

# Report to the School Board

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## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Summer School

Lewiston-Altura Elementary students who qualify for reading, writing and math enrichment classes are invited to attend skill building classes for three weeks in the summer. These core courses are designed to address age appropriate skills and work to avoid the “summer slide” of skills. This year’s Title 1 summer school classes and activities were built around the theme of “A Bug’s Life”. Thank you to Ms. Ostrander for her coordination and teaching of the program and to Ms. Heftman, Ms. Starks, Ms. Mehling, Ms. Gasca, and subs Ms. Scheck and Ms. Zezulka for teaching these summer programs. Also, thanks to Mr. Weninger for his coordination and teaching of our Extended School Year special education courses.

- Summer Library

A thank you to Ms. Manley and various staff members for providing summer library hours on six Wednesday dates in June, July and August. Kids and families were able to have free book check out as well as story time and activities to accomplish on their visit.

## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Elementary School staffing:

The 2024-2025 school year comes with some changes for fourth and fifth grade classroom teachers. We wish Ms Sula and Mr. Gowlland all the best in their new teaching roles in other districts. We send a warm welcome to Ms. Kiley Puetz to our Elementary School teaching family as our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The following table highlights the classroom teachers.

Preschool	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Courtney Fricke	Marcia O’Duggan	Ginny Reszka	Kate Falkowski	Maddie Gasca Hernandez	Liza Kennedy	Mike Buringa
Tina Sand	Suzanne Pilger	Jane Weaver	Deb Heftman	Scott Schmaltz		Kiley Puetz

We also welcome some new faces to our Elementary support staff. Amy O’Loughlin and Rebecca Scharmer will be providing the district speech services. We also welcome Breanna Hahn to our Elementary School paraprofessional staff. Linda Leibfried has moved from the elementary school office and now is our Cardinal Club coordinator. We welcome Victoria Schrempf to join our office staff.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Summer Cleaning

A huge shout out of thanks to the Dashir custodial crew for their efforts in cleaning and refurbishing our building and grounds. The entire building undergoes a cleaning process prior to the start of summer school so that we are ready for the new school year.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- School Community Evening at the Crossings Center

We look forward to celebrating the start of a great school year with all staff, students and families at the Crossings Center on Wednesday, August 28. The P.L.A.Y. group has plans for to have a table for families to check in and get set for the year with Cardinal gear.

- Annual Meet and Greet Conferences

Similar to previous years, Elementary School families will utilize the first two days of school to participate in a scheduled Family and Teacher conference. Families will be able to meet teachers, drop of school supplies, fill out paperwork, set up accounts and build on the excitement of the new school year. These days are scheduled for Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, with the first day of in-person school for PK-5 on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.