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## What Are We Thankful For?

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We are thankful for having music in our schools, this allows us to be creative learners and express ourselves through song and movement. When we study music we learn about language, history, culture, public speaking, working alone or in a group, we even have to think about math and numbers!

In general music, 1st and 2nd grade have a great plan for their music education. They have been practicing singing as a group and solo (that means by yourself in front of other people) as well as the difference between high and low sounds, loud and soft sounds, moving to the beat and being more artful in our movement and expressions.

In third grade we have been putting first things first by learning how to read music on the music staff. Check out our super impressive work on the bulletin board where we spelled out words about Thanksgiving using the notes on the music staff. We are working towards being more mindful musicians and can really grasp concepts that we have not learned about in music before.

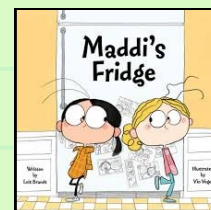
4th Grade music is really where our Lindeneau musicians begin to shine. In fourth grade we are moving passed basic concepts and can get into more substantial aspects of music education. We will be spending lots of time learning about things such as syncopation, form, composition, tempo, dynamics - just to name a few!

#### BOOKS OF THE MONTH



*Sneezy the Snowman*  
by Maureen Wright

Sneezy the Snowman is cold, cold, cold. To warm up, he drinks cocoa, sits in a hot tub, stands near a warm fire—and melts! But the children know just what to do to build him up again—and make him feel “just right.”



*Maddi's*  
by Lois

*Fridge*  
Brandt

Sofia's fridge at home is full of nutritious food, while the fridge at Maddi's house is empty. Sofia learns that Maddi's family doesn't have enough money to fill their fridge and promises Maddi she'll keep this a secret. But because Sofia wants to help her friend, she's faced with a difficult decision: to keep her promise or tell her parents about Maddi's empty fridge.

# A message from our principal



November is a time of reflection and a continued opportunity to express gratitude, friendship and kindness. This month we encouraged our students to reflect upon their goals, both academic and personal, and appreciate the small things. We have much to be grateful for here at Lindeneau Elementary School. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodians, our Paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. The Lindeneau community is unique in its ability to come together in support of our students. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands. We have supportive parents, community members, and a giving and engaged PTO, to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make Lindeneau a great place to grow. And finally, we have incredible students who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!



Music in 5th grade is a really exciting time. By now the students have spent four years learning and mastering different concepts of elementary music, that now they can really begin to show their musicianship and skills in the arts. They can now understand the different concepts they have worked toward for the last few years and can even perform in front of live audiences. The students in the 4th and 5th grades can choose to be in band, strings, chorus or a combination of the three. This really shows how much they have learned through their education here at Lindeneau.

Speaking of band, strings and chorus: our ensembles are working really hard to prepare for the winter concert coming up on January 22nd. The ensembles are singing or performing music that expresses their growth as musicians, their ability to read notes on a page and turn them into beautiful combinations of melody and harmony as well as different tempos and pitches, which we call 'music'. The band students are focusing on creating sound on their instruments, not only as individual instrument sections, but also as a full band who can blend their sound together to make harmonious music. All of this while just beginning to learn how to play their instruments! The string students have a similar fate, as they begin to navigate the length of their violins (or violas) the students are introduced to aspects of music they would not get in their regular music class. However, one really exciting aspect of learning an instrument is seeing the connection of all the theories learned in general music and how they apply to playing and performing. Putting the knowledge the students have been building for years to practical use and applying it themselves.

Chorus, while it may be an ensemble like band and strings, is a different beast entirely. In chorus there is no external instrument that the students have to remember to bring to school, or have to carry on the bus, or leave in their classroom. In chorus, your instrument is part of your body: your voice! It is really important to take care of this instrument by eating healthy, drinking lots of water, and not using it in a bad way like shouting or screaming. The chorus students are working on music that is in multiple parts, that means that not everyone is singing the same thing at the same time. These students have to work on training their ears to keep together and keep their own voices on pitch. The chorus students have prepared a lot of music for the concert, some of it is even funny, so do not be afraid to laugh!

Music might seem like a simple class but there are so many ways that a student can learn about music that it is really up to the individual, the class, and the teacher to make the experience as educational and fun as possible. Truly, there are so many different ways to create or enjoy music that it is a subject that can apply to any and all types of learners. Music is the universal language that so many people are thankful for!



## Art Club and Spanish- What Are We Thankful For?

Mrs. Benavides and Sra. Hinterstein are truly thankful for two things. First, we are thankful for teaching in a diverse school in which students are comfortable sharing about their different cultures. Second, we are so thankful that those students so generously give of their time to express their comidas culturales (cultural foods) artistically!

