



**Prairieview Elementary School**  
October 2025 Board Report

**Goal One – Learning**

Our teachers continue to expand their use of project and problem-based learning through Mrs. Gemmell’s STEM coaching and our Defined Learning platform. Pictured here is Mr. Trinco’s class measuring craters created by the impact of different-sized meteors that they made. Mrs. Strong’s advanced math class explored surface area and volume by using unifix cubes, creating a fun, hands-on variation to problem-based learning. Mrs. Gemmell has also created aligned science units for teachers to utilize with our Inspire science curriculum. As we’ve wrapped up our fall benchmark testing, our teachers are busy analyzing data to differentiate learning, based on student needs. This information will be shared with parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences this month.



**Goal Two – Whole Student Development**



Intramurals and after-school programs are underway at Prairieview. Mrs. Bryant has started our intramural season with floor hockey. Ms. Lindsey’s wildly popular Choir is meeting after school in preparation for their Veterans’ Day performance. Mr. Ohlsen & Mr. Tedeschi have started our beginning band lessons and rehearsals. Fourth graders are thrilled to receive their instruments and learn how to use them! Lastly, we are beyond grateful for the opportunity to visit Downers Grove South and see their youth theatre production of “Alice in Burgerland.” This play was directed by former PV students and created just for us! It was silly, interactive, and an excellent way for many of

our students to experience performing arts for the first time. We’re hopeful this partnership with our neighborhood high school will become an annual fall tradition.

Ms. Zygmuntowicz (Lakeview FACS) has collaborated with our 3rd and 4th-grade teams to introduce a “buddy reading” program at PV. This program is part of her Child Development exploratory class. Not only is this another excellent way to encourage our students to read, but the partnership with our junior high grows stronger with opportunities like these.



### Goal Three – Environment



Team 66 has had a powerful impact on our students to start the school year. First was their inaugural Boosterthon “Fun Fun.” While this event raised a significant amount of money to fund their grant program, it allowed our students an opportunity to raise funds and impact their school. This event also provided character-building lessons in the classroom, which was a great start-of-the-year addition. The Book Fair and Ice Cream social was another fun event that brought in many students and parents to visit our school together. Any time a student walks out of school excited to read something, students win! Thank you, Team 66 - This school and community are a special place because of your contributions!