



Community Education

- October has been a busy and exciting month for the Community Education Department! Several of our fall youth programs have wrapped up for the season, including Flag Football, Tackle Football, Cooking Club, and Little Spikers Volleyball. Students had a fantastic time participating, building new skills, and learning the fundamentals of each sport. Thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, and families who helped make these programs such a success!
- LPGE Community Education sponsored a trip to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater on September 13 to see the highly acclaimed musical “Greece”. Forty-one participants traveled by charter bus to the theater for dinner and a 1:00 p.m. showing. The food was excellent, the performance was outstanding, and the bus ride was smooth and comfortable. Everyone seemed to enjoy this awesome opportunity.
- The LPGE Preschool program is bursting at the seams, as we are completely full in every section of both three and four-year-olds. As of now, we do not have a waiting list, as we have been able to find placement by shuffling schedules to meet the needs of our families.
- Work is already underway on the 2025–2026 Winter/Spring LPGE Community Education Brochure! This edition is scheduled for release at the beginning of January and will feature a variety of classes and activities running through May. If you have ideas for new class offerings or would like to share suggestions, please contact the LPGE Community Education Office at 320-357-3613 — we’d love to hear from you!
- LPGE Community Education, LPGE Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Title Programming will host the first **Stakeholder Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025.**
- The purpose of this meeting is to gather valuable input from community members to help strengthen and enhance our programs. During the meeting, each host will share updates on current programming and events taking place in our schools. Committee feedback plays an important role in shaping future program decisions and ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our learning community.
- In response to the discussion that took place at the September School Board Meeting, I have been in contact with the lead teachers and several of the other instructors from our BOLT staff about the possibility of adding another night back into the BOLT schedule. While they are certainly not against that decision. They made several valid points that made a lot of sense.
 - 1) They see the number one concern is the continuation of the Activity Bus throughout the remainder of the year. Currently, we have approximately 50 students who are riding each night from BOLT alone. When teachers have talked to parents about the program, many of them expressed that without the continuation of the Activity Bus, their students would not be able to attend.
 - 2) Our teachers see tremendous value in the many short-term enrichment programs offered through LPGE Community Education. These opportunities allow students to explore new



interests, build background knowledge, and expand their academic horizons in creative and engaging ways. By continuing to provide these programs, we can help fill the gap left by traditional after-school activities while giving students exciting new ways to learn, grow, and discover their passions.

- 3) There has been a staffing shortage this year due to many staff having other commitments, such as continuing education and family commitments.
- I am pleased to report that we have been able to raise \$3,000 towards Robotics, while this is not enough to fund the entire program, it is a huge step in the right direction. Hats off to Dave Nelson for his untiring work on this project.

Federal Programs

- All of our Title programs are funded and approved for the school year. This process is always reflective, as it allows you to evaluate programming and plan for new, innovative ideas intended to bolster student achievement.
- "I Scream for Books," which is one of our Family Engagement Activities for our Title programs, will take place on Tuesday, October 21st at the Long Prairie Grey Eagle Elementary. This is a night for students and parents/guardians to gain information about our Title Programs, enjoy some fun educational activities, and eat some delicious ice cream.
- On Wednesday, October 8th, I attended the MAASFEP Conference in Plymouth. This one-day conference is an opportunity to learn about new mandates and regulations that are required. The conference had a heavy emphasis on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and how it is a vital construct having a successful intervention program. Several staff from MDE offered a roundtable discussion time to answer questions and concerns about grant writing, programming, and staffing.