

September 25, 2009

Dear Linden Parents/Students,

The First State Bank & Trust Linden Leopards Branch Bank will open for business on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Every Tuesday morning, students can make deposits into their own savings account.

What does this mean to you and your child? Your student will now be able to open a savings account with your permission. Since this is a unique situation, all money deposited will be under one umbrella Linden Leopard account. However, information about each child's deposits will be maintained separately and kept confidential.

The Linden account is only active at the Linden branch. Withdrawals will only be allowed when the student leaves our school or graduates from fifth grade. At that time, a check will be issued for their balance in the account. The bank will be open every Tuesday morning from 7:30-8 a.m. to accept students' deposits. Each deposit must be at least one dollar. Each student will have their own ledger to record their deposits. These will be maintained and kept in a central location. In lieu of interest, children receive incentives provided by First State Bank & Trust when they make deposits into their savings accounts – based on consistent savings and amount of savings.

We are opening this bank to provide our students the opportunities to not only learn about savings and how banks operate, but to become savers themselves. We are building a community of economists here at Linden and want your child to become a savvy saver.

We would also like to invite you to the Linden Leopard Branch Ribbon Cutting and Chamber Coffee on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 9-10 a.m. at the school. The coffee will begin at 9 a.m. with a program at 9:30 a.m. Also, this day will be the first opportunity for students to make their first deposit. First State Bank & Trust Company will match the first \$5 that a student deposits on this day as a thank you for making a charter donation to the savings program.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Slykhuis at First State Bank & Trust Company at 753-4214 or myself at 727-3150.

Sincerely,

Bob Robinson
Principal

Cindy Slykhuis, CFMP
Assistant Vice President-Marketing &
First State Bank & Trust University Coordinator

_____ has permission to open a savings account at the First State Bank & Trust Linden
(Student Name) Leopard Bank.

I would like my child to use the Linden Leopard account.

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Teacher's Name & Grade)