



### Community Education

- Our Winter/Spring community education sessions are in full swing, and we've been thrilled with the response to our classes. The crisp winter weather has inspired families to get outdoors and participate, and we're grateful to our amazing volunteers and instructors for making it all possible.
- We are actively developing our Summer 2025 programming and aim to introduce several exciting new opportunities for students. Additionally, we are seeking enthusiastic coaches to lead recreational activities. If you or someone you know is interested in making a positive impact by sharing their time and talents with our youth, please contact Cassie or me at 320-357-3611
- Preschool Open House will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. This event is an opportunity for parents and preschoolers to tour the Early Childhood facilities and meet our teachers. That night parents can register their children for next year's preschool classes. The Open House runs from 5:00-6:30 pm.

### 21CCLC

- On Tuesday, March 11th, several members of the 21st Century Team will represent LPGE at this year's M3 Huddle. This meeting provides an opportunity to review our yearly programming and academic performance data. The insights gained will help shape goals aimed at enhancing programming, delivery, and overall achievement within the 21st Century Program. Many successful initiatives have stemmed from previous M3 Huddles. Additionally, we will work to align the 21st Century Program's goals with the Strategic Planning Goals of the District.
- I would like to thank the community, staff, and students who participated in the 21st CCLC Asset Building session held on Wednesday, February 12th. This activity is one of the mandatory community input pieces that is required by the Minnesota Department of Education when applying for the 21st CCLC grant. This information is used to identify assets that make our learning community successful. It also helps to identify areas of need that can be addressed through the grant resources. Thanks again to all 25 people who shared their knowledge and passion for our school district.
- This month I would like to highlight one of our smaller programs sponsored by 21st CCLC, the LPGE Reading Club. This after-school club focuses on enrichment through the love of reading. Jennifer Olson is the instructor for this activity and does a fantastic job of fostering the love of reading while being able to talk and discuss how books can relate to students' lives, and experiences. The group selects a book that is paid for by the grant and then sets reading goals for each week, meets, and discusses the selection. This has been one of our longest-running programs because of the fantastic job Jen does with keeping the class student-centered and maintaining high expectations. Hats off to a fun program that promotes a lifelong love of reading.
- Our third Stakeholders Meeting will occur on Thursday, March 13th at noon. This meeting will highlight findings from the M3 Huddle, and we will be discussing, and getting input for the possible program goals.



### **Federal Programs**

- The 2nd Annual LPGE Career and College Fair will be held on Friday, March 28th, 2025. This opportunity is funded by our Achievement and Integration Grant. The fair will highlight over 35 career topics that feature speakers currently working in the field they are presenting on. The college portion of the fair will be represented by 10+ colleges and universities that will offer information on the application process, program offerings, and financial aid possibilities. I would like to thank Lu at the Long Prairie Chamber for co-sponsoring this opportunity for our kids. Members of the LPGE Career Fair team are Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst, Jonathan Young, Audrey Morrill, Stacey Custer, Barton Rud, and myself.