the Bazaar is priced \$10 or under and FREE gift wrapping! This is a fun event and we are still looking for vendors, check out the last page for the contract!

December 13th - LaCantina Day in Marion! Come by the Marion LaCantina to eat all day! Linn Grove will receive 10% back on sales where you mention you are there for Linn Grove or bring in a slip! Slips will go home closer to the date.

Look for a NEW event in January! We will have a Linn Grove at the CR Ice Arena on January 19th, only \$3.00 and that includes skates!



Volunteers Needed!

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. The PTO can not do it all without you, we need help planning and getting volunteers for the events.

We would like all positions to have a Chair and a Co Chair position, especially if we have enough interest! Don't worry if you have never chaired an event, the PTO will help you in any way you need!

Event Chair/Co Chair Positions:

- Conference Dinners (Spring)
- Cuddle Up & Read - January
- ITBS Snacks - April (could change)
- Staff Appreciation Week - May
- Breakfast w/Buddies - May
- Family Fun Night Co-Chair - May
- Family Fun Night Raffle Baskets Chair - May



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.

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| 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.



2nd Annual Linn Grove Kid's Holiday Bazaar Vendor Contract

_____, (the Vendor), agrees to set up a sales booth at the 2nd annual Linn Grove Kid's Holiday Bazaar for a fee of **\$10 (this is for 1 cafeteria table, which is 10-12 feet, or equivalent space if providing your own tables in the 10-12 foot space allotted)**. The Bazaar will be held in the Linn Grove Elementary school Cafeteria and Gym on Saturday December 10th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Some booths will be able to set up from 6:05-7:45 pm Friday December 9th and all can set up Saturday December 10th starting at 7:30, to be ready at 8:50 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
5550 Prairie Ridge Ave
Marion, IA 52302

You may bring your own table, or we will have cafeteria tables available, please see above for size.

_____ (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 December 1st:**

Name to be advertised _____

Description _____

Have your own table(s) _____ Need a table(s) _____ Need an outlet _____

Email Address _____

Your Name _____

Will Donate Wrapping Paper _____ Will Donate Tape _____

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