

LP School District Newsletter

October 10, 2025

Dear Bulldog Families,

Education Minnesota's MEA Break is next Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17. MEA Break is always held the third Thursday and Friday of October every year. School is not in session. Here are the planned dates for the next few years:

2026 Oct. 15 & 16
2027 Oct. 21 & 22
2028 Oct. 19 & 20
2029 Oct. 18 & 19
2030 Oct. 17 & 18
2031 Oct. 16 & 17
2032 Oct. 21 & 22
2033 Oct. 20 & 21
2034 Oct. 19 & 20



Enjoy this MEA time with your family and friends.

Sincerely,
Supt. Melissa Radeke

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CLAIM YOUR TAX REFUND:

MDE asked us to share this:

If you missed the April 15 due date, it still may not be too late to claim tax credits. You can even go back up to 3 ½ years to claim income tax credits you qualify to receive.

You may be able to claim credits like the:

- Child Tax Credit

- Renter's Credit
- Working Family Credit

For more information, visit [the Minnesota Department of Revenue's Missed the April 15 Due Date? webpage](#).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Mrs. Jennifer Widman - Secondary Math Teacher

A little bit about myself: I've been married for 4 years. I graduated from MSU, Mankato with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Teaching 5-12. I grew up in the Sauk Centre area and recently moved to Hutchinson.

A favorite thing that I like to do is: I love binge watching TV shows I've already seen even though I always know what happens next.

Something you may not know about me is: I have a total of 7 siblings: 2 sisters and 1 brother on my Mom's side; 3 brothers on my Dad's side; and 1 sister whom I share with both.

My favorite sport or activity is Cheerleading because: I love cheering people on and love being a part of a group. I grew up watching the Bring It On movies and was always fascinated by them.



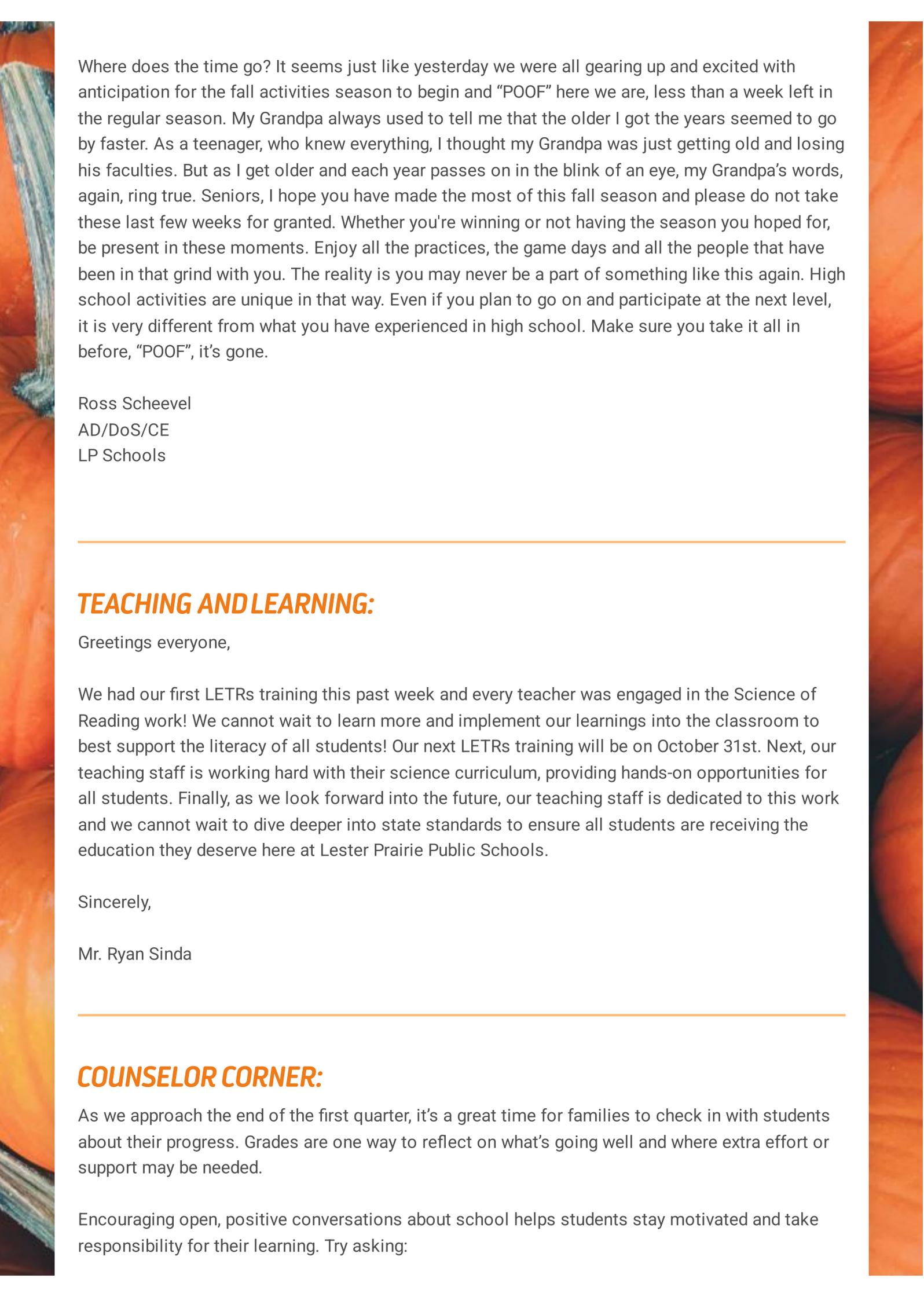
PRINCIPAL LEE:

