

THE VIKING VOICE

PELICAN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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- Summer Recreation Activities
- Elementary Sports Camps
- Speed & Strength
- Summer Academics
- STEAM Camp
- Summer Band
- Theatre Production
- Open Gym/Walking Track



FREE breakfast and lunch for kids up to age 18

No registration, just show up and eat!

2 locations:
 Viking Elementary
 Pelican Rapids High School

Committed to excellence, our schools offer rigorous academics, innovative courses, vibrant arts, numerous opportunities for involvement and competitive athletics - creating an inspiring environment where all students can discover their passions, achieve their goals, and build a strong foundation for success beyond graduation.



Future Farmers of America State Convention
 11 Students Competed
 1 Student Earning State Degree Honor



PRHS Viking Choir
 Large Group Contest MSUM
 1 Superior & 2 Excellent Awards



High School Academic Achievement Award
 2025-26 Overall State Academic Champions 2A
 3.64 Team GPA

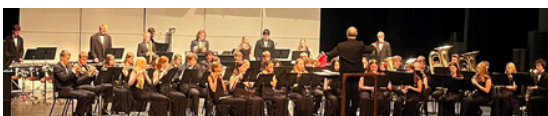


Region 6A Wrestling Section Champion
 Broke School Record
 Advanced to State Tournament
 Class A
 4th Place Finish State Meet



Math Team Wins 3rd Consecutive 6A Championship
 Advanced to State Tournament

PRHS Wind Ensemble
 Large Group Contest MSUM
 3 Superior Awards (highest award)



Region 6A Visual Arts Competition
 3 Superior & 5 Excellent Awards



A YEAR FILLED WITH GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

As we come to the close of another successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude and pride on all that we have accomplished together.

This year has been filled with growth, resilience, and achievement across our schools. Our students have demonstrated dedication in the classroom, on the stage, in competitions, and in service to others. None of this would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our outstanding staff, whose passion and care continue to make a lasting impact on every student at Pelican Rapids Schools. To our families and community members, thank you for your partnership, support, and trust—you are an essential part of what makes Pelican Rapids Schools such a special place.

As we celebrate the end of this school year, we are also excited to offer a variety of summer activities for our students. These summer programs provide opportunities for fun and learning while building teamwork and leadership skills. We encourage families to explore the online registration links available on the school website and take advantage of these opportunities to make this summer an unforgettable experience filled with growth, joy, and friendship.

While we celebrate the accomplishments of this year, we are also looking ahead. This fall, from August through November, the school district will begin a comprehensive long-term planning process. This important work will help guide the future direction of Pelican Rapids Schools, ensuring we continue to meet the evolving needs of our students and community.

A key component of this process will be meaningful engagement with all stakeholders. We are committed to gathering input from staff, students, parents, and community members through surveys, meetings, and collaborative discussions. Your voice will play a vital role in shaping our shared vision and priorities for the years ahead.

Thank you again to our staff, students, and families for a truly great school year. It is an honor to serve Pelican Rapids School District 548. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall, ready to continue our important work together. Go Vikings!



Brian Korf
 Superintendent

VIKING PRESCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

PACKED AND READY FOR VIKING PRESCHOOL

LEARN ABOUT VIKING PRESCHOOL

Two Half Days Preschool
Five Half Days Pre-K
No cost for district residents
Free mid-day transportation

PELICAN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



AGES 3-4 PRESCHOOL (two half days)

- Tuesdays/Thursdays OR Wednesdays/Fridays *
- 8:00-11:15am or 11:45-3:00pm

**session days/times can vary depending on registrations*

AGES 4-5 PRESCHOOL (five half days)

- Monday - Friday
- 8:00-11:15am or 11:45-3:00pm



School readiness is built on the foundation of support that nurtures each child's unique characteristics, knowledge, and skills, equipping them for long-term success. It encompasses essential aspects of physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development—each playing a crucial role in preparing children for a smooth transition from early learning to kindergarten and beyond. At Viking Preschool, our dedicated staff are committed to fostering these critical areas, ensuring that every child is well-prepared and confident as they take their next educational steps.

- Math & Literacy Skills:** Rhyming, Phonics, Letter Recognition, Number Recognition, Handwriting, Calendar Skills, Patterning, Counting, Sorting
- Fine & Gross Motor Skills:** Gluing, Cutting, Throwing, Catching, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Play, Hopping, Running
- Social & Emotional:** Sharing, Taking Turns, Table Manners, Handwashing, Greeting Friends, Sharing Stories, Communicating, Games



"I love families with young children! I'm so lucky to have the opportunity to work with them every day at Viking Elementary. Come and join us, we would love you to be part of our Viking Preschool & ECFE family!" -Terra Fitzsimmons, Pre-K/ECFE Educator and Coordinator

Creating, celebrating, and supporting are the program goals of Viking Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education

Creating Joyful Learning Experiences

Parents and children have opportunities to share in interactive play-based activities. Engaging in art projects, music and movement activities, sensory play, and storytelling create shared fun and connection for individual families and within the larger group.



Celebrating Milestones

We get to witness the growth and development of young children with our families. It is so incredibly rewarding. We get to share the privilege of celebrating milestones, both big and small, from a child's first steps to their first words, friendships, favorite songs to dance together, and pre-literacy skills like reading their name at circle time.



Supporting the Parenting Journey

We have the chance to support parents on their journey through parenthood, offering guidance, reassurance, and practical strategies for navigating the joys and challenges of raising young children. Being able to empower parents and see them grow in confidence and competence is immensely gratifying. Working with young families allows us to form meaningful relationships with parents and children alike. These connections often extend beyond the classroom, fostering a community and support among families who share similar experiences and challenges.



