



State Road Elementary

NEWSLETTER



October 2026

Notes from

Principal Lyga

Hello State Road Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Hard to believe we've already wrapped up our first month together. Our daily routines are officially in full swing, the leaves are starting to turn, and our kiddos have settled in wonderfully.

Building & Playground Construction Update

Construction continues to be a big part of our daily landscape. While we've encountered a few bumps in the road along the way, we are definitely seeing the light at the end of the tunnel! Here is where things stand:

Playground Space: Crews are reinstalling our playground equipment this week, which is fantastic news! We are getting closer every day to having our full play space back so the kids have plenty of room to run and burn off energy at recess.

Building Addition: The new interior space remains a work in progress, but step by step, it's coming together. We can't wait for our school community to enjoy the added rooms once it's complete. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these final finishing touches—the students and staff have been absolute champions through it all!

Upcoming Dates & Action Items

Family Conferences: The sign-up window opens this Thursday, October 1st, at 9:00 AM via Parent Square. Please take a moment to choose a time that works best for you. Connecting with you to share how your child is doing at school is one of our favorite fall highlights!

PTO Chicken Q (Thursday, October 29): Mark your calendars for a true SR fan favorite! Keep an eye out for detailed information and ordering updates from the PTO coming soon.

Thank you for your partnership, support, and energy in making the start of this year so special.

In partnership,
Mrs. Jac Lyga
Principal



October Events

- 1st - 7th - Dental Sealants
- 6th - Fire Prevention Education
- 7th - International Walk to School Day
- 9th - Walking School Bus
- 12th - 3rd Gr to Central Planetarium
- 15th - Picture Retake Day
- 15th - Family Conferences 3:10pm-7:10pm
- 16th - No School - Staff Development
- 19th - No School - Family Conferences 12pm-7:50pm
- 21st - Wear Orange Unity Day
- 29th - PTO - Chicken Q 3pm-6:30pm
- 30th - Hearing tests for K & 2nd



PICTURE RETAKE DAY OCTOBER 15, 2026

How To Access Ordering Gallery

Scan code below and follow these 5 easy steps!

Step 1

Type the **School Name** into the Search box, select the **State**, then click **Search**.



Step 2

Please choose your school from the list provided below.

Step 3

Select **Get Code** next to the picture day you need the code for.

Step 4

Enter your child's **Last Name** and **Student ID Number**, then click **Search**.

Step 5

Click on the **Student Code** to access your student's image gallery!

Any Questions?

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or

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customerservice@strawbridge.net

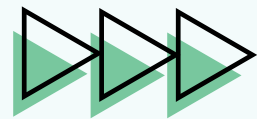


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National School Lunch Week October 12-16, 2026

We celebrate National School Lunch Week October 12th through the 16th, and the important role school meals play in fueling our students for success! Healthy, delicious breakfasts and lunches give our kids the energy they need to learn, grow, and thrive every day.

Thank you to our entire nutrition staff for all you do to support our students.



2026-2027 School Year Theme Travel Takes You Places



Breakfast at 7:20am

First Bell at 7:35am

Classes Begin at 7:45am

(In class not walking in the door)

Dismissal 2:25pm

7:15am

Corner of Fairchild St.
& Drive In Rd.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS:

October 2nd

October 9th



COMMUNITY VIRTUAL BACKPACK

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To view our Community Virtual Backpack.

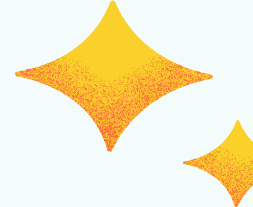
You'll find communications and information such as flyers, classroom news, and school-sponsored activities.



