

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Principals' Report

September 2025

One District

1. Inservice Week Highlights

- a. Staff Returning - This is always one of the biggest highlights, bringing the staff family back together.
- b. Cultural Competency - Rachel Logan from Sourcewell consulted with Patti Larson and then presented an engaging session on Cultural Competency that was well received by our staff.
- c. Open House - Wednesday night is always filled with excitement as we welcome back our students and families. This year we distributed backpacks to anyone who wanted one at the elementary school which was very helpful to many families.

Elementary School

1. First Week

- a. Every first week is filled with excitement and a little bit of problem solving. This year was no different. The students are doing exceptionally well with the PBIS expectations. The breakfast and lunch lines are moving quicker than in years past. Passing time in the hallways has been very efficient. Recess is going well and the weather has been beautiful. Bussing is always a challenge at the beginning of the year but we are working through address changes and new riders. Week two has been a smoother transportation week. Overall, the staff has reported that the first week was a success.

2. ELL Graduation

- a. On Friday, September 5, LPGE Elementary celebrated 14 students who graduated from the MLL (Multi-Lingual Learner) Program. We are very proud of their hard work. As part of the celebration, the students were treated to Subway sandwiches followed by a certificate ceremony that

their parents attended. The celebration concluded with everyone enjoying ice cream sandwiches.



- b. While not all of the students graduated, many students made wonderful gains according to the ACCESS assessment last spring. One notable achievement was that every 4th grade student improved their score. Congratulations to all of the students who worked hard to improve their scores.

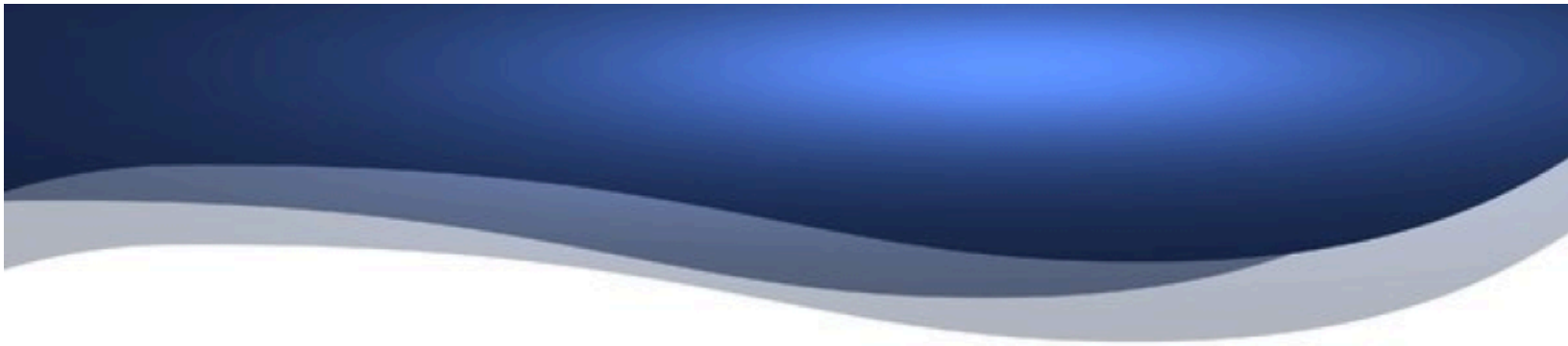
3. Handbook Talks With Students

- a. During the first two weeks of school, I had the opportunity to visit with all of the students in their classrooms to go over student handbook information. Mr. Zimmerman and other staff members also worked with all of the students on PBIS expectations. All of the students were very attentive and we are off to a great start of the year.

Secondary School

1. Start of the School Year

- a. We have had a great first start to the year. Students seem to be extremely upbeat and happy. We had our first class meetings and we as a staff were treated to a very polite and receptive crowd for all grades, 7-12. I am not going to guarantee a perfect year, that is not possible, but I will say that this has been one



of the best starts that I can remember and it is a very good, positive, first step into the new school year. I credit our staff and their focus on placing importance in our PBIS system as that, along with other positive changes we have made, have started to take root in our district and thus in our student's lives.

2. Cellphone Policy

- a. One thing that has shocked, not only me but my whole staff judging by their comments, is the lack of pushback we have had in the cellphone policy change. Students have been very responsible to follow the rules and there has not been the massive pushback that I was preparing for regarding this change. It has shocked me. I believe there are two reasons: one, students seem to take a sigh of relief as it is not another thing they have to deal with in their teenage lives and two, we brought the changes in slowly as we have reacted to what we needed to do as a staff throughout the years as we, along with other districts, grappled with the cellphone issue. I am not discounting you as board providing grace in not making the immediate change last spring, but allowing us to implement it at the beginning of the school year.

3. MASSP School Law Seminar

- a. I will be attending the seminar on Thursday. With all that is taking place at the state level the past six months, my ear will be attuned to what is being considered in terms of legislation. I do hope to get some updates in some more specific areas affecting my building level as there is always some buzz about possible pending legislation. I am also hoping to avoid the old adage of doing more with less.