



Priest River Elementary Board Report

Prepared January 14, 2026

Enrollment: January 329

Activities/Celebrations:

Breakfast with Santa - Our 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa was a wonderful success, with a great turnout and lots of holiday cheer! A heartfelt thank you to our NACA Club families and students who donated items and volunteered their time to make this event so special. The event raised approximately **\$6,200**, and with additional donations, we are on track to bring an **NASA Artemis Program astronaut** to PRE—an exciting opportunity for our students!

K-2 Christmas Program - The K-2 Christmas Program was a great success! Our students did a fantastic job and clearly enjoyed performing for their families. Thank you to our teachers for the time, creativity, and dedication they put into preparing students for this special event.

Curriculum/Instruction:

Daily Academic Intervention - Our teams recently met to review student progress and reorganize intervention groups. It was exciting to see strong student growth! As students master skills, they move on to their next learning goal. Many students were able to exit intervention groups and transition into enrichment groups—great progress to celebrate.

Grade-Level Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) - Grade-level PLCs continue to meet weekly for 45 minutes, focusing on the four essential PLC questions: 1. What do we want students to learn? 2. How will we know if they learned it? 3. What will we do if they did not learn it? 4. What will we do if they already know it? These collaborative conversations help ensure strong instruction and support for all learners.

District-Wide Elementary PLCs - Elementary teachers have participated in district-wide grade-level PLCs for the past five weeks. Teams have worked diligently to develop proficiency scales for targeted essential standards, create Common Formative Assessments to monitor student progress, and engage in discussions focused on lesson design and improving instructional practices.

Winter Benchmark Assessments - Winter benchmark assessments will take place **January 4 – January 29** as a mid-year check on student progress. Assessments include: K-3 Idaho Reading Indicator, K-6 EasyCBM Reading & Reading Fluency (Grades 4-6), K-6 EasyCBM Math, K-2 Writing Assessment. These assessments help guide instruction and ensure students receive the support they need to continue growing.

Unexpected Event:

School Evacuation - On January 13, 2026 I made the decision to evacuate the school due to a suspicious propane like smell that was causing people's eyes to water, and difficulty breathing. Out of extreme caution I evacuated the school, and initiated the evacuation protocol. While evacuations are never ideal, there was meaningful learning that came from this experience. We were able to practice a full-scale evacuation using our updated emergency management system, **Raptor Technologies**, and evaluate our procedures without it being a true emergency. We identified strengths as well as areas for improvement, and we will be meeting as a team to refine and update our processes. I want to sincerely commend our bus drivers, district staff, emergency responders, and the staff at Priest River Elementary for their professionalism, calm response, and dedication to student safety. I also want to thank our parents and guardians for their patience, understanding, and constructive feedback as we continue working to make our procedures as efficient and safe as possible.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 22nd - End of 2nd QTR
- Jan. 23rd - Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 29th - 5th Grade XC Skiing, 8:00-1:00
- Jan. 29th - 2nd Qtr Perfect Attendance BINGO Party 1:30-2:45
- Feb. 5th- 2nd Qtr Awards Assemblies
- Feb. 5th - 5th Grade XC Skiing, 8:00-1:00

Breakfast with Santa -



K-2 Christmas Program

