



THE VOICE



V. Lindsay School Newsletter STEAM Edition



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MARCH

Mar. 9th
Mom-mosa



Mar. 13th
End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 16th -20th
Spring Break



Mar. 25th
STEAM FAIR
&
RIBBON CUTTING



Mar. 30th
Parent/Teacher
Conference



Principals Message

Dear V. Lindsay Families,
As we reflect on the month of February, my heart is full. What an incredible time we shared together as a school family!

First, thank you all for the birthday love you showed me. Your kindness, thoughtful words, and gestures truly meant so much. I am grateful and honored to serve such a thoughtful and supportive community.

Our Black History Performance was nothing short of amazing. The turnout was outstanding; our students performed beautifully, and it was truly a night to remember. Thank you to every parent who contributed desserts and helped create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

A very special thank you to Shannon Williams for bringing our Night of the Arts to life. Your vision and dedication were evident in every detail. Thank you as well to Rachel Tigner, Barbra Williams, and our beloved school Nana, Viki Kochsmeier, for truly giving us a taste of soul. This was truly a V. Lindsay Family event!

We also extend sincere appreciation to our churches, administration, and Home & School representatives for your continued support. Each of you played an important role in making the evening a success, and we deeply appreciate your partnership and commitment to our students.

As we move into March, we are just a few weeks away from completing the third quarter on March 13. Time is certainly moving quickly! Please continue encouraging your scholars to stay focused and finish strong. Spring Break will be held March 16–20. We pray you have a wonderful, restful, and healthy break with your families. Take this time to recharge and enjoy one another.



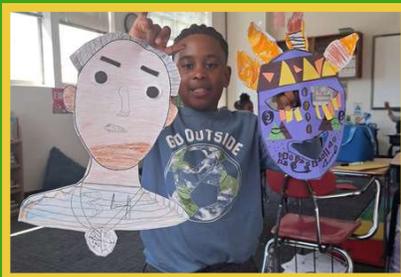
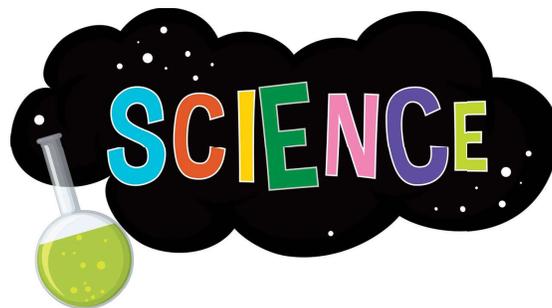
Principal Damon

Principals Message

Please also keep an ear out for information regarding upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conversations are vital to ensuring we continue working together to support each child's academic and personal growth. We are also preparing for our upcoming STEM Fair and MAP Testing. More information will be shared soon, so please stay tuned.

Additionally, our Career Spotlight series has been a tremendous blessing to our students. It has truly expanded the way they view the workforce and added endless vision to their dreams and goals. If you or someone you know has a career that would inspire our students, we would love to connect with them. Bringing new professionals to campus each week has made a meaningful difference, and we look forward to continuing this powerful exposure for our scholars.

Thank you for being such an essential part of the V. Lindsay family. Together, we are nurturing confident learners, strong leaders, and bright futures.



Thrive Together Campaign Update

We are excited to share major progress in our Thrive Together: Empowering the Future of Education in Central States campaign!

Thanks to generous support, we have completed the renovation of our school library. During our upcoming STEM Fair, we will host an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Library, celebrating this important milestone.

In addition, Phase One of our STEM Lab is now underway. While the space will continue to develop in stages, students are already benefiting from upgraded tools and enhanced learning resources.

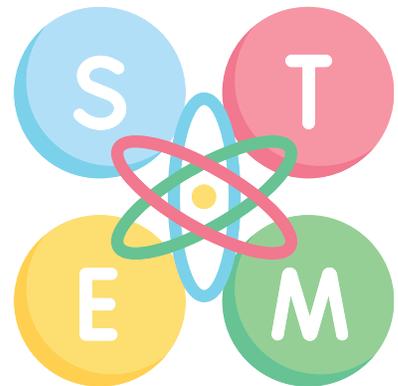
The STEM Fair itself is a powerful preview of what this lab will continue to grow into — a dynamic space where innovation, creativity, and faith-based education come together.

We are still inviting 200 donors to help us reach our \$20,000 goal and fully equip the lab. Every gift moves us closer to completion.

Together, we are building more than rooms — we are building opportunity.

Donation Options

- Amazon Gift List: VLS Thrive Together Campaign
- Local Church: Give through your local church by designating your offering for the “Thrive Together Campaign.”
- Central States Conference Church on Adventist Giving: select “Thrive Together Campaign.”
- Cash App: Send your donation to \$VLSDASchool with the comment “STEM/Library.”



