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'Innovative learning model' gains traction at Linn-Mar



C.R. wins \$14.8M grant for magnet school

Federal money will be distributed over five years

By Grace King, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The Cedar Rapids Community School District is the first district in the state to be awarded a federal magnet schools grant — \$14.8 million to be distributed over the next five years, the U.S. Department of Education announced Wednesday.

The district applied for the funding from the Magnet School Assistance Program as it prepares to open its first magnet high school, named City View Community High School, this fall.

Innovative learning model

Three Linn-Mar teachers designed the 'innovative learning model' in 2018.

District data now shows improved student engagement and test scores across 15 LM classrooms and the learning model is growing "authentically and organically" across the district as educators see it working. [Read More](#)

District News

Strategic Plan

Our district is embarking on a strategic planning process. It kicked off Monday evening with our State of the District Address. [Click here](#) to watch the full recording of the State of the District Address.



STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT

We are now requesting community input to help guide the next steps in creating the district's strategic plan. Please fill out the short six question survey and join us at one of the community conversations this month.

All information gathered from the survey and community events will be used to inform the priorities, goals, and measures of success in the strategic planning outline for the next five years in the Linn-Mar district.

Community Events: (all are at 6:00PM)

- **Tuesday, October 11 - Novak Elementary**
- **Monday, October 17 - Westfield Elementary**
- **Wednesday, October 26 - Boulder Peak Intermediate**

**Parents were emailed a separate link to a similar survey. This survey link is for community members.*

Take the Community
Survey

Community Input

Our elementary students shared their future dreams in the video below. Please help plan Linn-Mar's future by filling out the survey and attending a community event. To watch all four videos that were shown at the State of the District Address and a video recording of the event, please visit the district's **YouTube channel**.



Welcome Our New Volunteer and Community Relations Coordinator

Angela Burke is the new District Volunteer & Community Relations Coordinator at Linn-Mar. She replaces Karla Terry who recently retired after 30 years of service.

Angela is a recipient of the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award for her volunteer commitment at Linn-Mar. She previously volunteered as a Building Volunteer Coordinator for both Indian Creek Elementary and Boulder Peak Intermediate Schools. She and her husband, Shawn, have individually volunteered more than 100 hours at Linn-Mar each year for the last eight years. They currently have two kids in the district, Jaydon is an 8th grader at Excelsior, and Mira is a 6th grader at Boulder Peak.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Linn-Mar, please contact Angela or visit our [website](#) or simply click the images below.

New Volunteer
Initial Application



Returning Volunteer
Yearly Renewal



Record Your
Volunteer Hours



Reading Is Contagious

America Reads Day, Reading is Contagious 2022

On Friday, October 21st our volunteers will be making sure that Linn-Mar elementary students know the joy, learning and fun that can take place while reading!

Volunteer readers, including community/business representatives, parents, family members, and local "celebrities" will visit our classrooms and read a favorite story to the students.

This day is made possible because of the hard work of our volunteer America Reads Event Coordinators; Erin Acosta, Jenna Bell Collins, Lea Black, Jenn Breitbach, Amy Cline, Regan Dahlstrom, Kristi Kasper, Tabitha Lightfoot, Amanda Thorp, Marcy Walker and Jennica Yatskis. Be sure to ask your Kindergarten - 4th grader who read in their class on this fun & special day.



Career Fair

Wednesday, October 19th
5:00PM-7:00PM
at the LRC

Career Fair

Most of us remember someone from our childhood who we looked up to, respected, and generally made our worst day seem not so bad. Oftentimes, it was someone from school who was there when we needed them most. Whether it's a teacher, teacher's associate, bus driver, or nutrition services worker, the team at Linn-Mar cherishes those connections, to be that person who makes a positive, memorable difference in a young person's life.

We are looking for more caring people to join our team! **Linn-Mar is hosting a Career Fair Wednesday,**

October 19th from 5 to 7 PM at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) 2999 North 10th Street in Marion. A "fair" wouldn't be complete without food. We'll be serving Walking Tacos and Ice Cream. Guests should enter the parking lot from 10th street, near the electronic sign. The LRC is to your right. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@linnmar.k12.ia.us

We hope to see you there!

Join the Linn-Mar 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



High-School Marching Lions Take Top Honors in Metro Competitions

The Marching Lions had two fantastic performances at Bands Across the Prairie and the 5 Seasons Marching Band Invitational against some strong competition.

At the Bands Across the Prairie they received 1st place in Class 4A and Best Percussion. At the 5 Seasons Marching Band Invitational they received 1st Place in Class 4A, Best Winds, and Best Percussion and received a score of 92.2 (out of 100) which is one of the highest scores earned by the group in recent district history.



Boulder Peak Implementing Leader in Me This Year

Boulder Peak's Leader in Me staff training was held on Monday during the Professional Learning Day. The training was led by Wilkins Staff, Amanda Potter, Katie Jackson, and Emily Coonrod. Wilkins has implemented the Leader in Me program for the last three years and staff say they are excited to share their work with

Boulder Peak Intermediate and hope the other school buildings implement the program soon.

On Monday, all Boulder Peak staff members gathered to dive into the 7-Habits of Highly Effective People and start planning the implementation of Leader in Me with their students. Dan Ludwig said he read the book, and knew he wanted to share the message with students. *"I want to create an environment where all students know they are capable of being a leader, and this Leader in Me program supports that mission."* Last year, Mr. Ludwig sent out a survey to parents, students, and staff about what they thought the experience for 5th and 6th grade students should be. Mr. Ludwig said the results from the survey confirmed that Leader in Me was the right program for the building.

"We are educating children for an unknown future, but instilling leadership skills in every student will aide them in being successful in whatever path they follow throughout their lives."
Dan Ludwig, Boulder Peak Principal.

Upcoming Dates

October 2022

November 2022

- **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)

- **11/7** - No School (Professional Learning Day)
- **11/23** - No School (Teacher Comp Day)
- **11/24-25** - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

School Board Meeting



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

[Watch on YouTube](#)

Event Calendar



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

[Event Calendar](#)

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