

September 9th, 2022



Our students are the "Heart" of our schools. Bowman Woods Elementary students and staff formed a heart last week during their school building assembly.

District News

State of the District

The State of the District Address will be held on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium



This presentation will help kickoff the district's strategic planning process and the goal is to provide the community with an update about all things Linn-Mar. This event is open to the public. More details coming soon!

Safe Routes To School

What is Safe Routes to School? Safe Routes to School is an

SafeRoutes



initiative that promotes safe active transportation such as walking, cycling, or rolling to and from school. It is nationally promoted by the U.S. DOT and supported by the Iowa DOT. The city of Cedar Rapids and Marion are supporting Linn-Mar's involvement in this initiative.

Why is Linn-Mar participating? Research shows by promoting active transportation, students arrive ready to learn because physical activity can boost a student's ability to focus, concentrate, and learn.

Linn-Mar chose to pilot this initiative at four school buildings (Hazel Point, Echo Hill, Oak Ridge and Boulder Peak). Once the Safe Routes To School plan is finalized for these four schools, the information gathered will help inform the district-wide Safe Routes to School plan

What are the benefits? Healthier students, improved academic performance, reduced traffic congestion, lower transportation costs for district and families and overall safer pedestrian behaviors.

In the next few months, we will continue to promote Safe Routes To School throughout the district.

Nutrition Services Launches New Meal System

Linn-Mar's Nutrition Services Department launched a new meal system called **Nutrislice**, which provides a modernized menu. Now, you can sort your meals by building, filter breakfast or lunch, and plan your meal options a month in advance. The menus are now mobile friendly and have more detailed nutritional information. Don't worry, you can still print a pdf.

As a reminder, there are some changes to the federal meal waivers. Families can submit the **application for free and reduced meals** to see if they qualify. The application must be completed each school year.

Student Fees

Student fees are expected every year prior to the start of school. If you have not paid your students fees yet, please do so as soon as possible. Click the link below to access the current student fee schedule. **Read More**

Join the PRIDE

Linn-Mar is hiring for full and part-time positions:

- Bus Drivers
- Student Support Associates
- Nutrition Services

Apply today at www.linmar.k12.ia.us/careers

School Building News



Linn-Mar Student Section Cheers For... Mental Health Awareness

Hayden Thoms and T.J. Jackson are seniors at Linn-Mar High School and are both on the football team. They organized the student section to wear purple at last week's football game against Iowa City Liberty in honor of Owen Skelley, a Liberty student who died by suicide last March. Last week's football game was the first game of the season for Liberty and Owen would have been on the field.

Originally, Hayden said they got some grief from their peers about wearing purple to the game because 'purple isn't our colors', but Hayden said it was the right thing to do. In honor of September being National Suicide Prevention Month, he wanted to help remind his peers to check in on each other and that mental health can affect anybody.

"We believe that it will always be bigger than football. Bigger than what's on the jersey or being played for on the field. In a society where mental health is not loved on enough, we believed that bringing light onto it was not only important but necessary. It was special to be a part of something so amazing, and to be able to share it with North Liberty was an honor." - Hayden Thoms, and T.J. Jackson, Linn-Mar Students

Iowa City Liberty's Athletic Director, Mike Morrison, noticed the student section during the game and gave a shout out on Twitter for their support.

*"Huge shout out to @LMpowerhouse
for wearing purple on support of Owen Skelley and Suicide Awareness. #mvcfamily"*

If you or someone you know is struggling or needs support now, call or text 988 or chat online [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org) - You are not alone. 988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services.

[#mentalhealthawareness](https://www.mentalhealthawareness.org)

[National Suicide Prevention Week - September 4-10th](https://www.nationalsuicidepreventionweek.org)



HOMECOMING

Linn-Mar High School Homecoming

PARADE - The Homecoming parade is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st at 5pm.

FOOTBALL GAME - Pending the stadium turf is replaced in time, the Homecoming football game will take place at home on Friday, September 23rd.



Hazel Point Students Receive Inspiration from College Athletes

Students at Hazel Point Intermediate received inspirational video messages and enjoyed a friendly Cy-Hawk competition.

Riley Moss, Iowa Hawkeyes football player, recorded a short video for the Hazel Point students. *"I encourage you to work hard in school, and be a good friend, along with finding your passion."*

Not to be outdone, Grace Nicholson, a Linn-Mar alum and member of the Iowa State dance team, also recorded an inspirational video for the students. *"Work hard, stay focused and most importantly - Have Fun!"*

Hazel Point Principal, Chad Buchholz said the he liked the common theme of the videos because, *"It was a great message the kids can use day-to-day."*



Westfield Starts A New Tradition - A Building Hug

All students and staff joined outside and held hands around the building to give the building a hug to start the school year with kindness.

"I wanted the students to understand that we love and care for all the people and things inside our school." - Theresa Kirkman,

Westfield Elementary Principal. [Read More](#)



Wilkins Teacher Displays Classroom Artwork at Her Wedding

Teachers often say they don't have favorites....but these students might take the (wedding) cake.

Last spring, Ms Hamdorf, (now Mrs. Rickard), shared her excitement about the upcoming wedding with her class, but a handful of students thought they were invited to their teacher's wedding. However, Mrs. Rickard found another way to keep them involved. The students eagerly provided artwork, hand-drawings and words of advice for the happy couple. The artwork was then displayed as the table centerpieces at the wedding reception on August 6th, 2022. [Read More](#)

PARTNERSHIPS



What is the Linn-Mar School Foundation?

The new BenQ smart board in your child's classroom.
The opportunity for your child to experience Orchestra Iowa in their school gym.
Scholarships awarded each spring to help seniors pursue their

post-secondary goals.

The trombone rental fee for a student who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to join band.

These are just a few of the opportunities made possible through the Linn-Mar School Foundation. Established in 1985, the Foundation is a nonprofit organization that seeks to enhance educational excellence for all Linn-Mar students.

The Foundation is able to support Linn-Mar students and classrooms because of generous donations from community members, local businesses, parents and alumni.

You can help!

Donate to our **Smart Money** campaign directly support the Foundation's mission.

Dine Out For Our Schools on Thursday, September 15th at any of the participating restaurants. Just mention "Dine Out" and 10-25% of your ticket will be donated back to the Foundation. **Click here** for participating restaurants.

Follow the Linn-Mar Foundation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Upcoming Dates

September 2022

- 9/12 - Early Childhood Professional Learning
- 9/12 - School Board Meeting
- 9/26 - School Board Meeting
- 9/29 - HS Conferences

October 2022

- 10/3 - No School (Professional Learning Day)
- 10/3 - State of the District Address
- 10/20 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal Jr.K-12
- 10/25 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal Jr.K-12
- 10/28 - No School (Teacher Collaboration Day)

School Board Meeting

Event Calendar



The LMCSB School Board will meet on **Monday, September 12th at 5:00 PM** in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion).

[Watch on YouTube](#)



Calendar of events of everything that is happening throughout the district.

[Event Calendar](#)

Inspire Learning. Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.



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