Classroom Corner ELA/ Reading

We will begin ELA tutoring next week and continue throughout the month of April. Please reach out if you would like your child to participate. More detailed information regarding cost, schedules, and expectations will be provided to families who express interest.

This tutoring time is specifically geared toward filling in learning gaps, rebuilding strong foundations, and strengthening areas of challenge through targeted, intentional instruction.

Throughout this month, we will focus on continued development in reading, writing, comprehension, and fluency. We will be tightening up skills, reviewing key concepts, and introducing any standards that have not yet been fully covered to ensure our scholars are progressing with confidence and excellence.

I am incredibly proud of each of our scholars and the amazing progress they have made. Their growth has been evident, and we do not want to take it for granted. To help us maintain this momentum, please assist by ensuring your student completes at least two IXL skill plan activities Monday through Wednesday at home. Consistent, focused practice truly makes a measurable difference.

We will also begin working on our upcoming ELA class books soon. This is always an exciting time as our students step into the role of authors, developing their voices and creativity in meaningful ways. Stay tuned for more information as we prepare to celebrate their hard work.

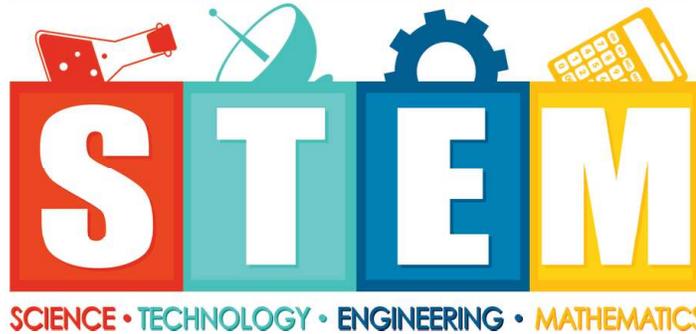
As Scripture reminds us, “The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.” — Book of Proverbs 18:15



Principal Damon

Classroom Corner: ELA/Reading

Strong literacy skills equip our children to discern truth, communicate effectively, and lead with confidence. We thank our families, churches, and greater community for your continued partnership in nurturing thoughtful readers, skilled writers, and Christ-centered scholars. Together, we are building voices that will make a lasting impact.



Classroom Corner Math/ P.E./ Music

Spring is right around the corner, and March is shaping up to be an exciting and productive month for our students! We are so proud of the focus, maturity, and enthusiasm we are seeing each day. As we move closer to the final stretch of school year, our goal is to stay motivated, stay consistent, and finish strong together!



Dr. Dixon

Homeroom & Worship

Missionary Project Update

We are officially down to the FINAL TWO MONTHS of our Missionary Project!

 This has been such a meaningful experience for our students. They are learning commitment, generosity, responsibility, and service to others. Thank you for continuing to support your child in this initiative. Every contribution and every effort matters. Let's encourage our students to stay focused and complete this project with excellence!

Worship Focus

During worship, we are continuing our study on the Life of Jesus and what it truly means to live like Him. We are discussing showing kindness even when it's hard, leading by example, demonstrating humility, making wise choices, forgiveness, and loving others intentionally. It has been powerful to see students applying these principles in their daily interactions with classmates. Our goal is not just academic growth—but character growth as well.



Classroom Corner: Math/ P.E. / Music

+ Math Department Update

March is a BIG preparation month in math!

MAP Testing Preparation

Next month, students will take the MAP Assessment, and we are working intentionally to ensure they feel confident and ready. We are reviewing foundational skills, practicing problem-solving strategies, and building test-taking stamina. Encouragement at home makes a huge difference—thank you for helping your child stay positive and focused!

IXL Homework Routine

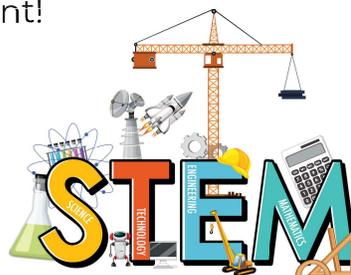
Students who needed improvement in homework consistency are beginning to build better habits. We are seeing progress with daily IXL assignments. Homework expectations are to be consistent, put forth effort, and to show growth. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing this routine at home.

NEW: Math Money Lab

We are excited to announce the launch of our Math Money Lab! Students are earning “math money” and learning how to budget, save, spend responsibly, make financial decisions, and experience real-life money management scenarios. This hands-on simulation teaches life skills that extend beyond the classroom. Students are highly engaged and learning practical financial literacy in a fun, structured way!