WCMCA Head Start

Preschool Program for 3-5-year-olds
Early Head Start Program for 0-3-year-olds.

Head Start Preschool
(All classes meet 4 days a week)

We offer 2 options:

- ½ Day PM Class: Monday - Thursday
- Full Day Class: Monday - Thursday

• Located at Pelican Rapids Viking Elementary School
For more information on Head Start Preschool
Contact: Carrie - 218-770-9232 or Deb - 218-770-8858

Early Head Start
EHS home-based services offers weekly home visits and group socialization activities for parents and their children providing child development and parent support services.
For more information on Early Head Start
Contact: Bonnie - 218-770-9231

Or Apply Online:

..... Magical Mondays Class

Magical Mondays is a weekly class with parent/child play, art, and circle time. The class runs during the school year and is an amazing way to meet and connect with other parents in the community. There is no fee for this Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class. Registration information will be sent out in the fall with the class resuming in September. We also have family field trips throughout the school year. We hope you'll join us for some learning, connections, and fun!



VES NEWS & UPDATES

The 2025-26 school year has flown by this year, and plans are in full gear for next school year. September 2nd will be the back-to-school day at Viking Elementary School. Students will have an opportunity to meet with their teachers and to get school pictures taken from 10:00am-6:00pm. There will be a picture retake day in October for those who cannot make it on September 2nd. A letter will be sent in August from the teachers with directions on how to sign up for the time to meet them on September 2nd.



Derrick Nelson
Elementary Principal

If you are looking for Viking clothing please stop at the Elementary School as we have a large selection of children and adult clothing for sale. All the proceeds from the clothing sales go to help support the Viking Buttik (free student store).

Free breakfast and lunches will be offered to all students at Viking Elementary again this summer. Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:30 am and lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm at VES Monday-Friday (May 26-August 28, except 6/5, 6/19 & 7/3).

Club Vikes will be open this summer with a wide variety of activities for students. If you have any questions, please contact Tonya Honrud (218) 863-5910 x5022 for more information about Club Vikes.

Thanks to all of the students, teachers, and staff for a great 2025-26 school year and have an AWESOME summer.

Viking Elementary Looking Ahead

- May 13** Numbers in the Neighborhood
- May 13** DARE Graduation 1:30pm
- May 14** Track and Field Day-gr. K-3
- May 15** Track and Field day-gr. 4-6
- May 20** Last Day of School

PRESS PLAY ON YOUR FUTURE

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Register for Preschool and Kindergarten today!

READY TO ENROLL PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN



VES students had a series of three performances that combined lessons from art, music, and physical education classes.

During the "Celebrating our Uniqueness" program students sang songs in English and Spanish and also performed a dance with colorful scarves. Every kindergartener had a chance to speak into the microphone during the performance.



"Celebrating our Community" was performed by students in grades 1 and 6. Colorful flags and wonderful music were shared with families and community members.



During the "Superheroes for the Earth" performance, students in grades 3-4 sang, drummed and shared their messages about being kind to the earth by recycling and re-using products.



Eric Zavala, Jens Axness, Asher Checco de Souza, Willow Kramer, and Abigail Schwirian spent the morning at MSUM participating in the Beginning Band Honor Band in April (left).

Jarrett Jenson, Meredith Chavez-Hernandez, and Jayda Wolf represented VES at the Middle Level MSUM Honor Band on February 25th (right).



Seven Viking Elementary students represented Pelican Rapids at the Northwest Region Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band at Horizon Middle School on Saturday, April 25th. Students featured: Tatum Brown, Bria Bunkowski, Brooklyn Berry, Brenden Craik, Treyton Hendrickson, Jemma Januszewski, and Tyson Nordick (left).



All VES student had a piece of artwork displayed at the Pelican Rapids Public Library for the month of April. Students, families and community members enjoyed viewing the artwork, listening to the 6th grade band perform, having their faces painted and playing games at the VES Art Party on April 23.



CLUB VIKES KIDS HAVE FUN ALL YEAR-LONG!

Club Vikes School-Age Childcare, located at Viking Elementary, is a safe and fun place for children in grades K-6 to go before and after school, on non-school days, and during the summer.

SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday
7-8:00am (before school) / 3:05-6:00pm (after school)

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday / 7:00am-6:00pm



Club Vikes staff is focused on making each day a fun-filled experience for your child!

- Breakfast, lunch & afternoon snack provided each day.
- Students participating in summer rec activities are walked to and from their activities by Club Vikes staff.
- Our staff is certified in CPR/First Aid in addition to other state required classes.

A typical day can include the following:

- doing crafts (melty beads, shrinky dinks, yarn projects)
- reading to themselves or to a friend
- baking (with the help of staff)
- playing outside on the playground or a staff led game
- choosing free time activity (legos, barbies, animals, board and card games).

We also do special things such as:

- having themed activities such as track & field 'Olympics'
- making games/crafts and having a mini carnival
- playing board games/bingo with senior living residents

There are also summer activities in our community that we enjoy doing including:

- attending summer rec activities
- the summer reading club at the public library
- participating in the minnow races
- playing board games/bingo with senior living residents
- going on field trips/swimming at the city pool

If you are looking for a safe environment with staff who will keep your child engaged in a variety of fun and enriching activities, Club Vikes is the place to be!



Questions:
Contact Tonya Honrud, Club Vikes Coordinator at thonrud@vikes.us or 218-863-5910 x5022

STAY CONNECTED - Club Vikes
<https://www.facebook.com/ClubVikes>



Activities for Pre-K-6 Students

We provide a wide range of opportunities that promote teamwork, skill-building, and student engagement from Pre-K through 6th grade. Our offerings include athletics like volleyball and football, arts programs such as band and choir, and a variety of specialized clubs—giving every student meaningful ways to get involved.

