

# Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Principals' Report

**January 2026**

## **One District**

### 1. Pillars and Educators of Excellence

- a. This fall the staff had the opportunity to nominate co-workers for Sourcewell's Pillars of Excellence and Educators of Excellence. We are proud to announce the 2025-2026 LPGE recipients who will be honored on May 6 at the Sourcewell Banquet. Congratulations to:

#### **Pillars of Excellence:**

Karen Holt and Jennefer Ramos

#### **Educators of Excellence:**

Mary Susan Miklavcich and Ashley Pesta

## **Professional Development Committee**

### 1. January 19 Professional Development Day

- a. The morning was filled with the teachers having time to work together to align the Minnesota State Standards at the grade or department level and then working with the grades above and below to align vertically.
- b. Our paraprofessional staff attended an all day meeting at Sourcewell to further develop their skills in Catalyst.

### 2. February 16 Professional Development Day

- a. We will continue our work from January 19 in order to create the most impactful learning environments for our students.

## **Elementary School**

### 1. I Love to Read Month

- a. The elementary school will celebrate I Love to Read Month in February with our Olympic Theme: Go For The Gold Reading!

- b. The Opening Ceremony will be held on January 30 with a parade of books.
- c. We will have dress up days throughout the month, buddy reading and our annual Breakfast and Books on February 27.

2. Staff Observations
  - a. I have completed the second round of observations for our non tenured teachers. We have many amazing things happening in our classrooms at LPGE Elementary.
3. Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)
  - a. The elementary school teachers have the opportunity to meet multiple times a week to learn together in their professional learning communities. At the end of each month, the teacher teams meet with me to go over their learning, discuss student progress and goals and clarify any questions that they might have.

### **Secondary School**

1. Snow Days
  - a. We are actively planning for our annual Snow Days week, Jan. 26 - Jan. 30. This annual event has been going on for about twenty years and is focused on building relationships with students in events and activities outside of the classroom. This year's signup by students has been really strong and we anticipate a great activity day on Friday, Jan. 30. Leading up to the activity day, we will be capping off the last forty five minutes of the day with games in the gym for students along with a pie in the face event where students can pie the staff- always a crowd pleaser for everyone, staff included. Our activity day is unique with students being able to choose from events on and off campus including, ice skating, skiing and ice fishing.

2. Curriculum Review

- a. At this time we are conducting a curriculum review for the Social Studies and English departments. We are looking at completing this task this spring so we will be ready to go in the fall.

3. English Class- Jino Stoner

- a. Write up from Mrs. Stoner for our Facebook page:

"This week in Mrs. Stoner's 9th Grade English, students created a Dream Biography poster inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. They picked out a quote and dug into its meaning through a rhetorical analysis. The artistry and thoughtfulness was impressive."

- b.



# DREAM

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- He was born January 15, 1929 and died April 4, 1968. He was 39 years old.
- He was the most prominent leader of the American Civil Rights Movement, advocating for racial equality using nonviolence.

- "Every Valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low". This is a sentence from his speech that uses a hyperbole.
- He also used equality, justice, freedom, democracy, and liberation very frequently to help get his point across.



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