



Dear Team,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2025, I want to thank you for your dedication and the impact you've had on our students and school community thus far. The second half of the year brings new opportunities to build on our successes, tackle challenges, and continue making a meaningful impact on our students and colleagues alike.

Remember to take care of yourselves and celebrate each small victory along the way. Together, let's make 2025 a year of growth, connection, and achievement.

Thank you for all you do. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Eric

- Upcoming Staff Workshop Days -

Friday, January 17 & Monday, January 20

- Staff participating in the Read Act - Continue with your training
- Other staff members, please check with your supervisor if you don't know what you are to do

★ ★ ★ Staff Recognitions ★ ★ ★

I want to spotlight Cari Grenier as she has been such an asset in the upkeep with Sped Forms! Thank you, Cari, for all your dedicated work and for always going above and beyond.

~Kristina Harstad



TECH TIDBIT

Happy New Year! As we get closer to the February 1st date for the decommissioning of the file server, we want to remind you that all files that you want to continue to have access to need to be moved into Google Drive. If you have not attended a Google Drive for Desktop hands-on session, we will be holding one more session on Thursday, January 16.

If you are unable to attend, you will want to schedule a time with Rich or me using the booking links below to help you get your files moved BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st.

[Book with Rich](#)

[Book with Erin](#)

There are also video instructions [HERE](#) This is for everyone who uses a Windows computer whether it be a desktop or a laptop.

~Erin & Rich



~ WE APPRECIATE YOU ~

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

OUR CURRENT FRESHWATER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Jodi Hillmer (Browerville) - Katie Howard (Menahga)

Rod Thalmann (Henning) - Barb Tumberg (Wadena/Deer Creek)

Russ VanDenheuvel (Bertha/Hewitt)

Scott Veronen (Verndale) – Chuck Wolf (Long Prairie/Grey Eagle)



Teresa Gould	January 5
Lori Larson	January 10
Kellie Kane	January 16
Sheri Johnson	January 17
Corry Cook	January 22
Mary Schmidt	January 23
Mackenzie Carsten	January 27
Angie Moxley	January 27



From our Together Improving Care Team

Vision: A compassionate community that builds relationships and empowers individuals

When people are under stress their ability to communicate (and interpret effectively) becomes impaired. Stress hurts our ability to:

- **Read another person's nonverbal communication
- **Hear what someone is really saying
- **Communicate our needs clearly

As our stress increases we get more critical of what we see and hear from others.

DID YOU KNOW?

**STRESS
HAS A
DETRIMENTAL
EFFECT ON OUR
COMMUNICATION**



Minnesota Music and Arts & Crafts Events

in January

1. **Minnesota Orchestra: Jon Kimura Parker - Gershwin**
Date: January 1, 2025
Location: Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis
Details: Celebrate the New Year with a performance featuring pianist Jon Kimura Parker interpreting Gershwin's classics.
[Event Link](#)
2. **Landon Conrath Concert**
Date: January 2, 2025
Location: 7th St. Entry, Minneapolis
Details: Enjoy an evening with indie artist Landon Conrath showcasing his latest music.
[Event Link](#)
3. **Charlie Parr Live**
Date: January 5, 2025
Location: Turf Club, St. Paul
Details: Experience authentic folk and blues with Minnesota's own Charlie Parr.
[Event Link](#)
4. **Robert Glasper Performance**
Date: January 9, 2025
Location: Dakota Jazz Club, Minneapolis
Details: Grammy-winning pianist Robert Glasper brings his unique blend of jazz and R&B.
[Event Link](#)
5. **Art Battle Minnesota**
Date: January 11, 2025
Location: Crayon Kelly, Minneapolis
Details: Witness a live competitive painting event where artists create masterpieces in 20 minutes.
[Event Link](#)
6. **Duluth Wedding Show**
Date: January 11, 2025
Location: Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Duluth
Details: Explore wedding vendors, attend seminars, and enjoy fashion shows.
[Event Link](#)
7. **Jamie xx Concert**
Date: January 18, 2025
Location: The Armory, Minneapolis
Details: Dance the night away with electronic music producer Jamie xx.
[Event Link](#)
8. **Spring Shakopee Home Show**
Date: January 18, 2025
Location: Canterbury Park, Shakopee
Details: Discover home improvement ideas, crafts, and fine arts from local exhibitors.
[Event Link](#)
9. **Wargo Nature Center Snow Day**
Date: January 25, 2025
Location: Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes
Details: Family-friendly outdoor activities, winter crafts, and live animal presentations.
[Event Link](#)
10. **Wildlife Science Center Winter Festival**
Date: January 25, 2025
Location: Wildlife Science Center, Stacy
Details: Meet mushers and dog teams, enjoy live music, and experience dog sled rides.
[Event Link](#)

11. **The Vaccines Concert**

Date: January 25, 2025

Location: Fine Line Music Cafe, Minneapolis

Details: British indie rock band The Vaccines perform live.

[Event Link](#)

12. **Sean Rowe Live**

Date: January 26, 2025

Location: 7th Street Entry, Minneapolis

Details: Enjoy soulful folk music with singer-songwriter Sean Rowe.

[Event Link](#)

13. **The Current's 20th Anniversary Concert featuring Black Francis**

Date: January 24, 2025

Location: First Avenue, Minneapolis

Details: Celebrate The Current's anniversary with Black Francis performing "Teenager of the Year" in its entirety.

[Event Link](#)

14. **Art Shanty Projects**

Dates: January 18 - March 1, 2025

Location: Bdé Umán/Lake Harriet, Minneapolis

Details: An interactive, artist-driven temporary community on a frozen lake, featuring performances and art installations.

[Event Link](#)

15. **Minnesota Opera: Tosca**

Dates: January 26 - February 3, 2025

Location: Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, St. Paul

Details: Enjoy a passionate performance of Puccini's "Tosca," brought to life by the Minnesota Opera.

[Event Link](#)