- FALL:** Pelican Rapids Youth Football Flag Football • Viking Run Club • After School Boys Basketball • Pelican Rapids Youth Wrestling/Pin 'Em Club
- WINTER:** After-School Girls Basketball • Saturday Morning Boys & Girls Basketball • Art Club •
- SPRING:** Volleyball • Viking Track & Field Club • Elementary Soccer • Pelican Rapids Youth Football •

updated: 4-21-26



SUMMER REC ACTIVITIES: June 1-July 16 Monday-Thursday

SUMMER REC FEES

Summer rec family max = \$125/family

Free/reduced meal qualifiers:

- fees reduced by 50%
- family max = \$80/family

Once the **summer rec family max** is reached, **summer rec activities** will be \$1 per child per **summer rec activity**

All **summer rec** registrants will receive a Summer Rec t-shirt

SUMMER REC PROGRAM QUESTIONS:

Contact Dave Rund
Summer Rec Coordinator at drund@vikes.us or 218.863-9317

T-BALL

Boys & girls who completed preschool and Kindergarten (minimum age 4 years)
Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30-10:15am
Location: Chauncey Martin East
Fee: \$20
Bring labeled glove

KNOT HOLE BASEBALL

Boys who completed grade 3
Practices: Monday-Thursday 10:30-12pm
Games: Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30pm
Location: Chauncey Martin West
Fee: \$50
Bring labeled glove, softball/baseball pants optional

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Boys who completed grades 5-6
Practices: Monday-Thursday 10:30-12pm
Games: Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30pm
Location: Chauncey Martin West
Fee: \$50
Bring labeled glove, softball/baseball pants optional

GOLF

Boys & girls who completed grades 3-8
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1-3:00pm
Location: Birchwood Golf Course
Fee: \$45
Bring golf balls, clubs, tees

PICKLEBALL

Boys & girls who completed grades 3-8
Monday-Thursday 9:15-10:15am
Location: Chauncey Martin Courts
Fee: \$30
Pickleball paddles provided

ROOKIE BASEBALL

Boys & girls who completed grades 1-2
Monday-Thursday 9:30-10:15am
Games: June 24 @6pm (in Rothsay),
July 8 @6pm (in Pelican Rapids)
Location: Chauncey Martin West
Fee: \$30
Bring labeled glove

PEE WEE BASEBALL

Boys who completed grade 4
Practices: Monday-Thursday 10:30-12pm
Games: Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30pm
Location: Chauncey Martin West
Fee: \$50
Bring labeled glove, softball/baseball pants optional

PONYTAIL SOFTBALL

Girls who completed grades 3-4 & 5-6
Practices: Monday-Thursday 10:30-12pm
Games: Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30pm
Location: Chauncey Martin East
Fee: \$50
Bring labeled glove, softball/baseball pants optional

SOCCER PRE-K

Boys & girls ages 4-5 years
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-10:15am
Location: Football Field
Fee: \$20
Bring shin guards and running shoes (no cleats)

SOCCER K-2 & 3-5

Boys & girls who completed grades K-5
Monday-Thursday 8:15-9:15am
Location: Football Field
Fee: \$30
Bring shin guards and running shoes (no cleats)

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

REQUIRED FOR BAND STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-7

WEEK 1: AUGUST 10-AUGUST 13

Monday-Thursday
Incoming 5th Grade Band Students
Location: VES Band Room
Instructors: Ms. Moen (M)
Mr. Fitzsimmons (F)
• 9-9:50am Clarinet (M), Trumpet (F)
• 10-10:50am Saxophone (M), Trombone/Baritone (F)
• 11-11:50am Flute (M), Percussion (F)
• 12-12:50pm Horn (M), Tuba (F)

WEEK 2: AUGUST 17-AUGUST 20

Monday-Thursday
Incoming 5th Grade Band Students
Location: VES Band Room
Instructor: Ms. Moen
• 8-8:50am Percussion
• 9-9:50am Clarinet & Saxophone
• 10-10:50am Flute
• 11-11:50am Trumpet & Horn
• 12-12:50pm Low Brass (Tuba, Trombone, Baritone)
Incoming 6th Grade Band Students
• 1:30-2:30pm All students together for full rehearsal
Incoming 7th Grade Band Students
• 1:30-2:30pm All students together for full rehearsal in **PRHS Band Room**

SUMMER SCHOOL/CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who completed grades 7-11
• May 26-29 (Tues-Fri) 8-12:00pm
• June 1-11 (Mon-Thurs) 8-12:00pm
Location/Entrance: PRHS west door 8
Letters will be mailed to parents of students needing to attend summer school.
Questions: PRHS Counselor klage@vikes.us

VIKING STUDENT SUCCESS

Students who completed grades K-6
June 1-June 18 (Mon-Thurs) 8am-12:00pm (breakfast, snack & lunch provided)
Location: VES, enter door 1
Summer learning includes hands-on reading, math, and science activities. Your child can be in Summer Rec activities while attending VSS. Questions: Marie Heiberg at mheiberg@vikes.us

SUMMER THEATRE PRODUCTION

Production TBD (will post as soon as we know)
Students who completed grades 4-8 Fee: \$25
Audition Dates: TBD
Practice dates: July 20-July 31 (Mon-Fri)
Performances: July 31 & August 1 (Fri-Sat)
Location: Fine Arts Auditorium (east door 14)
Instructor: Amber Wang, Vocal/Music Teacher

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

We appreciate registrations by **May 15** as that helps us with planning and staffing. Child must be registered before participating in all summer activities.

