

Report to the School Board

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Strategic Priority 1: Student Success



Bluegrass Band assembly - Our last LA CARES assembly featured recognizing students for Self Control. That skill was put to use for the remainder of the assembly as we listened, sang along with and even danced to the performances from the Finley River Boys, a bluegrass band that was playing at the area bluegrass festival and stopped by our school to teach and entertain.

Walk of the Graduates – The fun tradition continues! The senior class came to the elementary a day early to avoid scheduling conflicts. The students and staff gave them an ovation, high fives and fist bumps during the two hallway procession. Congrats to all graduates of 2026!



Fifth Grade Graduation - A fun ceremony honoring the fifth grade students who are moving on from their elementary years and entering the middle school excitement and learning. The fifth graders had their debut band performance and sang a medley of songs from each of their grade school concerts. Some attendance and academic awards were given out followed by the presentation of fifth grade diplomas. Congratulations Fifth Grade!

Last Day of School

The kindergarten and fifth grade have their own afternoon programs on the last day of school, but grade 1-4 were able to enjoy the wonderful setting of the Crossings Center for their last day fun. Thank you to PLAY group volunteers and the Crossings Center staff for allowing us to come for the afternoon to set up stations for play and refreshments. An easy walk and enjoyable afternoon!



Wave to the busses!

Another tradition to send off the cars and busses on the last day. We also escort the retiring staff on their last exit.

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

Finishing Read Act trainings – Our new in 25-26 staff will complete their Read Act CORE OL&LA trainings in June to keep all elementary staff at the same level of instruction.

Paraprofessional openings – We will be in need of filling two paraprofessional positions for the PK- 5 elementary areas this summer.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

Thank you staff! - The yearlong project of identifying everything in our elementary as storage, auction or trash paid off as the building was readied for the movers and deconstruction crews. Thanks goes out to everyone, especially the Help Squad that roamed the halls taking care of last minute moving needs.



LOTS has been done in weeks 1 and 2, indoor and outside.

We all can see the work on the entrance to the elementary. The deconstruction and abatement processes are well underway on the inside of the elementary school.

Removal of floor, wall and ceiling creates a wide open feel to the building. Hoping for continued success and keeping our timelines.



Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

Cardinal Club remains open in the early childhood wing of our building. The rest of the campus and building are fully under construction and closed to the community.