Be sure to check out the new "Culture Corner"! This is the bulletin board located next to the gym, that will be the central hub of celebrating all things about the rich culture here at Lindeneau.

In November/ December we showcase a holiday table with foods from different countries.. We hope this is a reminder how we come together as one Lindeneau Family. Although we may enjoy different foods, we are all together at the same table.

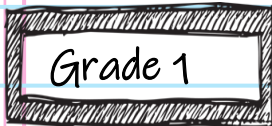






We have so much to be thankful for in Kindergarten this year! We encouraged our Kindergarten students to reflect upon what they are thankful for through a daily chant. We also published thankful journals, which encouraged our students to reflect upon what things they are thankful for, like family, friends, food, clothing, and many other important necessities.

We created a chart for students to keep track of the many things they were thankful for. Students were very thankful for many things, including their friends in class. We are thankful for our students!



First grade closed out November with our annual Thanksgiving Feast. We spent a lot of time in November discussing gratitude. It was great to see so many families come out and celebrate all the things we are thankful for!



In first grade, we are continuing to show a love of reading every day. In addition to retelling fiction stories, first graders have begun identifying features of various nonfiction texts. Please continue to have conversations with your children about the books they are reading. If reading a nonfiction book, ask them what things they learned from the text or what questions they have as they read.

In writing, we have begun our informational text unit. First graders will be writing books about various topics of their choice, with the goal of educating their readers on a certain topic. As they learn new things, they will be able to share this new knowledge in their writing!

In math, we have been sorting shapes and reviewing strategies for solving addition and subtraction number stories. The big goal in math will continue to be getting students to explain and justify their thinking when attacking a problem. First graders have really grown in embracing this habit project in class to share all that they have learned this month.



Please make sure your emergency card has been turned in to the main office and you promptly notify us of any changes.

### Sick Student?

Please call the school prior to 10:00am to report absences. Doctors notes are required to excuse student absences.

### Winter Drop-off Reminder

As the weather gets colder, more people will be driving their kids to school. Please allow extra time for travel and adhere to the drop-off procedures outlined in the parent handbook. Students are let into the building beginning at 8:45AM

### Important Dates

12/23 Early Dismissal (1:30pm)  
12/24 - 1/1 Winter Break  
1/20 No School

## Guidance Message

As we turn the corner from Fall to Winter, our Social Emotional Learning focus at Lindeneau begins to shift as well. During the next few months, we will take a look at setting goals, responsible decision making, and will explore careers. This Fall we have had a focus on Kindness, Respect, and Friendship, all essential for building relationships and successful futures. During the holiday season, take the opportunity to reinforce these themes, by modeling kind and respectful actions when spending time with close friends and family.

Families play an important role in showing children how to be respectful and how to make friends. The best way is to model the behavior you would like to see.

There are several ways to do this at home:

- ◆ Help your child realize their own strengths and talents.
- ◆ Try and have a sense of humor about yourself when making mistakes, modeling a good growth mindset for our young learners.
- ◆ Listen to your child without criticism. Allow turn taking during conversations.
- ◆ Be kind, give compliments, wave to a friend, open the door for someone.
- ◆ Be understanding of what others are going through by showing empathy.
- ◆ Embrace all moments as an opportunity to learn, teach your children to accept what cannot be changed, by working hard to change the things that can.

The holidays are almost upon us! This activity will improve your child's speech and language skills while getting everyone in the holiday spirit! You can write the questions on pieces of paper, fold them, and place them in a small bag. Then have each person pull out one of the pieces of paper. Go around the table taking turns asking and answering the questions. Here are some questions you can use:

1. What is your favorite holiday activity?
2. What is your favorite holiday food?
3. What is your favorite holiday memory?
4. If you could have your holiday anywhere in the world, where would you be?
5. What is your favorite holiday dessert?
6. What are you thankful for this year?
7. What is your favorite holiday tradition?



Have fun asking and answering the questions! Happy Holidays!!

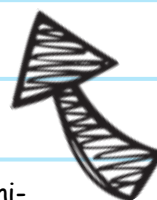
## Grade 2

We have so many things to be thankful for in Second Grade. One of the biggest is our PTO. Thanks to the efforts of our PTO we were able to

go on a class trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium on December 4th.

We spent the day at the aquarium and were able to see and learn so much. Each student visited the "touch tank" and were given the opportunity to touch several animals including a horseshoe crab and a sea star (star fish). We also learned quite a bit about seals and how they train and feed them. We saw sharks swimming in tanks. The penguin exhibit was also a hit. It was interesting to learn about how penguins live in captivity.

Thank you to the PTO for providing the buses and tee shirts for our trip! It was a great day!