Math Olympics Preparation

We are also preparing for next month’s Math Olympics! Students will compete in academic challenges that emphasize speed, accuracy, critical thinking, and strategy. We are building both confidence and healthy competition skills. It’s going to be an exciting event!



Classroom Corner: Math/ P.E. / Music

Physical Education (PE)

PE has been active and exciting!

Soccer Skills & Drills

Students worked on such skills as dribbling techniques, passing accuracy, team positioning, controlled footwork, and game strategy. They practiced soccer drills and applied those skills in gameplay situations. Teamwork and communication were key!

Cornhole Fundamentals

Students also learned how to play Cornhole—focusing on hand-eye coordination, proper stance, controlled throwing, and friendly competition. This activity helped students build focus and sportsmanship in a fun and engaging way.

Golf Introduction

We introduced the fundamentals of golf, where students practiced grip, swing form, patience and precision, using a driver, an iron, and putting.

Looking Ahead

We will continue exploring new sports throughout the spring while preparing for the Presidential Physical Fitness Assessment at the end of the school year. Students are building endurance, strength, coordination, and discipline each week.

Healthy bodies support healthy minds!

Music Department

Our music room is alive with rhythm and creativity!

Instrument Exploration

Students are learning drums, piano, basic percussion, and foundational music structure.

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Music Concepts

We are focusing on beats, rhythm, melody, timing, and listening skills. Students are beginning to understand how music pieces are structured and how different instruments work together.

Music Field Trip Preparation

Next month's Music Field Trip is approaching! Students are preparing musically and behaviorally to make the most of this exciting experience. More details will be shared soon!

V. Lindsay Album Fundraiser

Introducing our V. Lindsay Album Fundraiser! Here's how it works:

-  Albums are \$10 each
- 50% goes directly to support V. Lindsay
- Students earn 10% from albums they personally sell

If you enjoyed the music from the Black History program, we encourage you to support and share with friends and family. Every purchase makes a difference! You can speak to me for more information or to get CDs to purchase.

Looking Ahead

March is a month of preparation, growth, and momentum. We are:

- Finishing the Missionary Project strong
- Preparing academically for MAP testing
- Training for Math Olympics
- Building athletic skills
- Growing musically

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your support, encouragement, and involvement make all the difference.

Let's make March a month of excellence!



Classroom Corner Science/ Social Studies / Bible / Art

March is an exciting month at our school! Our scholars will be engaging in Project-Based Learning (PBL) through a cross-curricular experience titled:

The Good Samaritan Science Project

This dynamic STEAM-based project will challenge students to think critically, work collaboratively, and apply their learning to real-world problems — all through the lens of compassion and service inspired by the parable in Gospel of Luke 10:25–37.

What Is Project-Based Learning?

Project-Based Learning (PBL) allows students to explore authentic, real-world problems in small collaborative groups. Rather than simply reading about concepts, students will investigate, design, test, analyze, write, and present their solutions.

 What Will Students Be Doing?

Each group will explore a clearly defined real-world problem that connects science, service, and community care — much like the Good Samaritan cared for someone in need.

Their projects will include:

 1. A 5-Point Historical Timeline (Social Studies)

Students will research how similar problems were addressed in history and create a concise timeline showing important developments.



Ms. Fields



Classroom Corner: Science/ Social Studies/ Bible / Art

2. Scientific Explanation

Students will explain the scientific principles behind their problem and solution (examples may include health, sanitation, materials, environment, or human biology).

3. Engineering Design Process (Art)

Students will:

- Identify the problem
- Brainstorm solutions
- Design and build a model
- Test and improve their solution

4. Data Collection & Analysis

Students will gather measurable data, organize it into charts or tables, and analyze results to evaluate their solution.

5. Bible Integration (Who is my neighbor)

Students will connect their project to Biblical principles of compassion, service, and stewardship — reflecting on how science and faith work together.

6. Formal Written Paper

Each group will submit a structured research paper including:

- Introduction
- Research findings
- Scientific explanation
- Data analysis
- Conclusion

7. Presentation Board & Oral Presentation

Students will design a professional presentation board and confidently present their findings to an audience.

STEAM Integration

This project integrates:

- Science – Research, experimentation, and analysis
- Technology – Research tools and presentation design
- Engineering – Design process and problem-solving
- Art – Visual presentation boards and models
- Mathematics – Measurement, graphing, and data analysis

Classroom Corner: Science/ Social Studies/ Bible / Art

♥ Character & Community

Just like the Good Samaritan showed mercy and action, students will learn that knowledge becomes powerful when it serves others. This project strengthens:

- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Compassion
- Critical Thinking
- Communication Skills

★ Special Thank You

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our Superintendent, Mrs. Fontus, for her support and assistance in helping make this STEAM learning experience possible. Her encouragement and leadership help bring innovative learning opportunities to our students.