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OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast is served with white milk. Breakfast choices #2 and #3 are always banana bread and cereal. Lunch includes fruit, veggie, and choice of milk. **Menu is subject to change.**		1 BREAKFAST ^{day 4} #1 Maple Biscuit Slider with Crispy Chicken Patty LUNCH #1 Grilled Chicken Burger #2 Pizza	2 BREAKFAST ^{day 5} #1 Apple Cider Donut LUNCH #1 Cheesy French Bread #2 Sub Sandwich
	5 BREAKFAST ^{day 6} #1 Breakfast Pizza LUNCH #1 Popcorn Chicken #2 Yogurt	6 BREAKFAST ^{day 1} #1 Taco Breakfast Tots LUNCH #1 Ham & Swiss Pretzel Roll #2 Pizza	7 BREAKFAST ^{day 2} #1 Mini Bagels & Cream Cheese LUNCH #1 Mac & Cheese #2 EZ Jammer	8 BREAKFAST ^{day 3} #1 Sausage, Egg, Cheese on Croissant LUNCH #1 Mini Corn Dogs #2 Pizza
12 BREAKFAST ^{day 5} #1 Breakfast Pizza LUNCH #1 Orange Chicken & Veggie Fried Rice #2 Yogurt	13 BREAKFAST ^{day 6} #1 Pancake on a Stick LUNCH #1 Book Worms (hot dog in pizza dough crust) #2 Pizza	14 BREAKFAST ^{day 1} #1 Fruit Pastry LUNCH #1 Chicken & Waffle #2 EZ Jammer	15 BREAKFAST ^{day 2} #1 Maple Biscuit Slider with Crispy Chicken Patty LUNCH #1 Beef Taco Triangles #2 Pizza	16 NO SCHOOL!
19 NO SCHOOL!	20 BREAKFAST ^{day 3} #1 Waffle Dunkers LUNCH #1 Meatball Sub #2 Pizza	21 BREAKFAST ^{day 4} #1 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy LUNCH #1 Tater Tot Hotdish #2 EZ Jammer	22 BREAKFAST ^{day 5} #1 Egg, Ham & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich LUNCH #1 Hamburger #2 Pizza	23 BREAKFAST ^{day 6} #1 Assorted Donut Holes LUNCH #1 Popcorn Chicken Parmesan #2 Sub Sandwich
26 BREAKFAST ^{day 1} #1 Breakfast Pizza LUNCH #1 Dill Chicken Sandwich #2 Yogurt	27 BREAKFAST ^{day 2} #1 Halloween Yogurt Parfait LUNCH #1 Fish Sticks #2 Pizza	28 BREAKFAST ^{day 3} #1 Muffin LUNCH #1 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty #2 EZ Jammer	29 BREAKFAST ^{day 4} #1 Maple Biscuit Slider with Crispy Chicken Patty LUNCH #1 Chicken Taco Bowl #2 Pizza	30 BREAKFAST ^{day 5} #1 Cinnamon Roll LUNCH #1 Sloppy Joe Sandwich #2 Sub Sandwich



Social Work Updates



My name is Rachel Hying and I am the full-time School Social Worker at State Road Elementary! This is my sixth year at State Road. Along with being the School Social Worker, I also teach classroom counseling (formally known as guidance) in our building from grades PreK to 5th Grade. As a School Social Worker I am available to work with students and families to help connect them to community resources, navigate services, and offer any support to help the students be as successful as they can be! I meet with students 1 on 1 and in small groups in addition to classroom time to work on friendship, social skills, and various other topics. I am so grateful to be a part of the State Road team and work with all of our wonderful students and families!



BULLYING

October is National Bullying Prevention month. We will be learning about bullying during our Guidance lessons later in the year and how to be an upstander.

Bullying is targeted and ongoing negative action towards someone. We do not tolerate bullying at State Road.

Talk to your child about the difference between bullying and other conflict and encourage them to be an upstander with their friends!

REMINDERS

- ✓ If you are interested in enrolling in the food pantry, please fill out the form on the next page and return to school
- ✓ If you have any resource needs, please contact Rachel Hying at 789-3429 or rhying@lacrossesd.org



STUDENT COUNCIL

We are so proud of all of our 4th and 5th graders who are running for Student Council. It takes a lot of courage and bravery to speak in front of your class. Stay tuned for the announcement of the elected candidates soon!



**UNITY
DAY** 21 OCT 2025

**UNITY
DAY!**

WEAR **ORANGE**
ON OCTOBER 21

LEAVE

I will be out on maternity leave near the end of October. We are working to secure a long term substitute in my absence so stay tuned for that information. I will be returning near the end of January.



State Road Elementary School

PBIS UPDATES

Our 3 school expectations:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

For several years we have been working on Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions (PBIS) at State Road. The ultimate goal of implementing PBIS data, systems, and practices is to improve outcomes. Families, students, and educators set goals and work together to achieve them. In PBIS, outcomes might include behavioral, social, emotional, and academic growth; positive school climate; or fewer office discipline referrals.

Tiered Philosophy:

Tier 1: Universal, Primary Prevention (All)

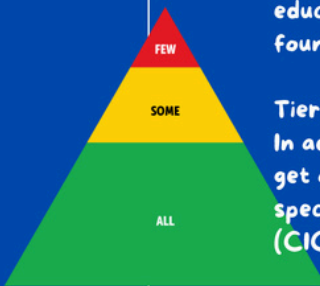
Tier 1 systems, data, and practices support everyone (students, educators, and staff) across all school settings. They establish a foundation for positive and proactive support.

Tier 2: Targeted, Secondary Prevention (Some)

In addition to Tier 1 supports, students receiving Tier 2 supports get an added layer of systems, data, and practices targeting their specific needs. At State Road we utilize Check In Check Out (CICO), mentoring, and groups for our Tier 2 supports.