Talking tips  
for the  
holiday  
table

## Grade 3

We have so much to be thankful for this month! Third graders gobbled up great books this month and shared a few of their favorite reads. Some third graders wrote poems to show their gratitude.

Thankful  
By: Giovani

Thankful for my family because  
they are always here for me  
Having cousins to take care of me  
At my house there is good food  
Kevin is thankful for me and I'm  
thankful for him  
Friends and family because they  
play with me  
Understanding math  
Lindeneau is the best

Thankful  
By: Gianna

My mom is the best  
Outstanding at crafts  
Thoughtful because she cares about  
everybody  
Happy because she is always smiling.  
Encourages me to try things and  
sometimes I like it  
Respectful because she always says  
her please and thank yous

Thankful  
By: Rohan

The person who taught me dinosaurs  
Halloween, because I like candy  
A creator of YouTube  
Neighbors who always come to play.  
Kid shows, because they are weird &  
funny  
Founder of Mojang, creator of Mine-  
craft  
United States of America, where I  
live  
Lions, because I like to research them

## Grade 4

Fourth grade classes have been talking about the "real meaning of Thanksgiving." The classes have been talking about how Thanksgiving is more than a great meal, a football game, and a parade. Thanksgiving and the month of November is a time to be thankful and to appreciate all that we have in our lives. In the busy lives of children sometimes the concept of being thankful isn't quite clear and we need to teach its importance.

Students have been reflecting through their writing on what makes them happy and what they appreciate. Some children chose to write a thank you note to a friend or family member focusing on what makes that person special to them. During morning meeting students have discussed what they are thankful for with their peers. The students have been utilizing their own talents and creativity to express gratitude to those they care about.

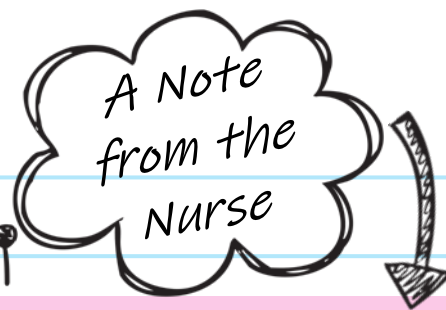






Grade 4 continued...

We are making it a point to express gratitude in the presence of our students. We may say, "I love the beautiful fall colors — the red and yellow and purple leaves." During snack one day we overheard a child say, "Thank you for this delicious snack!" Children learn from these simple behaviors to be thankful for all that we have. We have noticed that taking time to think and have gratitude makes us feel happy. Please continue to take time with your families to express gratitude for things we often take for granted.



Please remember to send in some Chapstick for your child for those dry lips on these cold days.

If you wish your child to not participate in recess or gym activities, they **must have an doctor's note excusing them** from such activities.



In November, the 5th graders have been working towards being the best leaders they can be. After working through the first two habits, 'Be Proactive' and 'Begin With the End in Mind', they are focusing on Habit 3, 'Put First Things First'

The month of November is a time to reflect on things that we are thankful for in our lives. During our morning meetings, students have been reflecting on what they are thankful for the most. Sharing their ideas and thoughts about what it means to be thankful allows students to find similarities they have with their peers. This is an opportunity for students to extend communication outside of the classroom.

The 5th graders are working hard to achieve their personal WIGS and we are excited to see them reach their goals!

A reminder to please keep your child home if they have:

- A fever 100 degrees or higher. A child should not come back to school **until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication.**
- vomiting or diarrhea
- a frequent cough
- any rash accompanied by a fever
- ear pain and/or eye drainage
- sore throat with a fever and/or rash

Have safe and HEALTHY holidays!

## PTO CORNER

Next Meeting



12/11 @ 7:00pm  
Multi-Purpose Room

### Gift giving made easy

The PTO will be holding a Holiday Shop to help students purchase gifts for family and friends this holiday season. Flyers and envelopes will be sent home to help planning. Volunteers are needed to help students with their gift selections. Sign up on our website!

The PTO has partnered with the Satori Academy of Marital Arts in the Tano Mall. When you mention Lindeneau at Satori, every class registration is donated back to our school. Just in time for a unique gift idea for the holidays! A flyer with more information will be sent home with your child.

### Other Upcoming Events

#### Send in those box tops!

Don't forget to send in those pink Box Tops by December 22nd to your child's teacher. The class with the most will receive an ice cream party! Box Tops are moving away from clipping to scan your shopping receipt. Download the Box Top app and select Lindeneau as your school. This money helps our budget and all the kids!

#### Don't cook during the busy holiday season!

Our next Dine Out Night will be Wednesday, December 18th at the Skylark Diner on Route 1N. A portion of your bill will be donated back to our school!

Thank you for supporting the PTO.

Visit <https://lindeneaupto.blogspot.com/> for more information!