ALL REGISTRATION QUESTIONS: Contact Becky bwontor@vikes.us or 218.863-5910 x4250 with questions or if fees are a financial hardship.

COMMUNICATION/UPDATES:

Facebook: Pelican Rapids Schools Summer Programs

Website: www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us > [Summer Programs 2026](#)

STUDENT/FAMILY RECREATION:

SPEED AND STRENGTH

Speed & Strength family max = \$75/family

Students going into grades 4-12

Training Goals - Increase:

- Total Body Strength • Explosiveness & Power • Mobility & Stabilizers •

June 1 - July 30 (no program week of 6/29-7/3)

Instructor: Mr. Beachy

Location: Downstairs High School Weight Room (enter west door 7)

Grades 7-12 (4/week) Monday-Thursday

• Session 1: 6:00-7:15am • Session 2: 7:15-8:30am • Session 3: 8:30-9:45am
Fee Grades 7-12: \$50

Grades 4-6 (2/week) Mondays & Wednesdays

• Session 4: 9:45-10:15am
Fee Grades 4-6: \$25

Attire: comfortable athletic attire, workout/running shoes, water bottle

OPEN GYM/WALKING TRACK

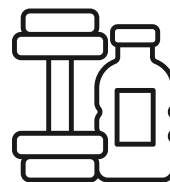
June 1 - July 23 Monday - Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Children ages 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

No fees or registration required

Location: Al Siegle Activity Center (west door 7)

Program contact: Dave Rund, Summer Rec Coordinator at 218.863-9317 or drund@vikes.us



FREE Summer Meals for kids up to age 18!

No registration or forms required

Just show up and eat!

FREE SUMMER MEALS AT 2 SITES

SITE #1

Viking Elementary School

1 VIKING DRIVE

MAY 26-AUGUST 28

Monday - Friday

BREAKFAST 7:45-8:30AM

LUNCH 11:30-12:30PM

SITE #2

Pelican Rapids High School

310 S BROADWAY

**JUNE 1-25, JULY 6-30,
AUG 17-27**

Monday - Thursday

BREAKFAST 8:00-9:30AM

LUNCH 11:00-12:30PM

NO SUMMER MEALS ON: JUNE 5, JUNE 19, JULY 3

QUESTIONS: CONTACT TRUDY GORTON 218-863-5910

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This program is funded by the USDA.



Note: there are no family maximums for the camps/enrichment programs below

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Going into grades 3-6
May 26-29 Tuesday - Friday
• Grades 3-4 8:30 - 9:30am
• Grades 5-6 9:30 - 10:45am
Learn fundamental volleyball skills, introduction to positions, have fun playing the game!
PRHS Legends Gym (west door 7)
Fee: \$25 (includes t-shirt)
Varsity Head Coach: Heidi Isaman

NEXT LEVEL BASKETBALL CAMP

Boys & girls going into grades 1-6
May 26-29
Tuesday-Friday 1-2:30pm
PRHS Leaders & Legends Gyms (west door 7)
Fee: \$30 (includes t-shirt)
Varsity Head Coaches Brian Korf and John Gullingsrud will direct the camp with assistance from current high school basketball players.

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Going into grades 3-6
July 20-July 23 Monday-Thursday 10-11:00am
Chauncey Martin Game Field
Fee: \$20
Coach Beachy, Varsity Assistants & Varsity/Junior High Football Players
• Day 1: Offensive Skill Work
• Day 2: Defense & Specials Skill Work
• Day 3: Competitive Drills & Combine
• Day 4: Flag Football Play
Comfortable athletic attire, cleats or running shoes, water bottle

STEAM CAMP

Students who completed grades 3-6
July 13-16 Mon-Thurs 10:00-11:30am
Location: VES Cafeteria, enter door 1
Fee: \$20
Instructor: Teressa Schlieman
Topics: Person/paper coding, introduction to what coding is, Bee Bots, Spheros, & online coding

Explore the fun activities and events for kids and families in our community using the links on page 7.



Laura Januszewski
High School Principal

Dear Vikings,

As we welcome the energy and renewal that spring brings, it's a natural time to reflect on the growth we've experienced together this school year. Our 2025-26 school theme of **Connect: Power, Recharge, Conserve** supports students and staff in academics, activities, and everyday life. We connect and power growth through learning and exploration, reminding ourselves to recharge when needed, and conserve energy by focusing on what truly matters—growth, values, and a sense of purpose.

A key part of making connections is getting involved in extracurricular offerings: academic groups, fine arts performances, athletic teams, clubs, or volunteering for service opportunities. These experiences go far beyond the activity itself—they build confidence, teamwork, communication, and resilience. They are the foundation of lifelong skills that will support students in any path they choose.

