

Bulletin

Calendar of Events

February 29th - Sealant for Smiles March 7 - Last Day of Canned Food Drive March 22nd - Last day of 3rd Quarter & Super Early Release Day 11:40 /11:45 March 25-April 1 - Spring Break/ no school April 11 - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00pm, students release at 11:40/ 11:45 April 12 - No School



"I Love to Read" Update:

Our paper chain is almost back to the library. Please keep reading books, writing their titles on the papers and sending them back to school! Our final prize is a glow stick dance party!

Thank you to all of our families that came to the Hearst Free Library for our walking field trip. It was fun watching students drink their cocoa while reading stories.

Reado Bingo ends on Thursday. Please help your child get a few more Bingos!



Picking up your child early from school?

There has been an increase of students leaving school within 30 minutes prior to dismissal. This creates hardships for our teachers, students and front office.

If you need to pick your child up early for dismissal please help by following these quidelines:

- Notify your child's teacher and Sherry Scholler at the start of the day. Either send a Seesaw message or call the office.
- Arrive at school and then press the call button to notify the office.
- Be patient as your child is making their way to the office.

Be prepared to sign your child out. If you are able to wait until dismissal it would be super helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

AOH Food Drive

The food drive started last week and ends on March 7th. Please help support our school in collecting food for the families in Anaconda. The class with the most food items wins a pizza party!



ATTENTION The food drive has been extended



Monday February 19th- Thursday March 7th.

Please bring in all non perishable food items.

The class with the most donated food will win a pizza party!

Changes to our 4 Year Old Program

We wanted to let everyone know about some changes that are on the horizon for our Early Kindergarten Program (4 year old program). Last year, there was a law that was passed regarding education for 4 year old students.. Currently, we enroll 4 year olds based on <u>exceptional circumstances</u> (income, disability, attending school in a community that has a high percentage of students on free and reduced lunch, etc.). However, this new law no longer allows 4 year olds to be enrolled in school for these exceptional circumstances. It has criteria tied to literacy. The state is hoping that by allowing families to have early learning opportunities that focus on literacy that the percentage of students who are reading at grade level by 4th grade will improve greatly.

Therefore, our Early Kindergarten Program (4 year olds) will now be an Early Learning Program which focuses on integrated literacy meaning that literacy will be a focus throughout the entire day and tied to all academic subjects. We plan on sharing more information with our families as we have official policies approved by the school board. We are hopeful this happens later in March.

Note - we don't foresee any changes happening with our 3 year old program at this time.

If you have questions, please contact Norah Barney at 406-563-6141, Ext 1605 or email her at nbarney@anacondaschools.org or SeeSaw.

Early Learning Matters:

Enrolling your child in a high quality early learning program matters and studies have shown that it leads to:

- Higher test scores from preschool to age 21
- Better grades in reading and math
- A better chance of staying in school and going to college
- Fewer teen pregnancies
- Improved mental health
- Lower risk of heart disease in adulthood
- A longer lifespan

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Dear Families,

Kids Heart Challenge is coming soon to Lincoln Primary! Students will learn how to have happy and healthy hearts and brains, while raising donations to help others with special hearts. Plus, your family can learn the lifesaving skill of **Hands-Only CPR** in **Finn's Mission**!

In honor of the American Heart Association's 100th anniversary, we want at least 100 students to get involved. So don't wait! Register TODAY at <u>http://www2.heart.org/goto/LincolnPrimarySchoolAnacondaMT</u> or by downloading the FREE **AHA Schools App** for <u>Apple</u> or <u>Android</u>.

Thank you for supporting our school and the American Heart Association. Together, we are saving lives!

If you have any questions please contact the gym teacher Mr. Huber!

Thank you for your support!

Mr. Huber



Save Lives. Win Big.

Students and staff that complete Finn's Mission will earn an entry for two tickets to **Super Bowl LIX** in 2025 and our school will be entered to receive a **\$10,000 fitness equipment makeover** for every 18 students and staff who complete Finn's Mission. The National Football League (NFL) is a proud national supporter

of the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers.

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