



Community Education

- This year's 2025 Summer Brochure registration went online on Saturday, April 5th. There has been an excellent response to the class offerings, with several of the classes already close to full. The brochure also includes the End of the School Year Edition of the LPGE District Newsletter. The LPGE District Newsletter includes articles that highlight events, programs, and activities that make our school district unique for learners.
- There was an amazing response to our annual Little League Skills Night, which was held on Thursday, April 10th. Over 100 3rd-6th graders showed up to participate. This year, for the first time since COVID, there is a possibility of having 10 teams in our league. A huge thank you to Jasmine Ecker and Tara Wojtowicz for going the extra mile to promote our program. Jasmine and Tara had current players dress in their baseball uniforms and visit classrooms.
- The numbers in our current spring offering remain very high. We have been at maximum numbers in many of our student offerings. It has been enjoyable to see the excitement from participants to who have been involved in these classes.

21st CLC

- Thursday, May 8th, will be the last day for this year's 21st CCLC after-school programming. Staff will be attending a training session on May 13th to review this year's programs and to review the findings of our M3 Huddle. Staff will also learn about our 2025 summer SMART goals that were set following the data review section of the needs assessment. These goals will be used to form programming for summer instruction.
- We will once again be offering several summer programs for all-age students. I would like to highlight a couple of very unique opportunities that we have paired with Alexandria Tech and Community College in offering. Machine Tool Camp is a chance for students to get hands-on experience with the many facets of working in the ever-expanding area of product production. Another very interesting opportunity is Scrubs Camp. This is another career exploration opportunity to explore the many careers involved in the medical field. Both of these learning experiences are multi-day programs that are completely paid for by the LPGE 21st CCLC Grant.
- Please take time to check out the upcoming article about our Work-Based Learning program that will appear in the Leader. Nancy Leasman did a great job of highlighting the program and the benefits that it has for our young career-minded students.

Federal Programs

- I would like to highlight the tremendous success of the 2025 Career Fair, held on March 28th. This marked the second year of the program in its current format, made possible through funding from the LPGE Achievement and Integration grant. Students had the opportunity to sign up for sessions based on their interests, choosing from a list of 35 careers. This format allowed them to attend focused presentations on specific career paths and provided presenters with a structured environment to engage more meaningfully with students. Students in grades 7 and 8 began the day with a presentation from Minnesota CEP on the importance of early career exploration,



followed by three breakout sessions. Students in grades 9–12 also participated in three sessions and had the added opportunity to visit college and armed forces displays in the gym. A huge thank-you goes out to our incredible students and staff for their enthusiasm and patience, to the 87 presenters who generously shared their knowledge across 35 different careers, and to the 11 colleges and armed forces representatives who informed students about post-secondary options, and the 7 businesses who offered summer job information for our students. Finally, heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated Career Fair Team, whose tireless efforts over the past year and a half made this event such a meaningful experience for our students.

A thank you to the Minneapolis Star Tribune for covering this event and the article that appeared in the Business Section of the newspaper.

Thank you to the Todd County Corrections Board for the opportunity to come and speak to them about data trends at LPGE, youth engagement opportunities, and how youth voice has helped guide us in forming our student program offerings.