

LP School District Newsletter

February 2, 2024

Greetings Bulldogs,

When I wake up each morning, I think to myself, "I get to go to work today!"

Not "have to."

I "get to!"

It continues to be an honor and a privilege to be a part of District #424 and I am so thankful for the opportunity of getting to work at Lester Prairie Schools each day. I am grateful to work with our staff in accomplishing our mission of developing every learner to the learner's maximum potential, to succeed and continue to learn in a changing world.

At Lester Prairie Schools, we are helping all kids be their best!
And it is a joy to do so!

Jeremy Stender, from Radio KGLB, recently interviewed area Superintendents, including me, for segments he called Spotlight on Education. The interview provided an opportunity to highlight some of the great things happening in our wonderful school district. Jeremy is a great friend of education and I appreciate his passion and enthusiasm for school systems. The Spotlight for Lester Prairie aired Tuesday, but in case you missed it, here's a link:

<https://soundcloud.com/kduz-karp/lester-prairie-schools>

Best,
Melissa Radeke



13 benefits of reading aloud:



1. Develops language skills
2. Improves listening comprehension
3. Increases attention span
4. Builds vocabulary
5. Exposes the child to good grammar
6. Exposes the child to new experiences and information
7. Stimulates the imagination
8. Stimulates brain development
9. Promotes critical thinking skills
10. Creates a bond between the child and the reader
11. Builds confidence and self-esteem
12. Teaches values
13. *It's fun!*

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NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEE:

Every Tuesday morning, I welcome students at the door, a ritual I started this year, stands out as a highlight of my week. The genuine smiles, heartfelt "good mornings" and thank-you's, along with sincere wishes for a good day, is a great way to start the day. Lester Prairie is home to an outstanding group of students.

I believe that kindness is not an inherent trait but rather a skill that needs to be taught. The most impactful way to instill this virtue is through the power of role modeling—demonstrating the beauty of kindness in action. In moments when choosing kindness may seem challenging, it's crucial to remember that impressionable children are always observing.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to parents, guardians, and the entire community of Lester Prairie for serving as the role models our young people need in a world that may not always showcase kindness. THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES:

It was all about the Future Hoopsters at last night's boys basketball game! Future Hoopsters was developed by the basketball programs several years ago to introduce the game to our younger students. They show up every Saturday in January to learn and work on fundamental basketball skills. It culminates in a showcase of their skills during halftime of a girls or boys varsity basketball game. What makes this memorable for the students is they get to work with all of the current players on the girls and boys teams during the Saturday morning sessions. During future hoopster night, they get announced and run out onto the court and then we have an autograph session after the game. It's a busy night, but well worth it when you see the excitement on the faces of our youth players.



SENIORS:



Nick Meuleners

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
I was in band, jazz band, student council, National Honors Society, One Act Play, Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Track and Field.

What are your plans after high school?
I plan on attending Saint John's University to pursue a degree in Elementary education with a Minor in Coaching.

What is your favorite memory of school?
Getting to be the announcer for the Bulldog challenge both last year and this year.

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
My parents. They are the hardest working people I have ever met. They have taught me the value of helping others and to always do your best. They also taught me the importance to have fun and to be friend. I am so blessed to have them as my role models and the most influential people in my life.

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
Listen to music, play videogames with friends, watching and playing sports, and going to Hutch with friends.

Favorite Movie
Nacho Libre

Favorite Restaurant
Famous Dave's

Favorite Song/Artist
Favorite song is Troublemaker by Ollie Murs. Favorite artist is Fall Out Boy.

Favorite Quote
"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill.

What is your dream job?
Professional Baseball Player or General Manager of a Professional Football team.

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
Why do cows have hooves? Because they Lac-toes



Jessa Heimerl

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
Cross country, basketball, track and field, band, choir, NHS

What are your plans after high school?
Attend University Wisconsin River Falls to study elementary education and do track and field

What is your favorite memory of school?
Going Skiing for Snofest

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
My dad has been a big influence. He has helped make me the person I am. He cares deeply for his family and always encourages me and supports me.

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
Hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time at the lake

Favorite Movie
How to lose a guy in 10 days

Favorite Restaurant
Olive Garden

Favorite Song/Artist
Taylor Swift

Favorite Quote
"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest thing." Ronald Reagan

What is your dream job?
TV Actress

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
What does a sprinter eat before a race? Nothing they fast.



Amelia Meyer

What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?
NHS, Student Council, Track and Field, and Band

What are your plans after high school?
Winona State University - Early Childhood Elementary Education

What is your favorite memory of school?
The bus ride home from the Mankato track meet in 2023

Who has influenced you most in life? Why?
When I was young, my grandma taught me to face life with a positive attitude and was always there for me when I needed anything

What are your hobbies and/or interests?
Traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends

Favorite Movie
10 Things I Hate About You

Favorite Restaurant
Olive Garden

Favorite Song/Artist
Noah Kahan

Favorite Quote
Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened

What is your dream job?
Cruise ship captain

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Only have a cell phone without a camera

Would you rather eat:
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Chick-It-A

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Favorite "dad" Joke
How do you make 7 even? You take away the 5

Ruff Ruff Report with Mr. Machemehl's Class:

[Click here for the latest Ruff Ruff Report.](#)

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!



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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:

5/1 - 10/31 - 2024 - 10/31 - 11/5/24



February 19 - President's Day - no school

February 22 and 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

Next School Board Meeting: Monday, February 12 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.

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 * Indicates required question

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