



Priest Lake Elementary Board Report

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General Updates

As of June 11th, we have officially finished the school year! As I am reflecting on the success at PLE after my first year as a head principal at PLE, I have to give all of the credit to the amazing staff at the school. They ensured the school would run as smoothly as possible every day. Their tireless dedication to the students is evident in the numerous improvements seen throughout this.

ISAT Scores saw incredible improvement this year, going from 55% Proficient in ELA in 2025 to 75% in 2026, over half of which scored above grade level! We also showed consistent improvement with math, moving from 55% to 60%, beating the state average score in every grade level, except 6th, which still had significant improvement.

Amira for the K,1,2 students showed impressive growth, with 93% reading at grade level by the April testing. The students and teachers administering Amira testing have been troopers. The program is prone to a lot of issues and the internet at PLE makes it even more difficult. Still despite this, significant growth was made.

EasyCBM data was collected throughout the year. This helped our teachers see which students are struggling and give them extra support. Every member in the school helped with these students and provided them with enough support to grow and improve their ability.

I am so thankful for all of the hundreds or even thousands of hours put in by our amazing volunteers up at Priest Lake Elementary to help make the school year run as smoothly as possible. The students and staff definitely appreciate the deep support that the community has for the school.

We had a great time at the Spring Program on June 1st. Ann Chamberlain worked very hard with the 3rd-6th grade students for the dance performance, which turned out incredible! Mr. Kenyon had the students perform 2-3 songs per class, all of which sounded incredible! Mrs. Barnes prepared the 6th Grade Graduation, where we had a special time to recognize and send off our 6th graders! Thank you to all of them for making it a very memorable experience for everybody!

We had a great time closing out school for the staff and the students! June 11th was a great send off

for the year. I am looking forward to continuing to see this year's 6th graders at the JH/HS and hopefully walk across the stage at graduation in 2032!

Now Enrolling 7-12

As of the May 20th board meeting, Priest Lake Elementary is now enrolling students for 7th-12th Grade. We will be doing a hybrid learning system utilizing the Edmentum program. There will be a certified classroom teacher in the room with the students to help guide them. They will also have access to contacting the current staff at the JH/HS in case they need any assistance with their coursework. Students can choose from three options for attendance:

- Attend PLE in the morning to take core classes and get shuttled down to the JH/HS to take elective/CTE classes in person and ride the PRLHS buses back home.
- Attend PRLHS/JH in the morning to take CTE/elective classes and get shuttled to PLE in the afternoon to take core classes and ride PLE buses home.
- Attend PLE full-time and take all 7 courses each semester.

Please contact the school asap if you would like to enroll your student(s)!

You can email me over the summer at TommyHansen@sd83.org for any questions or to get enrollment started.

School Starts Soon!

School starts back for staff on August 25th and students on August 31st! I am so looking forward to another year at PLE and all the incredible progress we can make! Let's make this upcoming year the best one yet!

Thank you all for supporting Priest Lake Elementary!