



Priest Lake Elementary Board Report

December 17, 2025

Principal Tommy Hansen

PLE has had a great start to the 2025-2026 school year! With the end of the 1st semester in sight, I believe that the overwhelming successes we have had in maintaining a positive school culture have benefitted the learning of the students. Students are excited to be at school and are hungry for learning! The addition of having dedicated art, music, and PE teachers have had a profound positive impact on our students and their attitude towards school. This will be a short board report this month due to the Thanksgiving Break and the prior compilation of lots of the fall benchmarks for state testing.

We had our third PTO Meeting on December 1st. We celebrated the return of the regular bus routes to PLE and the Board approval for the removal of the teeter totter in the playground. The PTO and myself are reaching out to people to remove it safely and responsibly.

All teacher evaluations have been completed at this point, and I am so impressed by the phenomenal staff at PLE, their dedication and mastery of teaching is evident in everything they do. The students test scores, behaviors, and overall learning proves that!

We conducted a food drive at PLE. It ran for two weeks and ended on November 20th. The students and community brought in over 400 items that were then donated to the local food bank. Mrs. Butler's class won the school competition for the most items. The PTO agreed to sponsor a pizza party for the winning class, which will take place on the last day before winter break.

The Christmas Program went phenomenally! We had great attendance and the students sounded great. Special thank you to Mr. Kenyon, our music teacher, who helped put together the whole show at PLE.

December 18th is Cozy Clothes day, which is a great way for our students to enter into winter break!

We will begin to conduct ISAT interim testing once we get back from break. Data will be made available once all testing is completed.

Thank you all for supporting Priest Lake Elementary!