Across all seasons, students have represented our school with pride, determination, and sportsmanship. This winter and early spring season has been no exception, with reasons to celebrate including:

- Danny Salazar wins Section 6A Title, earns a fourth place finish at the State Meet, and earns a spot in the team's record book
- Jackson Peasley advances to the State Meet and also breaks a school record
- Boys' Basketball wins Heart of Lakes Conference Championship
- Morgan Korf and Jack Welch represent Pelican Rapids in the Minnesota All-Star Basketball game
- Math Team wins third consecutive Section 6A Championship to advance to State Competition
- FFA sends 11 students to State Convention and Dylan Hoadley earns State Degree honor
- A 50-member cast and crew presents "Alice in Wonderland" in its spring production
- MHS hosts annual American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Varsity Football names 25-26 Overall State Academic Champions in Class 2A with a 3.64 Team GPA
- Ellie Carlson breaks her own pole vault school record with a mark of 10'0"
- Aleeya Stringer-Ferris, Morgan Korf, Ellie Carlson, and Megan Guler break the 4x200m relay school record with their time of 1:48.23

We believe making connections supports our district goal of ensuring that 100% of our students graduate with a clear plan for their future – post-secondary education, military service, or entering the workforce. This year, we have seen students take meaningful steps toward those goals, including:

- Courses focused on building knowledge and skills for making these decisions, including Personal Finance, Career and College Prep, and our full offerings from the CTE department in business, agriculture, technology, medical, and cosmetology
- Career and college field trips to local post-secondary campuses, career fairs, and businesses
- Members of the military build connections through lunchtime visits and classroom informational sessions

Next year, we will incorporate Xello, a college and career readiness software. Xello helps students document their journey as they build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.

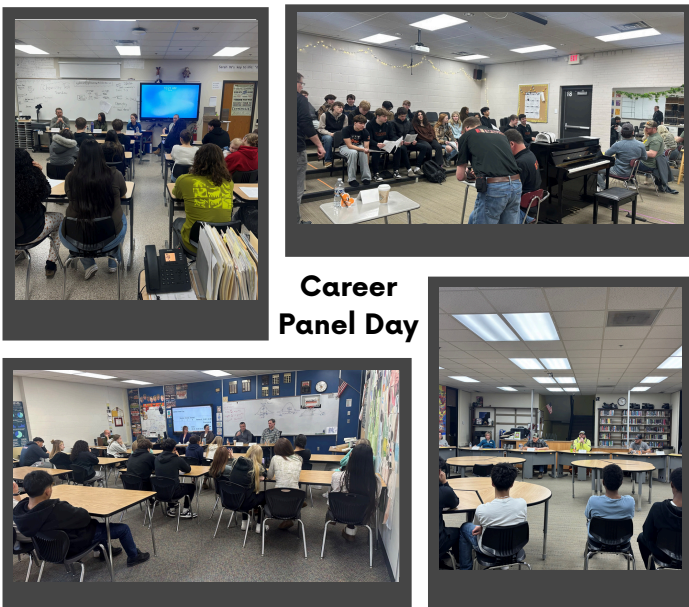
As we finish the year strong, we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026, honoring student achievements, and looking forward to what the future holds for our graduates. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. I thank all of our students and staff for a great 2025-26 school year and hope they use summer as a time to recharge, reenergize, and enjoy all that lakes country has to offer.

"The Anxious Generation" Book Study-Support for the Well-Being of our Students



PRHS staff have been reading this book as part of the on-going commitment to supporting the well-being of our students. The book explores how changes in childhood over the past decade have contributed to increasing levels of anxiety and stress among young people. We've been sharing insights with you through a parent newsletter (shown on the left).

Our goal has been to learn as a community and work together to create environments, both at school and at home, where children can grow with confidence, connection, and balance.



Career Panel Day

Career Panel Day for juniors and seniors took place in February. Thank you to our local panelists for sharing about your career paths, job duties, and more!

- Certificate/On the Job Training:** Hope Beachy-Cosmetologist, Carson Oliphant-Drones, Corey Stuvland and Tristan Wald-Electricians, Colby Forsgren-Pheasant Farmer
- Associate's Degree:** Ivan and Efrain Franco-Pelican Pete Body Shop & Towing Owners, Ellie Kress-Dental Hygienist, Terra Fitzsimmons-Early Childhood Educator, Anthony Spaeth and Damion Theisen-Lifemen
- Bachelor's Degree:** Devon Olson-Systems Engineer, Anne Peterson-Registered Nurse, Shane Erickson-Manager of Construction, Kirstin Erdmann-Human Resources
- Professional Degree & Beyond:** Dr. Lindsay Haugen-Family Medicine Doctor, Dr. Bethany Baillargeon-Dentist, Tyler Scott-Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Devin Scott-Accountant

High School Counselor

Kelsey Lage



I am here to support students in the following ways:



Academics: Credit tracking, class registration, schedule creation, in-school support

Personal/Social: Help manage emotions/stress, provide grieving support, grief counseling

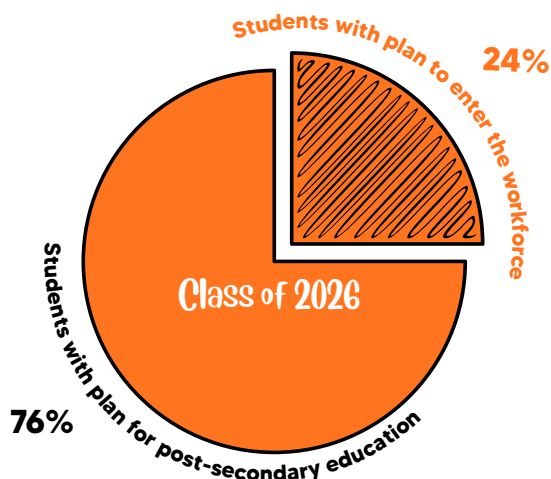
Post-Secondary Planning: College application assistance, answer questions, provide scholarship assistance.

Therapy Dog

Sage Lage is a new member of the Viking family. She was born in July and through a generous donation by a community member, she was welcomed into the family early this Fall. She is sweet, gentle and a good listener and will make an excellent Therapy Dog someday, right now she is a young pup who needs to go to school and be at least 1 before she can officially test.

Visit my High School Counselor web page for important updates and information or contact me at: klage@vikes.us or 218-863-5910.

