

Inside the Halls of Linwood

School News

Welcome to the sixth edition of "Inside the Halls of Linwood." The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start! We have several new students who started in our school this summer! Welcome to Linwood!

Additionally, we have several new staff who recently joined our team. They are as follows: Mr. Justin, Ms. Tracey, Mr. Greg, Ms. Symone, Mr. Tony, Mr. Wayne, Ms. Janelle, and Mr. Anthony.

Mr. Justin and Ms. Tracey are two of our newest classroom teachers. Ms. Symone, Mr. Tony,

Ms. Janelle, Mr. Greg, Mr. Anthony, and Mr. Wayne are our newest classroom assistants. Everyone comes to our program with a wealth of knowledge and experience that we are excited to bring to our team. Welcome to Linwood!

Now that summer is coming to an end, the classrooms are immersing themselves in academic learning. We are very proud of all that our students accomplished during the last school year and are looking forward to the additional growth and progress that the 2014-2015 school year will bring.

As we continue to grow, our Parent Teacher Organization has been adding new members. Please contact the school for more information about joining if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support of Linwood, and we look forward to a great new school year with you and your student!

-Genese Neal
Education Director



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Calendar of Events Coming up!

September

1st-Labor Day (No School)

12th- In Service for Staff
(School closes at 12:00pm)

October

17th- In Service for Staff
(School closes at 12:00pm)



Classroom Adventures

To wrap up the summer, **Ms. Harriet's classroom** explored the founding of America. They read text with pictures to discover how America was formed, learned our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," and marched as we sang "You're a Grand Old Flag." The students extended their learning with file folder picture matching activities of our presidents and other U.S. symbols such as the Statute of Liberty and the White House. Their reading center was also stocked with supplemental books about America with pictures to enrich their learning during their free time. The class also had fun with food science by learning to make muffins and cookies. For this next quarter, Ms. Harriet's class will venture into making money as part of the learning process. The class will start selling the cookies they make in the school store in order to earn money.



In **Mr. Justin's class**, the students are working on various tasks. They are learning about calendars and the differences between hot and cold. They are also working hard on creating time for individual work sessions. These will involve structured activities with skills that have been previously mastered. Mr. Justin and his students are excited for the fall season and all of the "fall themed" lessons coming up.

Ms. Christie's class will be spending the upcoming months in Math discovering various spatial relationships and their meanings. In Reading, the students will develop pre-reading and during the reading strategies, which will help the students strengthen their



reading comprehension skills. This will be accomplished while still building onto their reading phonics and fluency skills. Finally, in social studies, Ms. Christie's class will talk about safety precautions and the various symbols associated with safety.

Mr. Brandon's classroom has begun a new in-school business to give students some hands-on work experience. Their business is called NJ3, after the first initial of each student in the classroom. Currently, they are selling bracelets in a variety of patterns, but will soon be selling a series of bracelets in football team colors, including the Baltimore Ravens. In reading Mr. Brandon's students are learning about various regions of the United States. Soon students will learn more about American history, including important figures and events. His students will also be continuing to learn about how to properly purchase items, as well as focusing on telling digital and analog time.



Ms. Colleen's class will be starting off the school year by learning about nouns and verbs. They will be focusing on singular and plural words throughout that time. In Math, they will continue to focus on telling time more accurately. One of the goals that Ms. Colleen's class is striving for, is to do more classroom activities outside.

Ms. Ashley's class is preparing for the new school year by reading about rules and writing their own rules as a class. They will be working on playing with our friends by participating in a variety of board games. They will also be reading and doing activities involving the letters l, M, N, and O. Ms. Ashley's class is also going to be incorporating file



folder activities into our independent work, to help up our spelling game.

Mr. Sam has done it again! Here's a brief poem from Mr. Sam's class.

With new staff arriving,
New students in the hall.
The place will be ready,
To be having a ball!
Slow down for one second,
We first have work to finish.
That wont stop Linwood,
The fun will not diminish.
Social Studies and Reading the
States will be addressed,
But we all know that Maryland's the
best!
Multiplication and money handling
seems to bring on some mental
strain,
But we all know Mr. Sam's class will
be making it rain!
Body systems for health and science,
Will be the topic of conversation.
We keep healthy and strong,
Like the Purple and Black Nation!
We are challenged every day,
Spirits so lifted.
Nothing will stop Linwood,
We are so gifted.

Ms. Tracey's classroom is very excited to be starting the school year. Her students are working on learning the letters of the alphabet and how to count. They are very much looking forward to the fall season and getting better acquainted as a class.



As you can see, Linwood's staff and students are busy working hard to achieve success not only in academics, but in everyday life as well!

