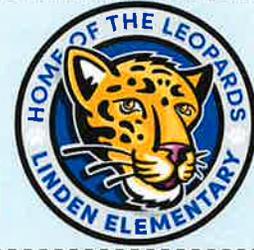


SWPBIS

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.



November's Linden Leading Leopard was Adelyn Hughes in Ms. Corrigan's class. Adelyn earned her winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through citizenship. Adelyn upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by helping her classmates, being kind and caring, and having a positive attitude each and every day! Way to go, Adelyn!

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!

Connecting Children to Their Neighborhoods: Growing Citizenship from the Ground Up

Helping children connect with their neighborhoods fosters a deeper sense of belonging, empathy, and responsibility. By encouraging kids to notice, engage with, and contribute to their communities, families nurture the foundation of active citizenship. Simple acts like walking through local parks, attending community events, or talking about neighborhood helpers can spark curiosity and pride in the places children call home.

Why This Matters for Linden

At Linden, we believe citizenship is more than a concept—it's a practice lived daily. Here is how community engagement aligns with our Core 4 values:

- **Respect:** Children learn to value the people, places, and traditions that shape their community.
- **Responsibility:** Caring for local spaces and noticing community needs teaches accountability and stewardship.
- **Cooperation:** Engaging with neighbors and participating in shared activities models teamwork and collaboration.
- **Citizenship:** Everyday involvement in community life helps children see themselves as active, contributing members.

Putting Values into Practice

Families can start small: take a walk through the community, pick up trash in your neighborhood, attend a local event, or simply notice the helpers who make your community thrive. Each of these moments plants the seeds of lifelong citizenship, aligning with Linden's mission to raise thoughtful, respectful, and cooperative learners.

You can read the full article on [PBS Parents](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/connecting-children-to-their-neighborhoods-deepening-a-sense-of-belonging):

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