

LP School District Newsletter

December 5, 2025

I BELIEVE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Dear Bulldog Learning Community,

As Superintendent, I want to share how deeply proud I am of our learning community and the people who make it thrive. Every day, I see students learning with curiosity, teachers bringing passion and expertise to their classrooms, and families partnering with us to ensure every child feels supported and seen. These daily moments of nurturing curiosity and ensuring each and every student has access to a supportive, enriching learning environment are what make public education such a powerful force.

I believe in public education because it is one of our most important shared commitments. It brings together students of all backgrounds, opens doors to opportunity, and strengthens the fabric of our community and beyond. Public education honors all people and values all people. Our school is not just a building—it is a place where futures take shape, where character is built, and where the Bulldog spirit of kindness, belonging, and perseverance shines brightest. It is a place where all people matter and all people belong.

I am honored to lead this public school district and humbled by the dedication I witness each day. Thank you for believing in our mission of developing every learner to the learner's maximum potential to succeed and continue to learn in a changing world. We proudly serve each and every student in our care. Together, we demonstrate what strong public education can accomplish.

Proud to be a Bulldog in public education.

Warmly,
Supt. Melissa Radeke



From the Office of Higher Education:

Join The Office of Higher Education for virtual college and financial aid events, Tuesday evenings starting January 20. The College Planning Series will cover important college and financial aid topics with professionals and live Q & A. The events are free for MN students and families. Interpreters are available in Hmong, Spanish, Somali. Visit bit.ly/CollegePlanningSeries for more information and to register.



COLLEGE PLANNING SERIES
Jan. 20 - Feb. 24

Five sessions, each will feature a chance for attendees to win one of two \$1,000 scholarships!

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:



Class OF 2026

Name: Annie Eastling

Activities in HS: Volleyball, Choir, Track and Field, Prom committee, Baseball Manager and Boys Basketball Manager

Plans after HS? Cosmetology School

Favorite memory in school? Winning Bulldog Challenge our Junior and Senior Year

Advice for underclassmen? Don't worry too much about your future too much, its okay to not have your whole life planned out.

What are your hobbies or interests? Photography, listening to music, baking and coloring.

Favorite Movie: Dumbo

Biggest Fear: Emetophobia: Fear of vomiting

Biggest Pet Peeve: Poor communication skills

Favorite song/artist: Ty myers: Through a Screen

Favorite Quote: "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? Hudson Westbrook

What is your dream job? Social Worker

Would You Rather?

Lose all of the money you've earned this year OR Lose all the memories you've gained this year?

Never listen to music again OR Never watch any movie or series again?



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Class OF 2026

Name: Erica Kolander

Activities in HS: **Basketball**

Plans after HS? **Minnesota State University Twin Cities**

Favorite memory in school? **Going to school events/sports games**

Advice for underclassmen? **It's okay to not know. Don't rush into something just because other's have a plan.**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Reading, writing, and baking**

Favorite Movie: **10 Things I Hate About You**

Biggest Fear: **Spiders/snakes**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **Slow walkers**

Favorite song/artist: **Gracie Abrams or Jordan Davis**

Favorite Quote: **"Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are." -Marilyn Monroe**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Adam Sandler**

What is your dream job? **Entrepreneurship**

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Name: Shanowa Kinsley

Activities in HS: **Spring Play**

Plans after HS? **Take a break**

Favorite memory in school? **Hanging out with friends**

Advice for underclassmen? **Don't get into drama, focus on school but also make sure to save time to have fun being a young teen is just as important as being a student.**

What are your hobbies or interests? **Reading, gaming, spending time with family**

Favorite Movie: **Terrifier**

Biggest Fear: **The dark**

Biggest Pet Peeve: **Being interrupted or not having a chance to speak.**

Favorite song/artist: **Moon baby by Godsmack**

Favorite Quote: **"We can't change what's done, we can only move on"**

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be? **Tom Hardy**

What is your dream job? **Biohazard cleaner**

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PRINCIPAL LEE:

Today, the Lester Prairie PTO hosted the annual Holiday Store for our elementary students, and I want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the dedicated parents who make this event possible. From planning and shopping to setting up and coordinating volunteers, your hard work ensures our students have a joyful and memorable experience.

We are truly fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTO. Their generosity enhances classrooms and school-wide initiatives, and the meaningful activities they sponsor like the Holiday Store, Read-a-thon, and Inflatable Day bring excitement to our students while strengthening our school community. These efforts enrich our learning environment in ways that matter every day.

Our PTO thrives because parents generously give their time, energy, and creativity to support our school. Whether helping at events, organizing fundraisers, or contributing ideas behind the scenes, every volunteer makes a significant impact on the educational experience of all students. The financial support provided to teachers and school programs is also deeply appreciated.

If you are able, I encourage you to consider getting involved with the PTO. Your participation truly makes a difference and helps our school continue to grow, connect, and thrive.

The PTO meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the school Commons.

AD/DEAN - MR. SCHEEVEL:

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!!! Well, winter is definitely upon us. It's been a little adjustment after the beautiful fall we had, but it was inevitable. We live in Minnesota so it's going to snow. This is just a friendly reminder to encourage your students to get out and play in the snow. The trend lately for students, when it snows, is to get inside and fire up the technology and get lost in games or videos. I encourage you to take the initiative and break this trend and get them outside and play. The benefits of using their imagination to create snow forts or snow sculptures is so impactful, not to mention the movement and exercise that comes with it. Better yet, go out with them. I can't think of a better core memory for your child than having them watch you embarrass yourself playing in the snow. Go sledding, ice skating, build a snowman or snowfamily, make snow sculptures, make snow angels, build snow forts or tunnels. The Minnesota winters have so much to offer. Don't miss out on the memories by being inside all winter.

Go Bulldogs!!

Ross Scheevel
AD/DoS/CE
LP Schools

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Greetings everyone,

These past few weeks, we have been working hard in our AVID Elective course and have begun our first Tutorial Process. For the Tutorial Process, students identify a point of confusion in one of their core classes and from there, they work through the program by coming up to the board and a group of students help support that student through their point of confusion to eventually determine the answer to their problem. Also, we are working hard in PLCs with the staff members on State Standards and Assessments and look to continue having great conversations around classroom and State Level Assessments.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ryan Sinda
Student Success Coach/MnMTSS Coordinator

COUNSELOR CORNER:

Financial Aid Night & FAFSA Support – Thank You for Attending

Thank you to all students and parents who attended our Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, December 3rd. We appreciate your time and engagement as we shared important information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the financial aid process for post-secondary education. Completing the FAFSA is an important step in accessing grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans that can help make college and career programs more affordable.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, support is still available. Families are encouraged to explore helpful online resources, including:

- studentaid.gov – Official FAFSA application and federal financial aid information
- fsaid.ed.gov – FSA ID setup and account support
- college.gov – College planning and financial aid guidance
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If you missed the meeting or have questions about the FAFSA, financial aid, or next steps, please feel free to contact me directly for additional information. I am happy to help guide you through this important process as you plan for your student's future.

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:

Dec. 12: Grades K-6 Early Dismissal at 11:30
Dec. 15: Grades 6-12 Band Concert 7:30pm
Dec. 15: Regular School Board Meeting 5:45pm
Dec. 18: Grades K-5 Elementary Concert 7pm
Dec. 24-Jan 4: Winter Break - no school
Jan. 5: Classes resume



Next Regular School Board Meeting: Monday, December 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

It is the mission of ISD 424 to develop every learner to the learner's maximum potential, to succeed and continue to learn in a changing world.



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