

LP School District Newsletter

September 12, 2025

Dear Lester Prairie School District Community,

I'm grateful you've taken a moment to read this message—staying connected with you matters to me. As Superintendent, it's my pleasure to welcome our students, families, teachers, and staff to a brand-new school year. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I'm excited for what lies ahead.

The beginning of the year is always full of possibility. It's a time to set new goals, discover new ideas, and enjoy the excitement of learning. It's also a chance to reconnect with friends, build new relationships, and embrace both the challenges and the successes that come our way.

To our teachers and staff: thank you for the energy and dedication you bring each day. Your work creates safe, supportive, and inspiring environments for our students—we couldn't do this without you. To our students: step into this year with curiosity and confidence. Each day is an opportunity to grow, try something new, and move closer to your goals. And to our parents and guardians: thank you for trusting us with your children. We are true partners in education, and together, we can help every child thrive.

Please stay connected with us through our website, newsletters, and social media. I look forward to the great year ahead and all we will accomplish together.

Warmly,
Supt. Melissa Radeke



PRINCIPAL LEE:

We are off to a wonderful start to the school year! It was great to see so many families at our Open House and to feel the positive energy from students as they returned to school. The first two weeks have gone smoothly, with students settling into routines and classrooms already buzzing with learning and excitement. I truly appreciate your support in helping your child start strong and stay engaged as we build momentum for a successful year together.

I want to share a few reminders to keep things running smoothly. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in student success, please continue to make it a priority. If your child does have to miss school you do need to call in with the reason for the absence. Please remember to send a note if your child is out for an appointment. I appreciate your partnership in encouraging respectful and kind behavior toward peers and staff, which helps keep our school a welcoming place for all. I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to the growth and accomplishments our students will achieve.

Go Bulldogs!

AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

Welcome back to school. With each new year there comes change. New classes, new students, new teachers. It can be an exciting time but it can also be a frustrating time because things are different, the people are different. A big part of our life lessons here at Lester Prairie is learning how to adapt to those changes. One of the biggest changes in our Activities department this year is our new Activities Registration platform. Many of you have already experienced this change. For me, it certainly was a frustrating time getting it set up and ready to open to the public. But with this frustration comes a vision of possibilities. The new Arbiter registration platform will allow us to add and streamline our various school registrations. It will also reduce the hours we spend creating and organizing spreadsheets. As in life, change can be good, it can be frustrating, but always keep in mind the possibilities that lie ahead.

GO BULLDOGS!!

Ross Scheevel
AD/DoS/CE

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Hello everyone,

We are excited to be back for a new school year! All staff have been preparing for students to return to school and have worked tirelessly to make sure your student receives the best education. We have a new K-12th grade science curriculum that everyone is excited to begin! It has many hands-on labs that students will participate in throughout the school year. We also have implemented an AVID elective course for 9th grade students that is focused on career and college readiness. Finally, we are ready to begin our training in the Science of Reading (LETs) volume 2 this school year! We look forward to continuing to update all of you for our teaching and learning corner and we look forward to an awesome school year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Sinda
Student Success Coach

COUNSELOR CORNER:

Welcome Back! Here at Lester Prairie School we are all super excited to be back and to have the students back in the building. Coming back to school can bring its challenges too such as re-establishing school routines, academics and social and emotional well-being concerns. If you have concerns for your child, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached by email at mattson@lp.k12.mn.us or by phone at (320)395-2521 ext. 1141

Please consider filling out an Application for Educational Benefits form:

[Click here to access the form.](#)

FILL THE FORM



One form. Five minutes. Big impact.

The *Application for Educational Benefits* takes just a few minutes, and it may unlock valuable support for your family all year long:

-  Summer grocery support (Sun Bucks)
-  Discounted home internet and utilities
-  Lower college exam and AP fees
-  After-school + summer programs
-  Tutoring and academic help
-  Low-cost community transit
-  Free or discounted admission to museums, theaters, and local events

The form is:

-  **Quick:** takes less than 5 minutes
-  **Confidential:** your personal information stays private
-  **Powerful:** it helps your family and your school

By filling it out, you're supporting your student — and helping your school access the funding it needs.



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:

- Oct. 2 & 6: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
- Oct. 3: K-6 Early Dismissal 11:30
- Oct. 16 & 17: MEA Break - no school
- Oct. 31: End of 1st Quarter 11:30 Dismissal



Important Dates



Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, September 15th 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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