

Welcome to the Lindsborg Community

In 1886 a group of immigrants left Sweden to make a new home in America's heartland. They settled in the Smoky Hill River Valley and established the community of Lindsborg. While these settlers were pioneers in cooperative farming, they also brought with them traditions of learning and beauty which gave dreams of pursuing more than mere survival on the Kansas prairie.

Lindsborg today, a community of 3200, reflects not only the Swedish traditions of early settlers, but a legacy of intellectual and aesthetic experiences as well.

USD #400 serves the communities of Falun, Lindsborg, Marquette, Roxbury and Smolan and covers 396 square miles. The estimated population of the district is approximately 6000 with a current enrollment of 1031. The district employs about 75 staff members and 65 support personnel.

In 1998, USD # 400 patrons passed a bond issue to improve the schools in the Smoky Valley School District. Improvements were made to Marquette Elementary (K-8) on the western edge of the district. Soderstrom Elementary was modified to house grades K-4, a change from being a K-8 building. Construction of a new high school left the old building open to be used as a middle school. Remodeling and additional construction of the 5th -6th grade wing created the current Lindsborg Middle School.

Special Community Events

Messiah Festival

Annual Holy Week presentations of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew's Passion" plus recitals, concerts, and art exhibitions.

Millfest

A celebration of McPherson County history featuring a dry run of the mill and other living history demonstrations. Held the 1st Saturday in May.

Midsummer's Day Festival

Annual Swedish-American celebration welcoming the return of summer. Includes art fair, folk dancing, and smorgasbord. Held the 3rd Saturday in June.

Broadway RFD

Community musical theater performed under the stars. Usually two weekends in July.

Svensk Hyllningsfest

Biennial tribute to the Swedish pioneers. Features art, crafts, special foods, folk dancing, parade, smorgasbord, and special entertainment. Held in October of odd numbered years.

Heritage Christmas

A celebration of Christmas Past. Music, drama, costumes of a pioneer Christmas on the Kansas prairie. Held the 1st and 2nd Saturday evenings in December.

St. Lucia Festival

Ushers in the Christmas season according to the 18th century Swedish tradition, live Christmas music, folk dancing, and crowning of St. Lucia. Held the 1st and 2nd Saturday in December.

Lindsborg Middle School



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Mission Statement

*“We will be advocates
for all learners,
all of the time”*

Office Hours 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
School Day 8:15 am - 3:25
pm

Students are expected to arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Since regular attendance is important to a student's success in school, students need to be on time. If a student is not in the classroom by 8:15 a.m., they will be reported tardy. The school office needs to be informed of absences between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

LMS has an automated phone service which includes voice mail and bus information. This service allows parents to call the school at any time to report a student absence and to find out the estimated return time of buses from out-of-town events. After hours the school's phone will automatically be transferred to voice mail. Listen to the prompts and you will be able to find the information you need.

Additional Phone Numbers

Bus Barn	227-2407
Marquette Elementary	546-2275
Smoky Valley High School	227-2909
Soderstrom Elementary	227-2945

Web/Internet

Our web site, <http://smokyvalley.org/lms>

At this location you can access the USD #400 school calendar to find important dates of upcoming events. This calendar is updated

Immunizations

Kansas statutes require that any child that is new to the district must present certification from a licensed physician of immunizations. Immunizations are to include vaccinations for polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, mumps and measles or indicate legal exemption. All children entering the 6th grade will be required to have proof of receiving two (2) doses of combined measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine prior to school entry.

Medication

If a student must have medication administered during the school day, a written permission to medicate form must be signed by the physician and parent or guardian and returned to school. Medication must be delivered to the school in the original prescription container by the parent or responsible adult designated by the parent.

The Arts

The Lindsborg area is rich in "The Arts". Opportunities are provided for those wanting to participate in instrumental music and strings. Vocal music is scheduled daily for fifth and sixth grades, but is optional for students in the seventh and eighth grade. Instructional art is a part of the curriculum for all middle school students. Students are exposed to several art mediums and techniques. Art history is also part of the curriculum.

Technology

Every classroom has computers for student use. Each computer is networked for access to the internet. Students will be supervised at all times and must have a signed parental permission slip to access the internet. The use of technology is integrated into the curriculum and all grades have keyboarding and computer classes. Students also have the use of the computer lab for whole class projects and instruction.

Meals

Lunch - \$1.85 Breakfast - \$1.15

A hot breakfast and lunch program is maintained at school for those students who wish to participate. Parents must send money to school for the student's meal account. Notices are sent home each Wednesday for accounts that have a balance of \$5.00 or less. Accounts that are severely overdrawn will be closed by the office until payment is made.

Free and reduced meals are available to families who qualify. Applications for the Child Nutrition Program benefits may be obtained from the school office.

Athletics

Seventh and eighth grade students may participate in a variety of athletic events throughout the school year. These include football and volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track and tennis in the spring are offered to boys and girls.

In order to be eligible to participate in athletics, students must maintain a "C" average in all classes. If grades fall below the required standard, students will not be eligible to participate. Progress reports are sent home weekly for students receiving a D or F in any subject. Students receiving a D or F in any two (2) or more subjects are encouraged to attend Homework Club.

Homework Club

Homework Club is held every week, Monday through Thursday and is available to all students. Students receiving a D or F in any two (2) subject areas are strongly encouraged to attend Homework Club. Homework Club is provided to give help to students with their academic classes. By offering this service, it is our hope that a student's grades will not get so low that it is hard to bring them up.