**Principal News**

1. **Kindergarten Registration**
   We have completed 4 K and 5 K registration for 2015-16. If you have a student and did not attend kindergarten registration, please stop in at the school office to complete the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. Registration can also be done online. In addition, if you know of a child who will be four or five prior to September 1 and who lives in the Lindbergh attendance area, please encourage the child’s parents to complete the registration process as soon as possible. The school office is open every day during the school year from 7:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. If your child is in a 4K program, it is not necessary to register the child for 5K.

   If you have an incoming kindergarten child and live in the Mendota attendance area, you should plan to have your child attend Mendota Elementary in September. If you want your incoming kindergarten child to attend Lindbergh, you must complete an internal transfer form between May 4 and May 22. There will also be a second application period from May 15 to August 21.

   The District will post on the website if there is going to be space available in our kindergarten on or before April 30.

2. **Summer School**
   The Madison Metropolitan School District will have a six-week, full day Summer School program from June 22 through July 31 for eligible students in grades K-5. There will also be a K Ready program for incoming kindergarteners who qualify. Summer school will be at Lindbergh this year and children will be taught by Lindbergh staff. If your child is eligible, you will be receiving information in the mail during the week of April 10.

   **Registration is online this year and information must be returned by April 28, 2015.** School, classroom, and transportation information will be sent to parents of registered students on May 29. In addition to literacy and math classes, children will also be assigned to an enrichment class each morning.

   Parents may pick up their child at noon. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Busing will be available for Lindbergh students who live in the Mendota attendance area at 4:00. There is no transportation at noon. Please do not hesitate to call Ms. Wigdal or me if you have questions.

   School staff will be contacting parents of children who qualify for summer school. Mr. Bolanos and Ms. Wigdal will also be available to help parents with the registration process.

3. **Class Placements for 2015-16**
   We will send home a class placement form on April 10. This form tells us if your child will be returning to Lindbergh as well as any academic, social or behavioral information that you want to share with us as we begin to place students in classes for next year. The form is due by May 1. The classroom teachers will meet in May to determine preliminary placements for next year. In August, the staff review the placements again in light of student enrollment prior to informing parents of class placements in August during the school wide registration.

4. **Badger Exam**
   Students in grades 3-5 will take the state mandated Badger Exam on April 8-29. Children will be asked to do math and literacy computerized assessments.

   Students will also be expected to complete two parent assessments for both literacy and math based on scripted math and literacy lessons that the teachers will provide. The Badger Exam is not timed and children can work at their own pace.

5. **2015-16 Registration Day**
   We will have our annual school-wide registration day on August 21 from 11:00-6:00 for continuing students and on August 20 from 8:00 to 12:00 for new students. 2015-16 Kindergarten students who have already registered should come to school on the 21st. Registration will be in the computer lab. We encourage parents to complete the online registration process. Parents will be informed of class placements at this time. Medication consent forms will be available for parents to complete. The School-wide Registration Day helps our school year start smoothly in September. We have also found that it is a fun way for your child to reconnect with Lindbergh staff and friends. They have not seen over the summer months. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

6. **Start of 2015-16 School Year**
   The first day of school for students in grades K-5 will be Tuesday, September 1. Please note that this year we will start before Labor Day. We will have early dismissals at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1 and 2. We will have our first regular full day of school on Thursday, September 3. There will not be school on Monday, Sept. 7 due to Labor Day.
Lindbergh Elementary Advanced Learning News and Updates

Yahara River Writer’s Contest

During the fall, Advanced Learners in the 5th grade submitted poetry, short stories, editorials, or cartoons to the Yahara River Writer’s Contest. The contest is for students in grades 5 through 8 throughout Dane County. The five top entries from each category continued to the second round, are to be judged across the county. Finalists will be notified in March.

