



Menahga Principal's Board Report

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ELEMENTARY:

It has been a busy and exciting spring at Menahga Public Schools! The season has brought a variety of special events and memorable experiences for students, including Track and Field Days, music concerts, special programs, numerous field trips, and the upcoming end-of-year celebrations. These moments add joy and enrichment to our school year, and they also require tremendous flexibility and teamwork.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to our elementary staff for their willingness to adjust schedules and step in to support one another. Their commitment to both students and colleagues during this fast-paced season has not gone unnoticed.

We also recently wrapped up Staff Appreciation Week with a week-long celebration of our outstanding team. From classroom teachers to paraprofessionals, nursing staff, custodians, food service, secretaries, and our transportation department—every role plays a vital part in our success. As an administrative team, we enjoyed recognizing the daily efforts and heartfelt dedication each team member brings to supporting our students and families throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

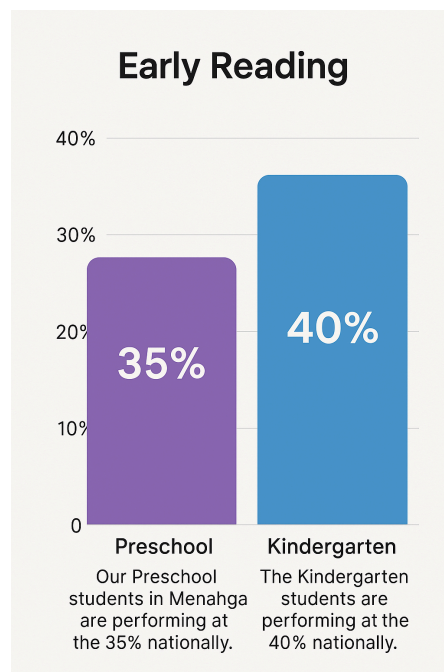
We are especially grateful to the School Board for ensuring the many critical ingredients for a successful school year are consistently in place:

- *Adequate staffing*
- *Ongoing professional development*
- *Updated curriculum and instructional resources*
- *Safe and welcoming learning environments*
- *Strong extracurricular opportunities*
- *Reliable technology access*
- *And, most importantly, strong community partnerships*

Your continued support allows the Menahga school community to thrive—thank you for your leadership this school year.

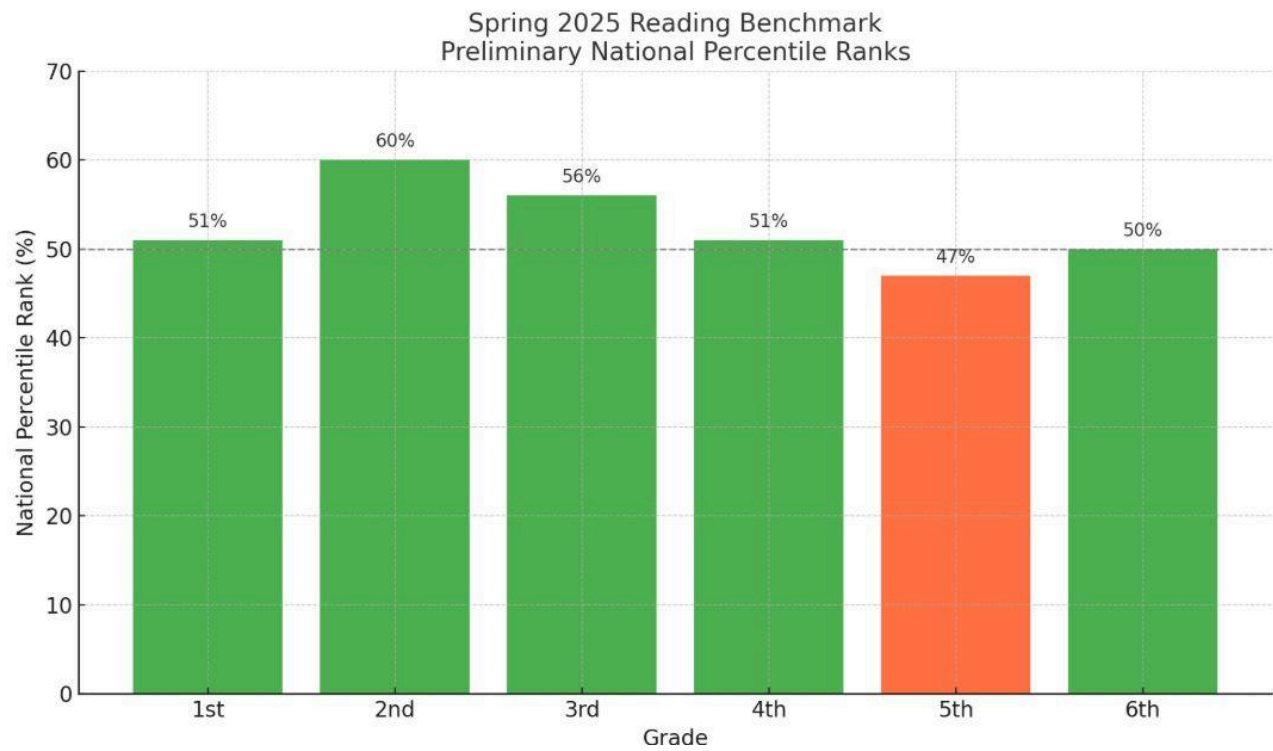
Spring 2025 Benchmark Testing Progress and Preliminary Results

