

# LP School District Newsletter

March 8, 2024

Dear Lester Prairie Bulldogs,

The official date of Spring this year is March 19th – a little over a week away. Yet it feels like Spring has been with us for quite some time already. The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer!

March brings us spring and it also brings us post-season playoffs for our girls and boys basketball teams. And what a successful season both teams have had! Tonight, our LP girls play against Mayer Lutheran for the 4A Section Championship and on Monday our LP boys play against GFW for the 2A North Subsection Championship. Best of luck to our Bulldog teams! We are so proud of you!



Speaking of proud, I spent some time this week visiting with students asking them what they are proud of at Lester Prairie Schools and why they are proud to be a Bulldog. I wish I could list all of the responses, but here are a few.

- “I’m proud of our tight community. Everyone supports each other whether its music, arts, sports, or academics.” Jessa (12th)
- “I like Lester Prairie Schools because it’s smaller so I know more people in my grade.” Charlie (7th)
- “I’m proud of how involved our parents are. They are on committees, the school board, coaches, volunteers, show up to games, and go to our concerts.” Abbi (12th)
- “I like being a Bulldog because the classes are small and I can get to know everyone.” Rosa (12th)
- “The teachers are nice.” Avery (3rd)
- “I am proud that the teachers are kind and caring. They are always here for us when we need them the most.” Savannah (5th)
- “We are proud of the relationships we have here: friends, family, student-teacher relationships, and teachers who are willing to help and are approachable.” Avery, Kalley, Ava (12th)
- “It’s always fun here.” Kennedy (4th)
- “I am happy because teachers explain things very well.” Livie (3rd)

- "I like being a Bulldog because I like the teachers and I like my friends." Myleen (5th)
- "I'm happy to be here because I have a lot of friends." Olivia (6th)
- "I am proud because in almost all of our sports, everyone is committed and involved." Harrison (5th)
- "It's a great school and I like all the teachers here." Owen (6th)
- "The people are nice and the teachers are fun." Grace (8th)
- "It's nice to have a small school so we know everyone." Clara (9th)
- "I'm happy to be a Bulldog at Lester Prairie Schools because it is a welcoming environment. I came here as a sophomore and people are so accepting." Chris (12th)

I bet you noticed some themes! We have so many things to be proud of here at Lester Prairie Schools, but most important are the people. Kindness, great relationships, and a supportive and welcoming environment were at the top of the list for most students. I'm so proud of the great connections and belonging we have here at Lester Prairie Schools!

What makes you proud?

Sincerely,  
Superintendent Melissa Radeke

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## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEE:

Cheering for our Lester Prairie Schools sport teams, whether they win or lose, is about more than just the score. It's about showing our pride and support for our school community. When we attend games, we have the chance to positively represent Lester Prairie, not only with our cheers but also with our sportsmanship. By being positive fans, we show that we value teamwork, effort, and respect, which are important qualities both on and off the court. Let's keep showing up with our enthusiasm and school spirit, win or lose, and continue to make our school proud! GO BULLDOGS!!!

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## ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES:

The Lester Prairie Boys and Girls Basketball teams are on fire this postseason. Earlier this week the girls defeated United Christian Academy in overtime to advance to tonight's Section 4A Finals game against Mayer Lutheran at Anoka Ramsey Community College. Last night the boys knocked off the number 1 seeded Sleepy Eye St. Mary's to advance to Monday's Section 2A North Sub Section final game against GFW at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Get out and support these teams as they make their postseason runs. LET'S GO BULLDOGS!!

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## SENIORS:



## Chris Manders

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
Football

**What are your plans after high school?**  
College/College football

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
Going to state for football my junior year

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My dad he has always been there and had really good advice

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Hunting, fishing, and football

**Favorite Movie**  
Woodlawn

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Buffalo Wild wings

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Zach Bryan- Nine Ball

**Favorite Quote**  
Your mind must be stronger than your feelings.  
-Andrew Tate

**What is your dream job?**  
Entrepreneur

**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 fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?  
In case they get a hole in one!



## Carl Overbye

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
Knowledge Bowl, Cross Country, Track, Music Listening Contest, Solo and Ensemble, Future Problem Solvers

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to college

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
The 2023 cross country sections meet

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My grandfather because he's given me a lot of good advice throughout my life.

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Reading and listening to music

**Favorite Movie**  
Miracle

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Taco Bell

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Street Lights by Kanye West

**Favorite Quote**  
"Thread the needle and trust the process"

**What is your dream job?**  
Aerospace engineer

**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 did the chicken cross the road?  
To get to the other side



## Rosa Ramirez

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
Band and Cheerleading

**What are your plans after high school?**  
College

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
When I wasn't in school for a month and kids thought I got deported

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My grandma because she's a good cook

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Shopping, making pizzas, beauty care, and self care

**Favorite Movie**  
Finding Nemo

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Qdoba

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Bad Bunny

**Favorite Quote**  
"YHLQMDLG, I do whatever I want" - Bad Bunny

**What is your dream job?**  
Casey's pizza maker

**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  
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**Favorite "dad" Joke**  
What did the grape do when it got stepped on?  
It wined.

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## Ruff Ruff Report with Mr. Machemehl's Class:

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

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## 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](#).

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## Dates to Know:





March 18: Regular School Board Mtg 5:45pm  
March 22: End of 3rd Quarter - 11:30 dismissal  
March 29 - April 1: Spring Break - no school

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### Next School Board Meeting: Monday, March 18 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>



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### 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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