DISTRICT GOAL: 100% OF PRHS STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH A PLAN FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, OR ENTERING THE WORKFORCE



9% of students listed above with plan to also incorporate military service

Concordia College's Spanish classes visited Mrs. Lindberg's English class and Mrs. Holl's Spanish 1 class. During their visit we shared breakfast treats, had meaningful conversations in a variety of languages, shared experiences, and learned about each others traditions and backgrounds. It was a great experience for all!



UNPLUGGED: Digital Detox Competition



Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) sponsored an UNPLUGGED: Digital Detox Competition for students in grades 7-12 for two weeks in March. Posters with tips for reducing screen-time were posted throughout the school and ideas for creating new digital habits were shared in morning announcements. The challenge focused on awareness and self-control; not punishment. Students in grade 9 won the contest by reducing their screen-time by 11%!



Mrs. Lindberg's English classes and Mr. Haugrud's 12th grade Social Studies class proudly hosted their first annual Culture Fair on April 17! Students presented to teachers and peers, sharing their cultural backgrounds, traditions, and what their culture means to them. It was an exciting celebration of diversity, learning, and student voice!

Spring is one of the most exciting times of the school year, and as your Dean of Students/ Activities Director, I want to thank our students, families, and our community for the continued support you show our programs. This time of year, is a great reminder of the importance of commitment, accountability, and representing Pelican Rapids with pride! As Vikings, we value this standard both in the classroom and in our activities. Our students continue to do a great job stepping up and making the most of these opportunities.

Our students are busy competing, practicing, and representing Pelican Rapids across all activities. Track and field are off to a strong start, while our golf teams are preparing for a competitive season with a great mix of returning athletes and newcomers. Baseball and softball are underway, showing strong effort and growth as the season progresses. Our Trap Team continues to provide a great opportunity for students, emphasizing safety, responsibility, and skill development.

We also want to recognize our FFA members who represented Pelican Rapids at the State FFA Convention in Minneapolis on April 20-21. A great accomplishment for our students and the program.

Our spring play, "Alice in Wonderland", wrapped up on April 18. Thank you to everyone who supported our talented cast and crew.

Please continue to check the Activities Calendar for updates and thank you again for your ongoing support. We encourage everyone to attend events and cheer on our Vikings this spring and into the summer!

"Sun Shines on The Vikings"



Davey Kosen
Dean of Students
Activities Director



In addition to the annual 'drive the coolest tractors to school day' the FFA students hosted the annual Live Animal Zoo for elementary students to visit throughout the day.



Students from Viking choir got to enjoy their trip to Orlando from March 25th-30th. They got to explore Disney World and Universal Studios as well as spend a day at the beach. They got to interact with Theme Park Design, Teamwork the Disney Way, and Vocal Recording Studio workshops during their time at Disney!



PRHS students presented Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" at the Fine Arts Auditorium on April 18. PRHS Choir and Musical Director Amber Wang directed the two performances. Over 50 students participated in the production as cast or crew.

The annual Celebration of Cultures event took place on Saturday, April 25. The evening was spent celebrating culture and traditions, enjoying amazing food, music, and dancing.



Winter Activity Participation by Grade Level

7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
62%	43%	33%	64%	44%	40%

Awards and Achievements of Teams and Individuals:

- Dance Team All-State Academic Bronze Award
- Dance Team Individual Academic All-State: Andrew Checco De Souza
- Dance Team HOL All Conference: Kendra Ross and Adrianna Abarca (HM)
- Boys Basketball Team 6A Team Academic Champions
- Boys Basketball Individual Academic All-State: Miguel Torres & Jack Welch
- Boys Basketball All Star Game: Jack Welch
- Boys Basketball HOL ALL Conference: Miguel Torres, Jack Welch, Grady Larson
- Girls Basketball All-State Academic Gold Award
- Girls Basketball Individual Academic All-State: Morgan Korf
- Girls Basketball All-State Honorable Mention: Morgan Korf
- Girls Basketball All Star Game: Morgan Korf
- Girls Basketball HOL All Conference: Morgan Korf, Ari Hovland, Kamryn Kirkwood, Megan Guler (HM)
- Wrestling All-State Danny Salazar
- Wrestling HOL All Conference: Danny Salazar, Isaac Bergren, Jackson Peasley, Edwin Escobar
- Math League State Tournament: In the small-school division, Vikings finished 8th out of 12 teams.
- FFA: We have 11 FFA members who will be attending the State Convention. Dylan Hoadley received a State degree.
- MFCA 25-26 Academic Overall State Champions with a 3.64 Team GPA



PRHS seniors Morgan Korf and Jack Welch have been named the school's recipients of the Triple "A" Award, an honor presented annually by the Minnesota State High School League to recognize outstanding achievement in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

In addition to being the Triple "A" Award Recipients, Morgan and Jack were also selected to compete in the Minnesota Basketball All-Stars Series Games in April.

18 PRHS Viking choir students performed in a Vocal Solo / Ensemble contest at MSUM in March. Among the performances there were 5 Superiors:

- Hannah Nelson & Julianna Borgen - duet
- Hannah Nelson - solo
- Andrew Checco de Souza - solo
- Linea Thomas - solo
- Miren Thomas and Emma Hanson - duet

Miren and Emma got the highest score from Pelican with a 38/40.



Career and College Prep Class

Mock interviews help prepare our students not just for future interviews, but for success beyond the classroom



After several weeks of building and practicing interview skills, students in Mr. Rarick's Career and College Prep class had the opportunity to put their learning into their learning into action through mock interviews with our Dean of Students, Mr. Kosen. This experience gave students a chance to demonstrate their communication skills, professionalism, and confidence in a real-world setting.



