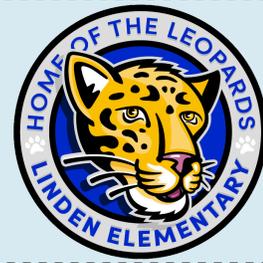


SWPBIS

Linden Elementary School



Monthly Winner - Linden Leading Leopard

After each weekly drawing, all PAWs are emptied into our school-wide bin. Once a month, one PAW from the bin is randomly drawn to determine the monthly winner of our Linden Leading Leopard t-shirt. The t-shirt was designed by previous fifth and sixth grade students. Only nine students throughout the school year are chosen as winners of this special prize.



October's Linden Leading Leopard was Aimsley McCollum in Mrs. Leonard's class. Aimsley earned her winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through citizenship. Aimsley upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by helping others, working hard, and being a role model to her younger Linden Leopard Cubs. Way to go, Aimsley!

Look Out for Leopard Paws!

Have your Linden Leopards come home with paw stamps on their hands? This is an indicator that they received a PAW during the school day for demonstrating Core 4 behaviors. Take time to ask them more about what they did to earn their PAW!



Respect Starts with Kindness

Helping kids feel confident and kind in social situations is a powerful way to teach respect—one of our core values at school. A recent article from PBS Parents shares helpful tips for guiding children through everyday interactions with empathy and self-assurance.

Here are a few takeaways:

-  Practice empathy: Encourage your child to notice how others feel and respond with care.
-  Model active listening: Show them how to listen without interrupting and to ask thoughtful questions.
-  Build confidence: Role-play common social scenarios so your child feels prepared and supported.
-  Celebrate kindness: Praise respectful behavior like sharing, including others, and using polite language.

These skills help children thrive in the classroom, on the playground, and beyond. When families and schools work together to nurture kindness and confidence, we create a respectful community where every child feels safe and valued.

You can read the full article on [PBS Parents](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/helping-your-child-navigate-social-situations-with-confidence-and-kindness):

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Partnering for Positive Behavior

As part of our SWPBIS program, Linden staff use Behavior Data Report (BDR) forms to track recurring behaviors from individual students. A key element of this process is the Student Reflection form, completed with teacher support. This helps students take ownership of their actions and understand their role in creating a safe, respectful, and empathetic school environment.

If your child brings home a reflection form, we encourage you to review it together. It is a great opportunity to reinforce Linden's Core 4 Values and identify areas for growth. Creating a positive school culture takes teamwork, and we are grateful for the continued support of our Linden families. Together, we are shaping the success of every Linden Leopard!