

# LP School District Newsletter

March 22, 2024

Dear Lester Prairie Bulldogs,

During the 2023 Legislative session, the Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act was passed and signed into law. The goal of the READ Act is to have every child in Minnesota reading at or above grade level and to support multilingual learners and students who receive special education services in achieving their individualized reading goals. The READ Act includes many requirements for school districts. One of those requirements is that districts must provide evidence-based training on reading instruction to all teachers who teach reading. Lester Prairie PreK-6, EL, and SPED teachers will begin the required training in the 2024-25 school year. Middle and High School teachers will begin the required training in the 2025-26 school year.



To make time for the training next year, Lester Prairie Schools will be doing 4 early-release days for grades PreK-6. The rest of the training will be completed on the End-of-Quarter early dismissals and the February 14 Staff Development day. Kids Depot child care will be available at the daily rate for families that need it.

Here's a link to the calendar on our website: <https://www.lp.k12.mn.us/page/4044>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,  
Superintendent Melissa Radeke

# Lester Prairie School District #424 2024-2025 Calendar

*Board Approved*  
3/18/24

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**Aug. 14** Paraprofessional Conference  
**Aug. 26** New Teacher Workshop Day

**Aug 27-29** Staff Development Teacher Days  
**Aug. 28** OPEN HOUSE 4-7pm  
**Sept. 2** Labor Day—No School  
**Sept. 3** First Day of School—Grades 1-12  
**Sept. 3 & 4** Kindergarten Listening Conferences  
**Sept. 5** First Day of School—Kindergarten

**Oct. 4** K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30 (READ Act)  
**Oct. 10 & 14** Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30  
**Oct. 17-18** MEA Break—No School

**Nov. 1** End of 1st Quarter  
**11:30 Dismissal**—half day Staff Development  
**K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30 (READ Act)**  
**Nov. 27** Thanksgiving Break—No School  
**Nov. 28-29** Thanksgiving Break—No School

**Dec. 20** K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30 (READ Act)  
**Dec. 23-Jan. 1** Winter Break—No School

**Jan. 2** First Day back from Break  
**Jan. 17** Last day 2nd Quarter—End of Semester  
**11:30 Dismissal**—half day Staff Development

**Feb. 14** Staff Development—No School  
**Feb. 17** President's Day—No School  
**Feb. 20** Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30  
**Feb. 24** Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-7:30

**March 21** End of 3rd Quarter  
**11:30 Dismissal**—half day Staff Development

**April 17** K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30 (READ Act)  
**April 18-21** Spring Break—No School

**May 16** Graduation  
**May 23** Last Day for Students  
**May 26** Memorial Day  
**May 27** No School—Staff Development Teacher Day

**Student Days**  
QTR 1 41.5 (K-6: 41)  
QTR 2 44.5 (K-6: 43.5)  
QTR 3 42.5 (K-6: 42.5)  
QTR 4 43.0 (K-6: 42.5)  
**TOTAL: 171.5 (K-6: 169.5)**

**Staff Days Total: 181 Days**  
Aug. 26 New Teacher WS (0)  
Aug. 27 Staff Dev. (1)  
Aug. 28 Staff Dev. (1.5)  
Aug. 29 Staff Dev. (0.5)  
Oct. 10 & 14 Conferences (1)  
Nov. 1 Staff Dev. (0.5)  
Jan. 17 Staff Dev. (0.5)  
Feb. 14 Staff Dev. (1)  
Feb. 20 & 24 Conferences (1)  
March 21 Staff Dev. (0.5)  
May 27 & 28 Staff Dev. (2)

**Legend:**

- New Teacher Workshop
- NO School/Prof Development Day
- First Day of Classes
- Regular School Day—Evening Conferences 3:30 -7:30
- Graduation
- Holiday/No School Days
- End of Quarter
- K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30
- Paraprofessional Conference

**READ Act Staff Training:**

Oct. 4  
Nov. 1  
Nov. 27  
Dec. 20  
Jan. 17  
Feb. 14  
March 21  
April 17

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEE:

We have been spoiled by this unusual winter we've experienced. With little snow, traveling has been easy. While we may all hope for an early spring, Mother Nature might have a different plan. We may still need to have an eLearning day before the end of the school year. The following are the expectations for an eLearning day if we do need to use one.

### COMMUNICATION:

Families will receive notification via School Messenger regarding the eLearning Day. The eLearning Day will also be communicated on the District Facebook, Twitter, and website; television stations WCCO, KSTP, KARE, and FOX; and KDUZ/KARP radio stations.

### ATTENDANCE:

Attendance will be taken on eLearning Days.

PreK-3 students will be marked present by completing the assigned Choice Boards located in Google Classroom or their Take Home folder sent home prior to the event. Teacher office hours will be 8:30-12:00 and 12:30-2:00.

Grades 4-6 students will be marked present by attending classes virtually through Google Meets and completing assigned work.