By the May board meeting, academic benchmark testing for grades 1–6 will be approximately 80% complete. Final results will be reviewed once testing concludes. Preliminary reading results compared to national percentiles are as follows:



Early Reading is a composite score of subtests such as Concepts of Print, Letter Sounds, Letter Names, etc.

aReading Preliminary Results by Grade Level



Bridges Piloting Room 24-25 Data Results for aMath



The blue coloring symbolizes the number of students performing at or above the 85% in the nation.



HIGH SCHOOL:

Spring has been a vibrant and exciting time at Menahga Public Schools! The season has been filled with special events and unforgettable experiences for our students—from music concerts and special programs to numerous field trips and the much-anticipated end-of-year celebrations. These moments bring joy and enrichment to our school community, and they also highlight the incredible flexibility and teamwork of our staff and students.

You are invited to join us for...

- May 22nd - Awards Program 9-12 10:30-11:00 am
- May 22nd - Awards Program 7-8 11:30-11:50 am

Thank you to Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Hodge for incredible spring music programs. On Saturday May 3rd students from Menahga Band and Choir participated in the MSHSL State Section Contest, in Morris, MN.

There were 19 students in total that participated. These students performed for judges in various instrumental ensembles, various vocal ensembles and instrumental solos and vocal solos. Menahga brought home 11 Superior Ratings and 3 Excellent Ratings! (These students had previously received Superior Ratings at our Section Contest on April 9th in order to advance to this contest.)



Mr. Thompson's Business and Personal Law class got to experience over 25 criminal cases Monday morning at the Hubbard County Courthouse! Court Administrator Carissa Scholz was able to set students up with a meeting with probation officers, followed by viewing the court cases that morning from the jury box. To top off the great visit, the district attorneys, public defender, bailiff, and Judge Lorsbach stayed after to answer questions.



On Wednesday, May 7th the Menahga Braves Special Olympics Unified team participated in a Track and Field event in Pillager, MN. For this event our Menahga Special Olympics athletes teamed-up with Menahga High School athletes to make unified relay teams. Our Menahga Special Olympic Unified team also participated in other running and field events including the 50-meter dash, the 100-meter run, the shot put, and the running long jump, to name a few. Huge thanks goes out to all the volunteer help of the Menahga High School students and staff who helped make this a very memorable day for our Menahga Special Olympics Team.

