

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Principals' Report

March 2026

One District

1. Assessment Season
 - a. Our ESL staff have completed the ACCESS testing for our Multilingual Learners.
 - b. CAPTI Testing is complete. This was for a select group of students in grades 4-12 in the area of reading.
 - c. MCAs will take place in April.

Professional Development Committee.

1. March 23 Professional Development Day
 - a. Staff will continue their focus on strengthening student vocabulary development. In addition, teams will engage in curriculum selection work, Professional Learning Community collaboration, content-area training, and READ Act training for paraprofessionals. The afternoon will be set aside for grade-level work and updating student grades.

Elementary School

1. Breakfast and Books
 - a. We extend our sincere thanks to all the families and special guests who joined us on February 27 to read with our students. A total of 350 participants signed in, shared donuts, and enjoyed time with books alongside our children. It was our largest turnout to date, and we are grateful for the strong support of our school community.



2. Bouncy Activities

- a. On March 2 and 3, students enjoyed special inflatable activities during their physical education classes. Jump4Fun from Osakis handled delivery and pickup and generously included a few additional items for students to try. Thank you to our PE teachers for organizing and supervising this experience. The activities were funded through last year's Color Run fundraiser.



3. 2026 Color Run

- a. The 2026 Color Run is scheduled for May 8. Students will begin collecting donations in early April. Business sponsorship letters have been distributed by students or mailed to local partners. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our families and community in making this event a success.

Secondary School

1. Career Exploration Day
 - a. On Friday, March 6, we took the 11th graders to Central Lakes College in Brainerd for the annual Career Exploration Day. This is an annual event that we focus on as the college really does a great job of bringing all facets of career exploration together under one roof including, industrial, technical, military and college. We were one of a number of schools in the area that are involved with the career fair. The capstone for all of our students will be our own upcoming Career Fair on March 27 here at the secondary building.
2. LPGE Career Fair
 - a. We will be hosting our annual career fair on March 27. Working in conjunction with Luanne Brunkhorst with the Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce, we are once again providing our students an opportunity to meet industry professionals, military and college representatives for the day. Students have the opportunity to register to meet with four different representatives from a long list of different and varied careers. Over the years we have changed the format to better accommodate our students' needs as well as time. We are expecting some great conversations for our students.
3. 9th - 12th Band Competition
 - a. On Wednesday, March 11 the students will be traveling to Browerville for band competition. This is an annual event, one we have hosted in the past, allowing the students to hear and play for students from a number of different schools
4. Rage on the Red- Band Competition
 - a. The band recently returned from this competition in Fargo. Mr. Speer has reported that they came away with a bronze and missed a silver by two points. He felt that the band played extremely well and he is incredibly proud of their accomplishments.
5. Pro-Start Competition- FACS
 - a. "Each year, student competitors from across the state put their skills to the test in front of culinary and restaurant business leaders, family and

friends. The first place teams in both the culinary and management competitions will earn coveted scholarships to continue their restaurant or food service education and earn the right to compete at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland in the spring of 2026.”

- b. The event is on Thursday, March 12 at the Saint Paul River Center.
- c. We have four students attending this year’s competition.

6. Fire Alarm- Activation

- a. On Tuesday at 3:11, a smoke detector located in the duct leading out of the building to the roof was activated. This caused the fire alarm to be tripped. It was quickly determined that we have a faulty detector at that point and it is a bit more disheartening that it is a brand new detector. Russ was also able to determine that with the last power outage, it affected the memory on the fire alarm board. That has been corrected at this point. We did find some gaps in our safety protocols as well as some concerns with bus drivers and bus protocol. I have already started the review and writing of procedures to address these gaps as well as the conversation with Askamit, as we will be asking them to establish procedures for their bus drivers and how they handle our students in these types of emergencies. I am anticipating a sit down meeting with them at some point next week so we can discuss the framework for all of this. I will be sharing what I have with our administrative group and then work from there. This also works into our larger discussion of safety protocols as we are instituting the “I Love You Guys” program with our ALICE training for school campus safety.