

Updates from the Cabinet

June 14, 2021

Cabinet Members: Superintendent Bisgard, Assoc. Superintendent Wear, Mrs. Karla Christian (HR), Mr. JT Anderson (CFO), Mrs. Leisa Breitsfelder (Student Services), and Mrs. Jeri Ramos (Tech)



Community Service Announcement: The Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY) program will be providing sack lunches to children from June 7th through August 20th. Lunches will be available for pick up Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 12:30 PM. Pick up locations vary. *The FLY program is sponsored by the Marion First United Methodist Church. Contact them directly with questions at 377-4856. [Click here for more information](#)*

Honors & Highlights

Project Leads the Way Honors: Congratulations to all the students who received their Project Leads the Way Distinguished Honors Stoles. This honor was given to students who completed three or more engineering courses (including a course in engineering-design and development) with a "B" or higher and an "Accomplished" or higher on their end-of-year exam.



Show Choir Mention: Congratulations to 10th Street Show Choir on their 2020-21 Pandemic Show Choir Film Project. The project was based on Lois Lowry's novel entitled, *The Giver*, and was completed in collaboration with another one of the top show choirs in the country. Visit the following link to watch the film: <https://youtu.be/KaU0QpEsEgk>



Orchestra Honor: Congratulations to Thad Sentman, LMHS Orchestra Instructor, for receiving the Iowa String Teachers Association Bruce Eilers Classroom Teacher Award. Mr. Sentman is the third LM teacher to receive this award.



Future Educator Signing Day: The district hosted a special "Letter of Intent Signing" on May 25th to recognize a group of Linn-Mar Seniors who share a passion for the profession of educating young people and will be pursuing future careers in education. Congratulations to these students and all of the Linn-Mar 2020-21 Graduates! **Go Lions!**

Graduation Honors: Commencement was held at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse on Sunday, May 30th. Congratulations to our 538 graduates and good luck in your future endeavors!!



Drama Honors: Congratulations to the following students for winning the 2021 Theatre Awards. Honorees are selected by members of the Linn-Mar Thespian Troupe 680.

- ❖ **Best Male Lead:** Andy Arnold as Wayne Hopkins in *Puffs*
- ❖ **Best Female Lead:** Haleigh Eakins as Megan Jones in *Puffs*
- ❖ **Best Male Supporting Character:** Adrian Deal as the Narrator in *Puffs* and Matthew Tofanelli as Clarence Rareshot in *Lead Rings on the Merry-Go-Round*
- ❖ **Best Female Supporting Role:** Maddie Nus in *#2020*
- ❖ **Best Female Character Role:** Isabella Albright as Xavia Jones in *Puffs*
- ❖ **Best Male Character Role:** Cavan O'Hara as Lancelot T. Terrier in *Lead Rings on the Merry-Go-Round*
- ❖ **Best Upcoming Techie:** Lily Haas
- ❖ **Honor Thespians:** Cavan O'Hara and Sydney Williams
- ❖ **Technical Theatre Award:** Sydney Williams for donating over 1,000 hours to drama during her high school tenure



OPN Architects Recognition: Congratulations to OPN Architects for being recognized by the American Institute of Architects Iowa Chapter with the People's Choice Award for their design plans for Boulder Peak Intermediate and Hazel Point Intermediate. [Click here for more details!](#)

Retirement Honors: Congratulations to the following Linn-Mar staff members on their retirement!

- ★ Jackie Brown – Westfield 3rd Grade Teacher
- ★ Lori Brown – Novak 3rd Grade Teacher
- ★ Marsha Coady – Indian Creek Kitchen Manager
- ★ Chris Duggan – LM High School Student Supervisor
- ★ Sherri Fee – Excelsior School Counselor's Secretary
- ★ Kathy Gates - Bowman Woods Student Support Associate
- ★ Sonja Gibbs – Novak Student Support Associate
- ★ Jody Goldsmith – LM High School Student Services Teacher
- ★ Jon Harms – Teacher Leadership Mentor Coach
- ★ Noel Huber – Transportation Bus Driver
- ★ Carla Ironside – Linn Grove Students Services & Reading Teacher
- ★ Kristi Kester – Westfield 3rd Grade Teacher
- ★ Sue Kraus – Oak Ridge Media Specialist
- ★ Micah Kremer – Westfield School Counselor's Secretary
- ★ Terry Malmberg – Transportation Bus Driver
- ★ Nancy Manders – Novak 4th Grade Teacher
- ★ Annette Mohling – LM High School Student Support Associate
- ★ Brad Peyton – Oak Ridge Math Teacher



Retirement Honors Continued: Congratulations to the following Linn-Mar staff members on their retirement!

- ★ Shelly Pottebaum – Novak Title I Reading Teacher
- ★ Diane Reid – Novak Student Support Associate
- ★ Shawn Sandersfeld – Boulder Peak & Excelsior Band Teacher
- ★ Deb Steward – Transportation Secretary
- ★ Anna Strand - District Nurse
- ★ Debbie Susen – Nutrition Services
- ★ Lori Swanson – Novak Health Assistant
- ★ Karen Sykes – Linn Grove Custodian
- ★ Barb Twachtmann – LM High School Student Services Teacher
- ★ Virgie Wehr – Nutrition Services
- ★ Polly Wood – LM High School PE Teacher

