



CCPS YEAR IN REVIEW: POINTS OF PRIDE 2026

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE: To showcase each school's points of pride in the 2025-2026 school year that speak to academic achievement, community engagement, culture and safety, special recognitions, and key initiatives or partnerships that are unique/special and newsworthy.

Name of the School/Department: Lake Ridge Elementary School
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1st Point of Pride: Academic Achievement Increases
Description of the initiative or special recognition: Lake Ridge Elementary School continued to strengthen Tier I instruction through targeted WIN (What I Need) intervention blocks, data-driven PLCs, and differentiated small-group instruction aligned to MAP, Amira, and GMAS data. Teachers utilized instructional strategies focused on academic discourse, scaffolding, and standards mastery to support all learners, including students in intervention and enrichment groups.
Explanation of the impact it is having within the school: As a result of these focused instructional efforts, the school experienced academic growth across multiple grade levels and content areas, with increased proficiency rates and reductions in students performing at the Beginning level. Students demonstrated greater engagement, confidence, and ownership of their learning, helping to create a culture centered on achievement and continuous growth.
2nd Point of Pride: Attendance with Staff and Students Increasing
Description of the initiative or special recognition: Lake Ridge Elementary

implemented intentional attendance initiatives for both students and staff, including attendance incentives, family communication campaigns, classroom celebrations, and consistent monitoring through schoolwide attendance teams. The school also reinforced positive relationships and a welcoming environment to encourage daily attendance and punctuality.

Explanation of the impact it is having within the school: These efforts contributed to improved student and staff attendance rates throughout the school year. Increased attendance has positively impacted academic continuity, student engagement, and school morale while helping to establish a stronger culture of consistency, accountability, and commitment to excellence.

3rd Point of Pride: Community and Parent Engagement Opportunities

Description of the initiative or special recognition: Lake Ridge Elementary expanded partnerships with families, volunteers, donors, and community stakeholders through events such as GMAS Night, Curriculum Night, volunteer recognition receptions, literacy activities, and Teacher Appreciation Week initiatives. The school also strengthened communication through newsletters, ClassDojo, social media updates, and family engagement opportunities focused on student success.

Explanation of the impact it is having within the school: These engagement opportunities fostered stronger relationships between the school and community while increasing family participation and support for students and staff. Community partnerships and volunteer involvement enhanced school programs, boosted staff morale, and reinforced a shared commitment to student achievement and well-being.

4th Point of Pride: Disciplinary Infractions Decreasing

Description of the initiative or special recognition: Lake Ridge Elementary continued to strengthen its PBIS framework through the schoolwide DIVE expectations: Disciplined, Intentional, Valiant, and Empathetic. Students participated in PBIS celebrations, character education activities, restorative conversations, and recognition programs that promoted positive behavior and accountability.

Explanation of the impact it is having within the school: As a result of these proactive supports and positive reinforcement systems, disciplinary infractions decreased

throughout the school year. Students demonstrated improved behavior, stronger peer relationships, and greater self-regulation, contributing to a safer and more positive learning environment for all stakeholders.

5th Point of Pride: Championships, Competitions, Special Recognitions & Overall School Conditions Improving

Description of the initiative or special recognition: Lake Ridge Elementary School celebrated numerous accomplishments throughout the 2025–2026 school year, including student academic recognitions, staff celebrations, community partnerships, and schoolwide initiatives focused on improving culture and climate. The school maintained a strong focus on operational excellence, cleanliness, safety, instructional consistency, and creating welcoming learning spaces for students and staff.

Explanation of the impact it is having within the school: Overall school conditions have significantly improved as evidenced by increased stakeholder morale, stronger collaboration among staff, and positive feedback from families and district leaders. The school’s continued emphasis on excellence, culture, and relationships has strengthened school pride and positioned Lake Ridge Elementary as a supportive and student-centered learning community.

Please ensure your school principal or department supervisor has approved the 2026 Points of Pride and the description.