Senior Class Exit Survey is being completed

- *25-26 7-11 Registrations are being completed. Thank you to Hope and our HS Staff. By digging into surveys and SchoolLinks data, staff has worked to create new courses. Students have been registering during the past week.*

Graduation Update: Graduation We have (as of today) 69 ready to hear their name called! We have three former students possibly walking at graduation this year that have met Menahga standards from the full time ALC crew. Graduation is set for May 23rd at 7pm.

Senior Calendar Updates

- **MANDATORY, May 22nd, 8:30am, Graduation Rehearsal:** In HS Gym, Student speaker practice after rehearsal. Senior Memory Walk, wearing grad-wear and walking through schools, Time: 10:00am
- **May 23rd, 6:15pm:** All seniors gather in the Wrestling/Multi purpose gym. Get flowers and place them under your seats in the gym.
- **May 23rd, 6:30pm:** Gym doors open to the public
- **May 23rd, 7:00pm:** Graduation Commencement Ceremony begins

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance curriculum development and instructional design, we are utilizing data collected through SchoolLinks and STAR Assessments to inform our decisions. These tools provide valuable insights into student performance, growth trends, and post-secondary planning, allowing us to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. The STAR testing window will close May 16th. Data and reports will be available following the 16th.

Math Curriculum 6-8:  enVision Curriculum 2025

Menahga Principal Goals for 2024-2025

1. Support Staff

- a. As school leaders we will provide clear communication on the happenings of our buildings while maintaining open lines of communication to support staff and their work with students.**
 - i. Staff Newsletters are coming, monthly**
 - ii. Staff meetings are happening, monthly**
 - iii. Committee meetings are happening, monthly**
 - iv. The Culture and Climate Survey was given to gather feedback on what went well in 2024-2025 and to gather ideas for future growth and development in 2025-2026.**
 - v. ALICE**
 - vi. End of the Year Feedback is being collected as the school year closes in an effort to continue to grow and improve.**
- b. Specific, valuable feedback will be provided to staff in an effort to continue ongoing growth for our teachers as instructional leaders.**
 - i. “Train the Trainer” session slated for summer. This opportunity allows Menahga to have a staff member in-district that could provide the mandated paraprofessional READ Act training.**
 - ii. Bridges math professional development is being worked on for the 25-26 school year.**
 - iii. New Science Curriculum professional development is being worked on for the 25-26 school year.**
 - iv. The Professional Development committee will meet and pre-plan for the 25-26 school year.**
 - v. Summer Professional Development opportunities have been supplied to staff.**

2. Facilitate Strong Student Achievement

- a. We will collaborate with all staff to provide purpose and professional development around assessments and using data to drive instruction.**
 - i. Local Literacy Leads, Andria Bristow and Lisa Parrish continue to attend Sourcewell monthly for additional planning around Minnesota’s Literacy changes.**
 - ii. Sourcewell provided training and support with AI and the impact it has on teachers, differentiation and student support.**
 - iii. Summer professional development opportunities have been rolled out to staff.**
 - iv. Leadership Meetings have been scheduled for June to continue planning for 25-26.**

Menahga School District Enrollment

Grade Level	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	
PreK	18	18	18	18	17	16	16	16	16	
VPK	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	29	
K	65	65	66	67	68	67	66	66	66	
1	69	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	
2	74	72	71	71	71	70	70	70	70	
3	82	83	83	81	83	83	83	83	83	
4	68	68	68	68	67	66	66	66	66	
5	73	73	73	74	75	75	75	75	75	
6	72	73	73	74	72	72	72	72	72	
7	81	79	78	79	80	80	80	79	79	
8	78	77	77	77	77	76	76	76	76	
9	90	89	89	88	88	89	90	90	90	
10	71	68	69	69	69	69	70	70	70	
11	78	74	74	72	73	71	71	71	71	
12	69	65	66	66	66	64	64	64	64	
Total	1018	1004	1005	1004	1006	998	999	998	997	

Respectfully Submitted,

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