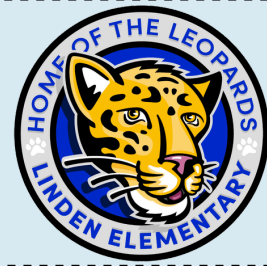


SWPBIS

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.



February's Linden Leading Leopard was Yijin Zhu in Miss Hurwitz's class. Yijin earned her winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through respect and cooperation. Yijin upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by showing care and concern toward others, following directions, showing understanding toward her classmates, and bringing positivity to her classroom. Way to go, Yijin!

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!

Cooperation Corner: Working Through Conflict Together

Conflict is a normal part of growing up, whether it's a small disagreement or a bigger misunderstanding. What matters most is how children learn to work through it, and this is where cooperation truly shines.

When children pause, recognize their feelings, and calm down before reacting, they're better able to talk things out and understand what's really going on. Practicing empathy, listening to others, and communicating clearly are powerful skills that make conflict resolution smoother and more successful.

Putting Values Into Practice

-  **Emotions First:** Children need time to cool down and understand their feelings before they can cooperate or problem-solve.
-  **Tools to Name Feelings:** Visual supports — like feelings charts, stoplights, or emotion thermometers — help kids recognize when they're ready to talk things through.
-  **Problem-Solving Together:** Brainstorming solutions and choosing a plan as a team teaches cooperation, compromise, and shared responsibility.
-  **Lead with Empathy:** Encouraging children to consider the other person's perspective helps them respond with understanding rather than frustration.
-  **Communication is Key:** Using "I" statements and practicing active listening helps children express themselves respectfully and stay open to solutions.
-  **Model for Children:** When adults handle conflict calmly and respectfully, kids see cooperation in action — and are more likely to use those skills themselves.

You can read the full article here:

<https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-how-to-deal-with-conflict/>