Thanks to the Cormorant Area Art Club for the generous donation of \$500 to support student art programs at the Pelican Rapids Schools! Art teachers Kate Martinez & Adam Satterlie received the donation from club member Linda Beilke in April.

PRHS has numerous opportunities for students in grades 7-12 to be involved in our rich tradition of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics. Our state-of-the-art facilities include the Al Siegle Activities Center for our indoor sporting events and activities and our Fine Arts Auditorium for school and community performances. We encourage all students to take advantage of over 30 academic and co-curricular opportunities in our unique small school setting!

SPORTS / ACTIVITIES / STUDENT GROUPS

- | FALL | WINTER | SPRING |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Boys / Girls • Football • Soccer Boys • Soccer Girls • Volleyball | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball Boys • Basketball Girls • Dance Team • Wrestling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball • Fishing League* • Golf Boys /Girls • Softball • Track & Field Boys • Track & Field Girls • Trap Team* |

- Art Contests
- Band
- Celebration of Cultures Event
- Choir
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Knowledge Bowl**
- Math Team**
- MN Honor Society
- Pelican Rapids Just for Kix*
- Spanish Trip
- Special Olympics
- Speech**
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- Student Council
- Theatre**
- Video Production
- Yearbook

*non-district organizations **MSHSL activity



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Our Adult Basic Education (ABE) program can help you reach your goals. ABE is designed to help adults improve their basic skills in reading, writing, Math, and test taking. We also help you prepare for: Accuplacer Test, ParaPro Exam, Employment Tests.

GED PREPARATION/ ADULT DIPLOMA

Our experienced instructors will guide you through all GED subject areas: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. We also offer the option to obtain your high school diploma as an adult.

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Our English Language program offers a supportive environment for adults to learn and improve their English skills. We provide instruction in: listening, conversation, reading/writing, life skills, understanding American culture, preparing for the U.S. Citizenship Test.

WHY CHOOSE US?

Experienced instructors, flexible schedules, supportive learning environment, personalized instruction.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Jennier at jhellekson@detlakes.k12.mn.us or call 218-844-5760 to register.

All ABE Classes are FREE

PELICAN RAPIDS ABE CLASSES ARE HELD AT:

Pelican Rapids Public Library, 25 W Mill Avenue

SCHOOL YEAR HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 12:00-4:00 pm

SUMMER HOURS:

Tuesday-Thursday 12:00-3:00 pm (June - August)

There are lots of fun things to do in Pelican Rapids in the summer!

PELICAN RAPIDS POOL



- Open Swim
- Lifeguards
- Swimming Lessons
- Lap Swim

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 218-863-5641

Facebook: [pelicanrapidspool](https://www.facebook.com/pelicanrapidspool)

KIDS PROGRAMS

- Reading Programs
- StoryTime
- Lego Club
- Teen Book Club
- StoryWalks
- Creation Station & Play Area



ADULT/FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Books n' Brunch
- Puzzle Exchange

ITEMS FOR CHECK-OUT

- Life jackets
- E-Bikes (rental fees apply)
- Maplewood State Park entrance sticker
- Summer pool passes

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Welcome Baby Bundles to local families
- Indoor used book sales
- Book truck - summer

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 218-863-7055

Email: prpl@prpubliclibrary.org

Facebook: [prpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/prpubliclibrary)

PELICAN RAPIDS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS



- MINNOW RACES
- PELICAN FEST
- ART IN THE PARK
- MUSIC IN THE PARK
- FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL
- CARS IN THE PARK
- FLY IN / DRIVE IN
- I CAN PADDLE! CANOEING
- MAPLEWOOD STATE PARK
- I CAN PADDLE! KAYAKING
- PELICAN MARKET / FARMERS MARKET
- SHADA 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Click on the links below for information about local activities, programs, and events:

- [City of Pelican Rapids](#)
- [Pelican Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Pelican Rapids: Events, Updates and Community News](#)

Click on the link below for Pelican Rapids Area Programs and Resources

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Pelican Rapids Community Education is partnering with M State to offer

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) THEORY TRAINING COURSE

This self-paced, online course is offered year-round through M State and can be started at any time.



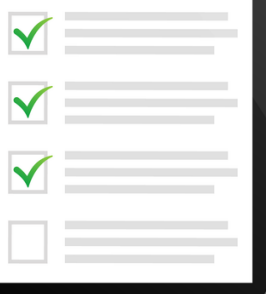
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START YOUR PATH TO A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TODAY!



Want to teach or take a Community Education class? We'd love to hear from you!

ONLINE SURVEY



Use the QR code below or email bwontor@vikes.us



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DISTRICT



- ATTEND FREE PRESCHOOL
- MEET AMAZING AND DIVERSE STUDENTS
- LEARN THE 7 HABITS® LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- CHOOSE FROM 13 DIFFERENT SPORTS
- JOIN 20 STUDENT GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES
- ACQUIRE UP TO 30 COLLEGE CREDITS
- EARN CDL, CNA, AND EMT CERTIFICATIONS
- EXPLORE MUSIC, ART, AND THEATER INTERESTS
- EXPERIENCE A RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- LEARN FROM DEDICATED AND CARING STAFF
- EXPLORE POTENTIAL CAREERS
- GRADUATE WITH A PLAN AND A FUTURE

Voice of the Pelican Rapids Vikings

The Pelican Rapids community celebrated a remarkable milestone at the boys basketball game on March 5. Mr. Glenn Moerke, known to many as "The Voice of the Vikings," marked his 40th year behind the microphone announcing Viking athletics.