Tier 3: Intensive and Individualized, Tertiary Prevention (Few)

When Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports have not been sufficient for student success, Tier 3 allows students receive more intensive, individualized support to improve their outcomes.



PBIS at State Road:

School wide assemblies with positive character trait themes

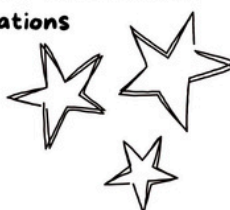
School wide and classroom celebrations

Star winners

Expectation stations

Check In Check Out

.... and so much more!



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Highly Qualified Teachers

The School District of La Crosse takes pride in hiring only highly qualified teachers. This means they all are fully trained, certified, and often experienced in the position they teach. Our faculty consistently has a high percentage of advanced degrees, and we do a good job of retaining some of the top staff in the state and the nation. Life events, such as retirement, childbirth, or illness, sometimes cause a need for a long-term substitute teacher. When this happens, we always make every effort to hire a highly qualified substitute. All are certified teachers, and most are licensed in the area in which they are substituting. In rare cases it may be impossible to find a teacher with a particular certification, such as special education. This may result in the district asking the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for an emergency license for such a teacher.

If you ever have any questions about the certification of any of our staff, please call Shelley Shirel, Director of Elementary Education.

Procedure For Addressing Concerns

On occasion, parents have questions or concerns regarding their child or a situation that occurred in the classroom or at school. We want to hear those. We do ask that you would adhere to the following procedure in order to provide the appropriate staff with the opportunity to address the concern.

First, please contact the classroom teacher or staff member who was directly involved. Should you feel that the situation was not resolved satisfactorily or have additional questions that weren't able to be answered, you may then contact the building principal. The principal will be happy to become involved at that point.

The same applies for concerns at the building level. Please allow the building principal the opportunity to address concerns prior to contacting the Director of Elementary Education.

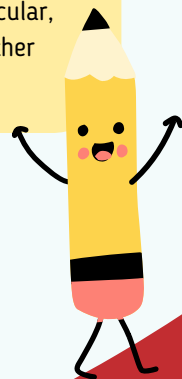
No Child Left Behind - Act of 2001

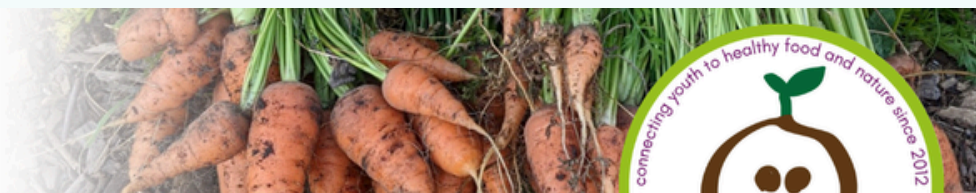
The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which is also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires that the parents of children attending Title I schools be notified at the beginning of every school year that they may request information about the qualifications of their children's teachers and paraprofessionals. Examples of some of the things they can ask are:

- *Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level and the subject area he or she teaches;
- *Whether the teacher has an emergency or provisional license;
- *What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline of his or her certification or degree; and
- *Whether the child is being provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

This is part of the law's efforts to ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals are highly qualified. In the School District of La Crosse, because of our past procedures and adherence to high standards, **all of our teachers and teacher assistants do meet the highly qualified standards of the law.**

It is the policy of the School District of La Crosse, pursuant to s.118.13 Wisconsin Statutes and PI 9 that no person on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, co/extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program or activity.





SCHOOL NEWS

October 2026

Fall Garden Magic

It's always a magical time when, after months away for some students, they return to their gardens and discover the awesomeness of the changes that have happened over the summer. The small seeds that were planted during cold, wet spring lessons have turned into enormous plants with produce to harvest.

During their first fall garden lesson a scavenger hunt helped students search for and find plants growing around the garden. Some lucky students even found treasures that weren't on the assignment when they discovered Monarch caterpillars and chrysalis growing on the milkweed in the garden!



**REGISTER
Today**

Kids Cooking Challenge



November 12th

3 - 6 PM | Mystery Ingredient Pick-Up
624 Vine St., La Crosse

Take the Challenge for a chance to
WIN A PRIZE

THE CHALLENGE

- 1 Pick up your mystery ingredients.
- 2 Add only 5 additional ingredients.
- 3 Make Your Masterpiece!
- 4 Submit photos and your recipe online.



submission deadline:
Sunday, Nov. 15th
at 11:59 PM



PAY WHAT YOU CAN

FREE if needed. \$15 covers the
cost of ingredients.

YOUTH AGES UNDER 18

Choose individual or team,
beginner or advanced.

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