We are excited to see our scholars grow as thinkers, problem-solvers, and compassionate leaders this month!

If you have any questions or would like to support our students during presentation week, please let us know.

With gratitude and excitement for March,
Ms. Fields 🌱



Chaplain's Corner

You Are Not Alone

As I look around at what is happening around us, I am reminded that life moves fast. Yet, for students, parents, and teachers, it also moves at super speed. Between assignments, responsibilities, activities, and the pressures of everyday life, it can sometimes feel like we are carrying a lot on our own



Pastor Liz

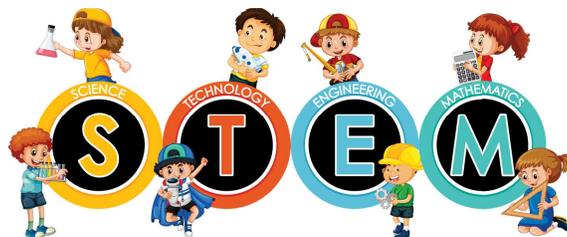
But one of the most comforting promises in Scripture reminds us that we are never alone.

In Joshua 1:9 God spoke to Joshua during a moment of transition and uncertainty and He said, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua was stepping into leadership after Moses, and the task before him was daunting. Yet God did not simply tell Joshua to be brave. He gave Joshua a reason for courage. God told Joshua that God Himself would be with him.

That's a beautiful picture of what God still does for us today. Students face pressures to succeed academically, navigate friendships, and discover who they are becoming. Parents carry the responsibility of guiding their children through a complex world. Teachers and staff invest countless hours shaping young lives. In each of these roles, there can be moments of exhaustion, doubt, or uncertainty. However, the promise remains. "I am with you wherever you go."

Faith does not remove every challenge, but it reminds us that we never face those challenges alone. God walks with us in the classroom, on the playground, in staff meetings, and at home around the dinner table. As a school community, my prayer is that we remember that God's presence goes with us into every part of our day.

So when the day feels heavy, take a minute. Breathe in, breathe out, and whisper a simple prayer. I can guarantee that God is near, He is present, and He is walking with you.



Spring Enrollment Now Open



Spring Enrollment Now Open at V. Lindsay SDA School

V. Lindsay SDA School is excited to welcome new students as we open enrollment for the upcoming spring semester! Our school is committed to providing a Christ-centered education that nurtures academic excellence, character development, and spiritual growth in a supportive, family-like environment. Now is the perfect time for families to join our community and experience the difference of an education that prepares students not only for success in school, but for life.

If you know families who are looking for a quality learning experience for their children, please spread the word! Encourage friends, neighbors, and church members to consider V. Lindsay SDA School—spring enrollment is underway, and we would love to grow our school family with students who are ready to learn, thrive, and serve.

What Our Families Are Saying



“What I love most about V. Lindsay is how family-oriented it is. The teachers truly love the children, and the parents work together to create a wonderful experience for the students by bringing different ideas and support to the school community. I also appreciate that my son is surrounded by African-American students who share his cultural background. Another thing I love is the STEM program—it reminds me of how excited I was about science as a child and how it opened my mind to new ideas, projects, and ways of thinking.”

- Kim Tigner

“I appreciate that my son is surrounded by students who share his cultural background. In a world that can sometimes be challenging, it gives him confidence to be proud of who he is when he steps out into it. I also love the STEM program because he’s able to build things with his hands, explore new ideas, and learn how different systems work.”

-Rachel Tigner

Final Message from the Superintendent

I want to take a moment to share how incredibly proud I am of our students, especially following their outstanding performance in this year's Black History Program. Their dedication, confidence, and excellence on display were truly inspiring. What makes me even more proud is that their excellence extends beyond academics—it is also reflected in their character, respect for one another, and the way they carry themselves as young leaders.

At V. Lindsay, we are intentional about creating an environment where students grow not only intellectually but also personally and spiritually. It brings me great joy to see a group of respectful young people learning together, supporting one another, and developing the values that will guide them throughout their lives. I am also deeply grateful to our teachers who consistently go above and beyond to nurture and guide our students each day.

V. Lindsay truly is a family-centered community where parents, teachers, and students come together to create a supportive ecosystem. Here, we don't just learn together—we grow together in faith, in knowledge, and in respect for one another. I am also proud of the direction we are moving as a school, particularly our continued efforts toward becoming a STEM-focused institution. With the incredible momentum we are seeing across our programs and community, I believe the future of V. Lindsay is incredibly bright.

Thank you for continuing to support the mission and vision of V. Lindsay SDA School.

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Thank you for being a part of the V. Lindsay journey!

Warm regards,
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Superintendent, Central-States Conference



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