

# Report to the School Board

November 10, 2025

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success



- Story teller -

Our students were treated to a professional storyteller that was a part of the Sandbar Storytelling Festival taking place in Winona. Our performance was part of an afternoon assembly on Oct. 9.

- Unity Week / Unity Day

Our entire building emphasized friendship and anti bullying efforts during Unity Week from Oct. 20 – 24 with some orange emphasis on Unity Day, Oct. 22. The messages during morning announcements and morning meetings encourage and practice how to be a positive and safe friend to all.



- LA CARES assembly

Our October 24th assembly had a Assertion focus, following a month of lessons on confidence and standing up for what we know is right.

- All Hallows Eve Dress Up

The energy level was high for the classroom parties on Oct. 30. Students and staff enjoyed a dress up afternoon during their scheduled parties. Thank you to the PLAY group for donated snacks and a beverage.

- Youth Frontiers = Kindness Retreat

Our fifth-grade students took part in a Kindness Retreat on Nov. 4th, put on by the Youth Frontiers group. This high energy day is put on to give students tools to develop empathy and promote kindness. We thank the Mark Morris Foundation for funding this Youth Frontiers retreat. We also thank the Crossings Center for the use of their beautiful facilities for this event.

## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing



- Workshop day

The Elementary Staff Development team put together a staff team building morning at Big Springs Farm near Lanesboro. After a beautiful fall morning taking part in the corn maze and all the activities at Big Springs, the staff ended their trip with a quick visit to historic B&B Fremont Store before returning for the afternoon of workshop.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- Fundraising final amount

The PLAY group set the fundraising goal of \$13,000, enough to cover the costs of the elementary school field trips. The school students and families smashed that goal, collecting just over \$15,000 through their sales efforts. This will cover this year's costs and give a great start on next year's costs as well. Thank you to the PLAY group volunteers for their efforts in tabulating during the fundraiser.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Last step completed

A patch of tar was added to the back of the elementary taking care of the broken pavement as the final step of the solar panel addition.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- PLAY Group Trunk or Treat and Haunted House –

PLAY Group volunteers put on a Trunk or Treat event in Altura on Oct. 17 as well as spooking up the elementary STEAM room for a haunted house open to the public on Nov. 1. Both events drew great crowds of excited students and their parents. Thank you to our PLAY group volunteers for the fun efforts!



- Sharing Tree activated Nov. 10 - 28

For families with needs for the holiday season, the Lewiston-Altura Community Sharing Tree is open from Nov. 10-28 for community members. The site will accept student needs and accept donations from members of our communities.