



Elizabeth Ide Elementary School
October 2025 Board Report

Goal One – Learning

On Wednesday October 1, our grade-level teams joined forces with interventionists, special education teachers, administrators, and our school psychologist to take a deep dive into beginning-of-year assessment data. This collaborative effort allowed us to gain a clear understanding of each student's starting point—their strengths, areas for growth, and unique learning needs. Through this comprehensive data review, our teachers are much better equipped to deliver purposeful, targeted instruction designed to support every learner.

With a continued emphasis on reading instruction this year, we're eager to see our students' growth unfold. It's inspiring to observe strong alignment in our Tier 1 practices across all grade levels, as our teachers implement Structured Literacy with fidelity—emphasizing explicit phonological awareness instruction from kindergarten through second grade. Together, we remain committed to ensuring that every Ide Lion builds a solid foundation for lifelong reading success.

Goal Two – Whole Student

Our students and staff are eagerly anticipating one of our favorite fall traditions—the annual Halloween Parade and classroom celebrations on October 31st. The parade will give our Ide families a chance to join the excitement as our students showcase their creative costumes while marching around the school by grade level. Following the parade, each classroom will host a fall-themed party organized by our wonderful parent volunteers, filled with crafts, games, and festive activities. Events like these not only bring joy and excitement to our students but also strengthen the sense of community and connection that make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Goal Three –Environment

On September 30th, our school partnered with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department to conduct a Run/Hide/Fight safety drill. These experiences are invaluable, allowing us to reflect with law enforcement and ensure our emergency procedures align with current best practices. Our staff and students handled the lockdown drill perfectly—locking doors, turning off lights, and remaining out of sight as trained. While we identified a few opportunities for improvement, we couldn't be prouder of their collective efforts throughout the drill.

On Friday, October 3rd, we successfully conducted a fire drill in partnership with the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department. These collaborative drills provide valuable opportunities to review our procedures with first responders and ensure our practices reflect the highest safety standards. Our staff and students responded quickly and calmly, exiting the building in an orderly manner, and assembling at their designated locations. The Fire Department commended our efficiency and cooperation. We identified a few minor adjustments to improve traffic flow during evacuation, and our team is already addressing them to make future drills even smoother.