Over the years, Moerke has announced more than 1,600 events, covering a wide variety of Viking activities, including football, cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, dance, baseball, and track and field. His voice has been heard not only at home Viking events but also at Section and State Tournaments, helping to bring excitement and recognition to student-athletes and programs over the years.



In addition to his role behind the microphone, Moerke has served the Pelican Rapids community in many other ways. He was the Pelican Rapids High School Principal for 26 years, served one year as Interim Superintendent, and also coached cross country, impacting generations of students both in the classroom and through activities. He was inducted into the Pelican Rapids Hall of Fame in 2024 for his accomplishments and contributions to the district.

Pelican Rapids Schools are grateful for Mr. Moerke's dedication, enthusiasm, and the unmistakable voice that has helped make Viking events special for generations of athletes, students, and fans.

Pelican Rapids School Fund

The mission of the Pelican Rapids School Fund is to provide financial support on projects which will provide and enhance educational opportunities for students of Independent School District (ISD) 548, thus making a positive impact on our community and world. Tax deductible donations can be given through West Central Initiative. Online: <https://wcif.org/fund/psf> Mail: West Central Initiative, PO Box 318, Fergus Falls, MN 56572



We appreciate the time and energy that you share with our schools!



- STACI ALLMARAS
- JON KARGER
- KRIS LINDBERG
- BRENDA OLSON
- ANDREW SORUM
- MOLLY WELCH

ENROLLMENT

- 935 students Pre-K-12th grade

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Free Viking Preschool for district residents
- Free mid-day transportation to and from local licensed daycares

VIKING ELEMENTARY

- Named a Minnesota School of Excellence
- Average class size 18
- Year round school-aged childcare K-6

PELICAN RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL

- Earn up to 30 college credits
- Certifications in: CDL, CNA, EMT, Early Childhood Education
- CTE courses: Business, Industrial Technology, Agriculture, Cosmetology

LEARNING/PROGRAMS

- Art, band & choir classes for K-12 students
- Targeted Services, credit recovery programs
- On-site school-linked behavioral health services
- Driver's Education & Behind the Wheel

LEADERSHIP PLATFORM

- Franklin Covey's Leader In Me® and 7 Habits of Highly Effective People/Teens®

STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

- Fine Arts Auditorium with seating for 500
- Activities Center with indoor walking track
- Outdoor lighted baseball, soccer, track, and football fields

CHAUNCEY MARTIN BUILDING

- Heart of the Lakes Trail • Bike Racks •
- Bike Repair Station • Year Round Restrooms •
- Concessions • PRHS Sports Trail Head •
- Winter Warming House •

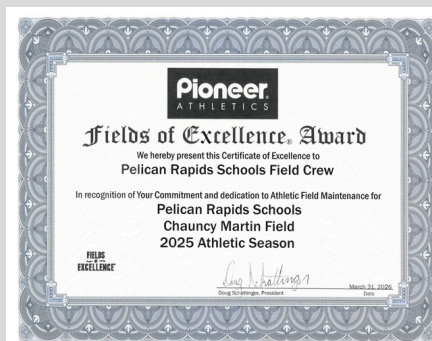


Pelican Rapids Schools is a 2025 recipient of the Pioneer Athletics "Fields of Excellence Award" for the Chauncey Martin Football Field. This award is a great honor and comes from years of dedicated workmanship and Viking pride. I would like to thank the field crew and the school district for their commitment to ensuring Pelican Rapids is a top facility.



Trevor Steeves
Building/Grounds
Superintendent

Summer 2026 is shaping up to be another busy summer, projects include: grounds



repair, adding water drainage and brick work to the elementary school, parking lot maintenance and general maintenance including painting, repairs, etc.

Visit our website to view items for sale including file cabinets, 6' x 8' tables, and wall screens. Contact Trevor at tsteeves@vikes.us for details and purchasing information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To view current job openings and begin the on-line application process visit our district website or use the QR code below.

EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS:

Contact Emily Evenson, HR Manager & Executive Administrative Assistant
218-863-5910 ext. 4445 or eevenson@vikes.us

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

TEACHER SUB

QUALIFICATIONS:

- BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- MN SHORT-CALL SUB LICENSE

RATE OF PAY

- \$160 PER DAY

PARAPROFESSIONAL SUB

QUALIFICATIONS:

- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED

RATE OF PAY

- \$17 PER HOUR

QUESTIONS: CONTACT EMILY EVENSON

218-863-5910 X4445 OR EEVENSON@VIKES.US



Backpack Buddies supplies hungry children in Pelican Rapids with food for the weekend



The Pelican Rapids school district and Food Shelf partner to provide a bag of food such as cereal, fruit cups, pudding, juice boxes, peanut butter & crackers, granola bars, ramen noodles, and other easy meals. The program is partially funded by United Way and through community support. Any donation would be appreciated.

Questions? contact Jackie Larson 218.329.5752 or larsonjb@umn.edu

Willing to donate? contact Sue Bruggeman 218.329.8626

..... All Calendars

- All Activities/Sports/Events
- PRHS Activities
- VES Activities
- Community Ed Learning/Recreation
- Facility Use
- District Master Calendar
- HOL Conference Sports/Activities Calendar
- PRHS Weekly Bulletin
- Testing & Assessment Calendar



Scan to view all calendars



..... PRHS Looking Ahead

- May 7 Band Concert 7:30pm
- May 11 Choir Concert 7:30pm
- May 20 Last Day of School
- May 22 Graduation 7:00pm



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www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Pelican Rapids Public Schools

Items for sale

OFFICE FURNITURE

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