8:30-9:00 Morning Meeting  
9:30-11:00 Math  
11:00-12:00 Office Hours  
12:00-12:30 Lunch  
12:30-2:00 English Language Arts

Grades 7-12 students will be marked present by attending classes through Google Meets. Attendance will be verified for each class. Students who do not participate in planned activities are considered absent for those class(es) and are reported as absent just as if they were not present for an on-campus class.

1st period: 8:15-9:05  
2nd period: 9:10-10:00  
3rd period: 10:05-10:55  
4th period: 11:00-11:50  
Lunch: 11:50-12:20  
5th period 12:20-1:10  
6th period 1:15-2:05  
7th period 2:10-3:00

Students that do not have internet access, must have their parents call in and notify the school before 8:15 am. It will be considered an excused absence and there will be an alternative assignment given to the student the next day the student is in the building. The student will have 3 days to complete the assignment and be counted as in attendance for the eLearning Day. The absence will be unexcused if the assignment is not turned in within 3 days.

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## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES:**

I believe one of the biggest obstacles senior high school athletes face is the last game of the season. Whether the season has been successful or not, the abrupt nature of how all high school sports end is something not to take lightly. For many senior athletes, years and countless hours have been spent training, eating right and making sure they are prepared for the next contest. Then, in one fleeting moment, when the clock hits zero of that final game, it's over. This can be a lot for a 17 or 18 year old to deal with mentally and emotionally. However, I am always impressed by the resiliency of these athletes. They may mope around for a day or two, but then realize that the world didn't stop because their high school athletic career is over. They always manage to find a way to work through this mentally taxing and emotional time in their life and move on. These are invaluable life lessons that are best learned through experience. This is why I have always been a proponent of students being involved in activities in high school. Congratulations and best of luck to all our Bulldog Senior Athletes!!

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## **COUNSELOR CORNER:**

The guidance department has teamed with the social studies department to bring the Minnesota Career Information System (MCIS) to all high school students. This month the 7th graders have

begun developing their electronic career portfolio and will continue throughout the rest of the school year. Activities have included interest inventory surveys, job satisfaction interviews, and career cluster exploration. If you have a seventh-grader, ask them about their career findings. We certainly have many exciting career ambitions at LPHS!

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## SENIORS:



**Jeffrey Olivares**

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

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Commit to NCU (North Central University)

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
The Lunch Ladies.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
God

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Hopping Walls while listening to music.

**Favorite Movie**  
Sausage Party

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Any Mexican Restaurant

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
Joshua Hecksel

**Favorite Quote**  
"Dedication makes dreams come true" - Kobe Bryant

**What is your dream job?**  
WWE Superstar

**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 sound does a witch's car make?  
Brooooooooooom (broom)



## Jack Ross

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

**What are your plans after high school?**  
I plan to go to the National Guard while doing job training for combat engineering, when I come back, I plan on attending NDSU majoring in architectural design.

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
Being able to meet and get to know all the new people I met after transferring to Lester Prairie.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My mother has been my biggest influence. She's influenced me to express myself with my words, and she's influenced me to help everyone and everything whatever the situation. She's pushes me to overcome my disability just as she has been and still is.

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Drawing, BMX racing, and traveling.

**Favorite Movie**  
The Maze Runner trilogy

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Red Lobster

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
James Arthur- Can I Be Him

**Favorite Quote**  
Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

**What is your dream job?**  
Architectural designer

**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**  
I've never been a fan of facial hair.  
But now it's starting to grow on me.



## Trever Schauer

**What activities do (did) you participate in while at Lester Prairie School?**  
Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Trapshooting

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Southwest Minnesota State University  
Undecided – playing football

**What is your favorite memory of school?**  
Playing sports with my friends.

**Who has influenced you most in life? Why?**  
My parents because they are there whenever I need them and supported me throughout my life

**What are your hobbies and/or interests?**  
Hunting, fishing, working out, hanging with friends and family

**Favorite Movie**  
Step Brothers

**Favorite Restaurant**  
Texas Roadhouse

**Favorite Song/Artist**  
I Remember Everything - Zach Bryan

**Favorite Quote**  
Go Hard or Go home

**What is your dream job?**  
Play in the NFL or NBA

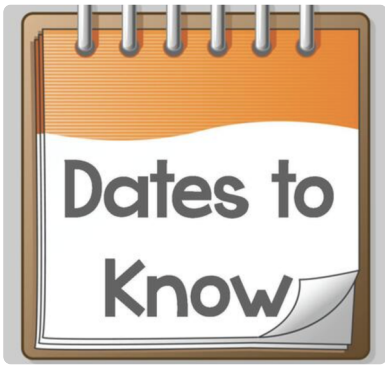
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only watch TV series

**Favorite "dad" Joke**  
Why shouldn't you trust trees?





March 29 - April 1: Spring Break - no school  
April 15: Regular School Board Mtg 5:45pm

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### Next School Board Meeting: Monday, April 15 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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