

From the community: Barnsdale Road Students Welcome Spring with Peeps Reading Buddy



Barnsdale Road students Kameron Cox, Mallory Banasiak, Adriana Sokolski, Jackson Flickinger and Ronan O'Mahoney reading with Peepalina. (Posted by LaGrange School District 102, Community Contributor)

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Barnsdale Road School in La Grange Park had a special visitor the week of March 14. Peepalina, a plush yellow bunny from the ever-popular [Peeps](#) candy collection, was found around the school reading books that had not been checked out this year. The idea, the brainchild of teacher Kami Spatzek, was developed in the hopes that the character would assist students in exploring something new. Every day during the week, Spatzek sent a book summary to staff of what Peepalina was reading that day to share with their students. Book titles included "Carrot Soup", "The Odd Egg", "Float", "Ben's Trumpet" and "The Easter Bunny's Assistant". Students enjoyed the adventures of Peepalina, who was found in the building reading in quiet locations, as she encouraged students to enjoy a new book just in time for spring break. Peepalina was not filled with marshmallow goodness, but instead the knowledge of the best books for students who "hoppily" joined in on the fun.

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