Getting good sleep is essential for children's healthy development and academic success. According to the National Sleep Foundation, during sleep, the brain processes and consolidates new information, which strengthens memory and supports learning. Children who get enough rest demonstrate better attention, behavior, problem-solving skills, and emotional regulation, all of which are critical for success in school. Insufficient sleep has been linked to difficulty concentrating, lower academic performance, and increased behavioral issues.

Please help set up your child to succeed in school by ensuring they have good sleep habits and get plenty of sleep every school night.

Reminder: Breakfast is served for elementary students from 7:45-8:05. If your child eats breakfast at school, please drop them off before 7:55 so they have time to enjoy their breakfast. Elementary students should be entering their classroom around 8:05.

AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

The background of the page is a close-up photograph of several pumpkins, showing their orange skin and green stems. The pumpkins are arranged in a way that they fill the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the background, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the pumpkins' skin.

Where does the time go? It seems just like yesterday we were all gearing up and excited with anticipation for the fall activities season to begin and “POOF” here we are, less than a week left in the regular season. My Grandpa always used to tell me that the older I got the years seemed to go by faster. As a teenager, who knew everything, I thought my Grandpa was just getting old and losing his faculties. But as I get older and each year passes on in the blink of an eye, my Grandpa’s words, again, ring true. Seniors, I hope you have made the most of this fall season and please do not take these last few weeks for granted. Whether you're winning or not having the season you hoped for, be present in these moments. Enjoy all the practices, the game days and all the people that have been in that grind with you. The reality is you may never be a part of something like this again. High school activities are unique in that way. Even if you plan to go on and participate at the next level, it is very different from what you have experienced in high school. Make sure you take it all in before, “POOF”, it’s gone.

Ross Scheevel
AD/DoS/CE
LP Schools

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Greetings everyone,

We had our first LETRs training this past week and every teacher was engaged in the Science of Reading work! We cannot wait to learn more and implement our learnings into the classroom to best support the literacy of all students! Our next LETRs training will be on October 31st. Next, our teaching staff is working hard with their science curriculum, providing hands-on opportunities for all students. Finally, as we look forward into the future, our teaching staff is dedicated to this work and we cannot wait to dive deeper into state standards to ensure all students are receiving the education they deserve here at Lester Prairie Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Sinda

COUNSELOR CORNER:

As we approach the end of the first quarter, it’s a great time for families to check in with students about their progress. Grades are one way to reflect on what’s going well and where extra effort or support may be needed.

Encouraging open, positive conversations about school helps students stay motivated and take responsibility for their learning. Try asking:

- “What class are you most proud of right now?”
- “Is there an assignment or skill you’d like to improve?”
- “How can I support you as we start the next quarter?”
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Parents and guardians can view grades and assignments through **ParentVUE**. Regularly checking ParentVUE can help you stay informed about your child’s academic progress and upcoming due dates.

If you need assistance setting up or accessing **ParentVUE**, please don’t hesitate to reach out. I’m happy to help ensure every family can stay connected and informed.

Together, we can help students finish the quarter strong and start the next one with confidence!





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:

- Oct. 16 & 17: MEA Break - no school
- Oct. 20: Regular School Board Meeting 5:45pm
- Oct. 31: End of 1st Quarter 11:30 Dismissal



Important Dates



Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, October 20th 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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