

LP School District Newsletter

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2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year Bulldogs!

2024 brings a fresh year with new opportunities, new possibilities, new paths, or perhaps new drive to successfully complete an old path. Many folks make New Year's resolutions and if you are one of those folks, I wish you much success. This year, instead of a resolution, I'm going to focus on a "word of the year" that will center my efforts for 2024.



My word for 2024 is belonging. I want everyone in our Lester Prairie learning community to have a healthy sense of belonging. Belonging means feeling accepted, feeling like a valued part of the community, and having positive connections with others. Belonging creates a community of kindness.

What is your word for 2024?
I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Sincerely,
Melissa Radeke
Superintendent

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEE:

Appointment Notes

It seems that over the past several years, the number of appointments causing students to miss school has steadily increased. We understand that, many times, it is very difficult to schedule appointments before or after school. Please continue to try to do so. If you are unable to, and a student needs to miss part of a school day for an appointment, they will need to bring a note from the doctor, dentist, therapist, etc., for it to be excused.

Without a note, the student will be considered unexcused. If the student participates in extracurricular activities and does not bring a legitimate note, they will be ineligible to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity that day/evening. Additionally, students must be in school by the beginning of the third hour to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity that day/evening.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES:

Happy New Years from the Activities Department

The Junior High Knowledge Bowl team has had two competitions and were great representatives of Lester Prairie School. The Senior competitions will be starting in the next couple of weeks, with Lester Prairie hosting a meet in early February.

The One Act Play cast and crew have been getting ready to present "Bus Stop" at the Minnesota River Conference One Act Play Festival which will take place at LeSueur Henderson High School on January 13th.

Future Hoopsters will begin on Saturday Jan. 6th and be held each Saturday in January. Future Hoopster night will be Thursday Feb. 1st during halftime of the Boys Varsity Basketball game.

The Girls and Boys basketball and Wrestling are all in mid season. Make sure to check the school website for dates and times to come out and support the Bulldogs.

COUNSELOR CORNER:

FAFSA Update

The new Free Application for Federal Student Aid officially opened on December 31, 2023. The application process has been simplified and will expand eligibility for students to hopefully have a better chance to receive more aid. You find more information about the changes to the FAFSA [here](#). There are also many helpful resources to help you in the application process [here](#).

Seniors and Parents of Seniors Lester Prairie School will have a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, January 31st @ 6. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the FAFSA process and other financial aid opportunities.

SENIORS:



Ava Heimerl

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
Band, Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble, Track and Field, Basketball, Volleyball

What are your plans after high school?
Nursing at Winona State University

What is your favorite memory of school?
Beating Mayer Lutheran in anything sports related

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
My grandpa because he always works hard, always supports me, and prioritizes his family most of the time.

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
Music, sports, hiking, and fishing

Favorite Movie
The Proposal

Favorite Restaurant
Tokyo Grill

Favorite Song/Artist
Stick Season by Noah Kahan

Favorite Quote
"Success is not final just as failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

What is your dream job?
Movie Star

Would you rather:
~~Only be able to charge your cell phone once a week~~
Only have a cell phone without a camera

Would you rather eat:
Raising Cane's
Chick-fil-A

Would you rather:
only watch movies
only watch TV series

Favorite "dad" Joke
Did you hear about the yard stick factory? They're not making them any longer.



Joshua Hecksel

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
Track and Field, Cross Country

What are your plans after high school?
College at Bethany Lutheran

What is your favorite memory of school?
Mr Teut's sophomore class

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
My parents because they are great role models

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
I like music, watching football, and gaming

Favorite Movie
Coach Carter

Favorite Restaurant
Olive Garden

Favorite Song/Artist
Kanye West

Favorite Quote
"I was made to make mistakes not fake perfection" - Drake

What is your dream job?
Criminal Defense Lawyer

Would you rather:
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~~Only have a cell phone without a camera~~

Would you rather eat:
Raising Cane's
Chick-fil-A

Would you rather:
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only watch TV series

Favorite "dad" Joke
I'm so excited for tomorrow. Why? I get better looking everyday.



Emma Eckstein

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
Volleyball, Softball, NHS, Band

What are your plans after high school?
University of MN Duluth: majoring in exercise science

What is your favorite memory of school?
The weddings that happened during elementary recess.

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
My dad, because he supports me in everything I do.

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
Ice skating, sports, and watching movies.

Favorite Movie
How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days

Favorite Restaurant
Qdoba

Favorite Song/Artist
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Favorite Quote
Cry a river build a bridge and get over it. - Marc Wawrzyniak

What is your dream job?
Physical Therapist for the NFL

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Would you rather eat:
~~Raising Cane's~~
Chick-fil-A

Would you rather:
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Favorite "dad" Joke
Dear Math, I'm not a therapist. Solve your own problems.

Free COVID-19 Tests Available

As of Nov. 20, individual households can order four more free tests through [COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) ahead of the holidays.

Families are also able to get free tests from the School District as long as supplies last. Please contact the Ashley Heckson in the Health Office or email her at: heckson@lp.k12.mn.us

Does the School District have your most current contact information?

The School District uses the School Messenger Alert System to inform parents of school closings, late starts, early outs, and emergencies. Please make sure we have your current contact information so you receive our communications!



Community members can sign up to receive our inclement weather and emergency messages using a form on our website under the Community tab or [click here](#).



Dates to Know:

- January 8 - Reorganizational & Regular School Board Mtg 5:45pm
- January 9 - PTO 6pm in Commons
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school
- February 12 - Regular School Board Mtg 5:45pm
- February 19 - President's Day - no school

Next School Board Meeting: Monday, January 8th at 5:45pm in the Media Center

Please visit the School Board tab on our website to view upcoming Board Meeting agendas.

<https://www.lp.k12.mn.us/page/2452>



Do you have any comments or feedback to share?

We would love to hear from you because your voice is important to us. Please click on the Google Form below. Thank you!



Comments and Feedback

We would love to hear your thoughts and/or feedback about our school district. Please include your contact information so we can follow up with you.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

 * Indicates required question

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