Meet Our Educators and Classroom Staff



As you know, we are taking some time in our editions of "Inside the Halls of Linwood" to recognize and introduce the teachers and classroom staff of our

school. In this edition, we will be introducing Ms. Christie and her classroom staff.

Ms. Christie (pictured on the left) has been with Linwood for one year. She plans, prepares, and guides her students and staff members. She has been such a wonderful asset to the staff at Linwood, and we are very happy to have her with us.

Mr. McDonald (pictured in the middle) has been at Linwood for roughly 7 months. He is a para assistant in Ms. Christie's class. He helps Ms. Christie with her daily classroom

routines and guides the students in their learning.

Ms. Mangala (pictured on the right) has been with Linwood for just shy of one year this fall. She is the student assistant in Ms. Christie's classroom. Her duties deal with helping the students in any way she can during the learning process.

Ms. Christie and her classroom staff, have been a great asset to the school and to the students that they have in the classroom. We are thankful to have them be a part of the Linwood team!

Tips from Leora on Building Moments



Building Moments

Life can be so hectic and busy! We are constantly running errands and having to get things done at a rushed pace. The list of things to do will always be there. Remember to slow down and enjoy the moments. When we think about learning to drive or baking cookies, we tend to remember the fun anecdotes with the special people in our lives that were memorable, because they were taught in a moment full of love. Enjoy those mo-

ments! Even if only for a moment, try to stop running the race of work and what needs to get accomplished. Live in the moment with your child whenever you can. Take a break from all of the obligations pulling you in different directions.

When you slow down and enjoy the moment, you get the opportunity to use what is called incidental teaching. You get to teach your child a meaningful lesson in a moment that will be exceptionally valuable as they get older. It will be a moment to look back at and reminisce about. These moments are the best way to teach a child; it sets them up for success. Let's say you are working with your daugh-

ter to understand how to wash her face. Take her to the store, get fun face wash products to try together, and make a night of face masks, face wash, and special mommy time.

It is about enjoying the moment and teaching in a guided way. It is best to do this by focusing on what is going right, and avoiding the "not so great" stuff. Put all of your time and energy into what your child is doing right. Not only do you teach your child a valuable lesson, but you get another special moment to engrave in your heart and theirs!

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Talking about Speech!



In case you blinked, allow me to share some horrible news with you: summer is over! On a happier note, and to point out the silver-lining, fall really is beautiful. Fall is not only beautiful but it is one of the best seasons to promote speech and language skills. All of the colors, shapes, changes in the temperature and air, and the verbs you get to use!

Don't forget about the wonderful speech and language promoting holidays, too! Between Halloween and Thanksgiving

you have a speech and language gold mine! Furthermore, these holiday's represent something even bigger! What is that you may ask? Family? Friends? Loved ones? Yes and no! For a speech-language pathologist these holiday's mean multi-syllabic words!

Family, friends, and loved ones are all wonderful, but multi-syllabic words are what allow us to get specific and exact thoughts through to our communicative partners. They allow us to

convey specific messages using tailored words to express our wants, needs, and thoughts.

I would like to pose a challenge during the next month: help your child use at least 2-3-syllable words about the fall! It is fun, and who knows what you just may end up talking about!

Until next time,

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PTO Updates!



Greetings from the PTO Parents!

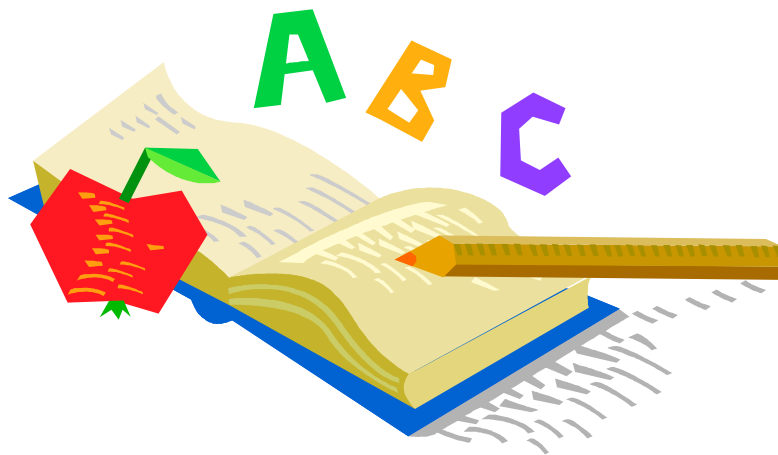
Thank you for your continued support in Linwood's Parent Teacher Organization. We have some great things ahead, and are in the process of brainstorming for some creative events coming your way!

If you'd like more information on joining Linwood's PTO, please feel free to call the school during regular hours and get connected!

Thank you!



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