

Principal's Opening Day Report to the Raymond School District
 Jessica Benson, Principal, Lamprey River Elementary School
 2023-2024, September 6, 2023

<p>Overview & Acknowledge</p>	<p>We had a great start at Lamprey River Elementary School. Our meet and greet was on Monday, August 28. Students and their families met their new teachers outside on the playground. It was nice to see students playing, socializing and excited to be back at school. Thank you to PTO for sponsoring the event.</p> <p>Our kindergarteners came in for their screening visit on our first and second days of school. On Thursday, August 31, kindergarten students and their families visited their assigned kindergarten classrooms. Students left with big smiles!</p> <p>The first day was smooth all around. The buses arrived on time and car drop off and pick up was efficient. School Resource Officer Frotten, as well as other staff and teachers were available to help guide students and families. Classes started with morning meetings and other community building activities. Throughout the day, teachers and staff modeled schoolwide expectations for our classrooms, hallways, recess, and the cafeteria. Students did a nice job learning the routines of their daily schedule.</p> <p>Thank you to the maintenance department and staff for making the building and classrooms look so nice and welcoming.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>All buses have been arriving on time in the morning and the afternoon. Car drop off and pick up has been organized and efficient.</p>
<p>Enrollment</p>	<p>Grade K - 68 Grade 1 - 82 Grade 2 - 92 Grade 3 - 87 Total: 329</p>
<p>Staffing</p>	<p>We were able to fill a number of positions for this school year:</p> <p>Jessica Benson- Principal Paula Oliveira- Assistant Principal Kelly Harte- Dean of Student Support Services Casey Powden- Kindergarten Teacher Finn Caron- 1st Grade Teacher Justine Dube- 1st Grade Teacher Maggie Hird- 1st Grade Teacher Danielle Botsch- 1st Grade Teacher Hayden Smith- Physical Education Teacher Lisa Fowler- School Nurse</p>

	<p>Lori Cook- School Counselor Jon Eaton- School Counselor Mary Hoyt- Lead Behavior Coach Heather Normandin- Behavior Coach Jennifer Johnston- Behavior Coach Katelyn Nyhan- Pond Elizabeth Daschbach- ESOL Michelle Lockwood- Paraeducator Casey Zemis- Paraeducator Liz Creed- Paraeducator Matt Luedtke- Paraeducator</p> <p>Open Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paraprofessionals- multiple ● Custodians- multiple ● Food Services- multiple ● Substitutes
<p>Challenges</p>	<p>We have been able to hire a number of new staff members, but we are still seeking 5 paraeducators, daily substitutes, custodians, and food services workers.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>9/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal Coffee Hour 10am-11am <p>9/11-9/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Benchmark Assessment Window for iReady, Acadience <p>9/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTO Meeting 3:45 <p>9/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTO Sponsored Event Night Under the Stars 5:30- 7:00 <p>9/25-9/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholastic Book Fair <p>9/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open House & Scholastic Book Fair 6:00-7:30 <p>9/29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Development Day for Teachers <p>10/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picture Day (Grades K-1) <p>10/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picture Day (Grades 2-3)