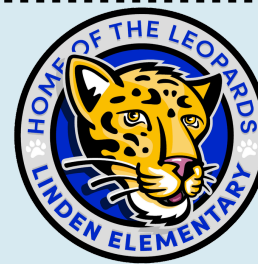


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Monthly Winner - Linden Leading Leopard

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.



March's Linden Leading Leopard was Jonathan Bucey in Mrs. Ojeda' class. Jonathan earned his winning PAW for displaying Core 4 values through citizenship and being a Linden Leading Leopard throughout the school day. Jonathan upholds the Core 4 on a daily basis by helping classmates, being kind and caring, and having a positive attitude each and every day! Way to go, Jonathan!

School Wide Movie Day

In the fall we set a goal to fill up our school-wide PAW bin with PAWs earned by students. We recently celebrated filling that bin with a movie day! We are so tremendously proud of our students and the efforts that they have made to strengthen our school. They absolutely earned the movie day!



Responsibility at Work: Helping Linden Leopards Make Thoughtful Decisions

Children make decisions every day, from choosing a snack to navigating friendships, and these choices get more complex as they grow. Responsible decision-making is a skill that develops over time, and adults can support it by offering guidance, modeling thoughtful choices, and gradually giving children more independence.

- **Start Early with Simple Choices:** Young children build confidence by choosing between two parent-approved options. As they grow, gradually increase the decisions they can handle.
- **Model Your Thinking Out Loud:** Share your own decision-making process. Talk through pros and cons, considering others, and thinking ahead. This helps children to understand how thoughtful choices are made.
- **Talk Through Decisions Together:** For choices that affect them, ask guiding questions:
 - “What are your options?”
 - “How might each choice affect others?”
 - “What’s the best plan B?”
- **Provide Support, Not Solutions:** Offer structure and options when needed, but allow children time to decide. Praise their effort and independence.
- **Let Safe Mistakes Happen:** Kids learn valuable lessons from natural consequences. If a choice is safe, let them experience the outcome and talk through what they might do differently next time.

You can read the full article here:

<https://childmind.org/article/helping-kids-make-decisions/>