



Prairieview Elementary School
May 2026 Board Report

Goal One – Learning

While we are already busy preparing for a successful 2026-27 school year, we are also proud to celebrate our students' growth this year. Our 3rd annual Panther Progress was an excellent success! Thank you all for your support and your attendance as our students led you on a journey of their learning. Hopefully, you had the opportunity to play gaga ball with your students! Thank you to Team 66 for your support of the event, including three highly successful food trucks! Spring assessment season is also here. This season can be taxing on our students, so thank you to our teachers and staff for finding fun ways to make the learning engaging, meaningful and student-centered. From Spring Break until the end of the year, only two weeks are free of these benchmark assessments. While the routine might throw things off, our teachers do an excellent job prioritizing students' SEL needs so that school remains a positive experience for students!

Goal Two – Whole Student Development

Mrs. Herndon's class and Mrs. Miller's self-contained classroom have launched a weekly "Buddy Time" to promote inclusion, connection, and shared learning. This initiative provides meaningful opportunities for students to build relationships through inclusion, while gaining a deeper understanding of a multi-needs classroom community. The experience aligns with the district's learner characteristics, as students demonstrate empathy, collaboration, and effective communication while engaging in shared activities. They also show risk-taking and grow as critical thinkers and self-directed learners as they navigate new social experiences. During recent sessions, students introduced themselves, participated in a structured obstacle course, and engaged in play-based activities such as Magnatiles and group games. The positive



response from both classrooms highlights the impact of this inclusive and engaging experience.



Each year, Principals around Dupage County gather to celebrate some of our students at the annual IPA Recognition Breakfast. Two students from each school are recognized based on the following criteria: show responsibility with regard to attendance and behavior; demonstrate pride, dignity, and respect in personal conduct and relations with others; act responsibly and encourage responsible actions by others; and be a positive person to know. At Prairieview, we recognize two 5th graders, and this year our winners are Colin V. and Sofia M. Thank you both - we are so proud of and grateful for your contributions to our school!

Goal Three – Environment

Our end-of-year field trips have begun! This month, our 3rd graders got the ball rolling with a trip to the Brookfield Zoo. Additionally, around this time every year, the City of Darien hosts an Arbor Day event. It's attended by several area schools, the Morton Arboretum, and many other members of Darien's gardening and parks community. Our 3rd graders attend and release butterflies they have been caring for since they were in their larva stage. Thank you to the Gift of Carl Foundation for donating the butterflies and gift packets that come with them, as well as our third grade team for taking the time to incorporate the "life cycle of a butterfly" into their teaching.



Special shoutout to Mrs. Spakausky's fourth grade class. On Earth Day, they went outside and collected garbage bags of trash from our grounds. Thank you, Panthers, for being stewards of the earth and caring for our school!