Math Fest

On February 3rd, four students from 4th and four students from 5th grade participated in the AL Department’s yearly Math Fest for elementary schools. Students prepared with Mrs. Mensing, the AL Instructional Resource Teacher by participating in grade-level math Olympiads during the weeks leading up to the event. This event, organized by the Advanced Learning Department, takes place yearly among two elementary school divisions, one of which is our East division. Awards for participation and high performance in individual and team competitions are given by the school and by division. Lindbergh representatives in Math Fest were 5th graders Mua Thao, Isabella Gunter, Avian Morgan, and Kayeng Yang. 4th grade representatives were Gueda Daff, Evan McConley, Jim Thao, and Dylan Yang. First place individual winners at the school level for Lindbergh were Evan McConely, for 5th grade; and Avian Morgan for 4th grade.

Science Cohort

The AL Department together with the University of Wisconsin is sponsoring four students in 5th grade to participate in a science cohort at the Discovery Center on the Madison university campus. These students are working with scientists in state-of-the-art laboratories. Students were selected based on their passion for and achievements in science. Lindbergh’s Science Cohort participants are 5th graders Damion Elizondo, Favor Olubi, Ade Onabule, and Taleah Cameron-Cuesta.

Leadership

Learning in the leadership domain has been focused on creative leadership, service learning, and problem solving activities. Some schools sent Student Council attended the Wisconsin Student Council Elementary Leadership Institute in October, and have carried the tenets out during the school year thus far by plans for projects that students lead and carry through. Lindbergh leaders serve patrol duty and work in the school store.

College for Kids

Fifth graders selected from each elementary school will be attending College for Kids at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Up to four students in the fifth grade class take advantage of their nomination to participate and develop excellence and talent. Students will experience three classes this summer across three weeks in subjects such as art, humanities, physical sciences, social sciences, or biological sciences. Nominees from Lindbergh’s 5th grade include Avian Morgan, Damion Elizondo, Isabella Gunter, Awa Phatty.

The Dane County Haiku Project

All grades were invited to submit haiku poetry to the Haiku Project, an enrichment opportunity from The Greater Dane Advanced Learning Network, by sending their creative efforts in haiku to Mrs. Mensing before February 1st. The project has produced memorable haiku by MMSD students for many years. Those whose poetry is selected for publication will have their poem included in an anthology. Students whose poetry is selected and their families will be invited to attend an official reading of their poetry at a celebration event. Ms. Vitale’s 4th grade class represented Lindbergh by submitting their wonderful haiku poetry for consideration!

Further Advanced Learning Opportunities

K-3 scholars are encouraged to participate in the PBS Kids National Writing Contest. This contest is open to kindergarten through third grade: http://wpt.org/education_and_parents/pbs-kids-go/writers-contest. Young writers will love the activities offered for this contest, which you can see here: http://pbskids.org/writerscontest/. They can read award winners’ stories and create their own stories with a story tool.

The Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation offers enrichment described at http://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org/chess-resources-by-john-veech. Further opportunities are available on the “Beyond MMSD” tab at https://advanced.madison.k12.wi.us/workshops.htm

Lindbergh’s Advanced Learning Instructional Resource Teacher is Maureen Mensing.
Hello families!

**Movie Night:**
Thanks to all of you who joined us for movie night. We watched Lion King.

**Fun Fair:**
This month we are busy preparing for the Lindbergh Fun Fair. The Fun Fair will be held on April 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fair is a family event that will include games, prizes, food and a raffle. The proceeds will benefit the PTA and the students of Lindbergh Elementary.

We need everyone’s help to make this event a success. Please consider helping prepare for the event and/or volunteering for a short 30 minute shift during the fair.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help us gather donations for our raffle. If you know of a business that is willing to contribute, please let us know ASAP. A box for donations is located near the Lindbergh office. You can also call Jennifer at 608-244-2912 and arrange for a pick-up.

We also need volunteers to help with games, prizes, food, and event set-up/clean up. Contact Jennifer Hendricks at the number listed above or email her at jenniferhendricks@att.net

Check out our Facebook page, Lindbergh Pta, for updates.

**April PTA meeting:**
The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All parents and teachers are invited to attend. Childcare will be available.