

## Site Report – Nondalton – October, 2024

**To:** Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

**From:** Colter Barnes, Principal

### Photos & Description of Activities and Events

1. Our students are participating in the Native language (Yupik & Dena'ina) class from 2:45-3:30
2. Our students (by way of a letter writing campaign) have helped raise over \$4,000 for our food-service program! They have also completed both an inventory of donated food as well as a menu for the spring semester. All the meals are selected, all the ingredients are listed, and now they are finding suppliers and calculating costs. A big shout out to the Newhalen Lodge for their food & cash donation! The tribe has also stepped up to offer their support as well; momentum is in our favor.
3. Our Student Government continues to open their "coffee shop" on the weekends and it's a hit.
4. With the help of the tribe, we are now opening nightgym for 2 hours everyday. This gives our little's a safe and consistent place to play throughout the winter and our secondary students and adults the opportunity to play some intense sports (volleyball, basketball, etc.).
5. We are conducting daily (Amplify/mCLASS) interventions with our Tier 2 & 3 students.
6. Robotics is in full swing! And like a student on the team said last week, "We plan on winning again."
7. Our middle school science has already completed a level and now they're building life sized body systems for the next. This is a two week project where they will have to choose 3 systems, study/research them, create and label the model, and give a presentation on it.
8. We've been hosting community scrimmages on Friday's to get the kids ready for the district volleyball tournament in Port Alsworth (November 13th-16th).
9. We had a senior apply for the Bristol Bay Youth Leadership Forum and are waiting to hear back.
10. We are starting a Creative Media workshop/club for students to put together our monthly newsletter.
11. Our haunted house/activity night went great and was well attended!
12. SUNY Brockport University sent a film crew out to create a student-teacher documentary.
13. Kumi presented a lesson on the affects of smoking showing what lungs look like before and after.

Maybe one of our greatest celebrations is the fact that students feel safe and secure to make academic mistakes/take risks. The school culture is positive and staff are working hard to develop the trust and rapport necessary for that type of courage and vulnerability to thrive. Whenever a student need is identified, the staff asks, "how can we modify our schedule or instruction to help this student?"

### Personnel Update

K-5: Faith Woodcock

6-12: Shakim Blackwell

Special Education: Tracey Thomas and Rick Rohlman

Student Teacher: Noah Degraff

SPED/General/Custodial Aide: Betty Wilson

SPED Paraprofessional: Nenita Wilson

SPED Paraprofessional: Tia Hobson

Preschool Teacher: Danielle Alexie

Cook: Darius Harried

Nightgym Aide: Carrie Harried  
Custodian: Clarence Harried  
P.E. Teacher: Makayla Joseph  
Maintenance: David Van Dusen  
Substitutes: Teresa Rickteroff, Mabel Alexie

October Visitors: Paulene Manning, Kumi Rattenbury, Becca Stenson, Lesa Meath. These itinerants provide so many opportunities and support for our students, staff, and community; thank you for all that you do!

We can't thank Betty Wilson enough for being so flexible and helpful this year! She has adjusted her schedule to accommodate a diverse array of student and staff needs, and has been training/mentoring our new custodian and P.E. teacher. Her dedication, work ethic, and attention to detail is inspiring.

### **Classroom Highlights**

The secondary science students inoculated birch trees/logs with oyster and shitake plug (mushroom) spawn. This project will last for 3-5 years and will include both economic and environmental education.

The elementary classroom started a worm composting bin to help take care of the massive amount of paper/cardboard products and food waste schools generate. They had a lesson in decomposers/soil science and even named their worms :-). They will be using their nutrient dense worm castings (black gold!) in the spring to start plants (and possibly a school garden to help supplement our lunch program).

Tracey is our Ed Rising liaison and has 2-3 seventh grade students interested in participating. Once they are registered at the state and national level, they will complete a Public Service Announcement (PSA) or Children's Literature (CL) project. The theme for the PSA project is teacher recruitment and retention. The State Conference is at the end of February in Anchorage and Ed Rising Alaska will provide travel assistance, as well as pay for registration fees. If a student takes first place at the state level, AK Rising will pay for them to go to Nationals, which is in Orlando, FL next summer.

### **LSAC Activity**

President: Betty Wilson                      Vice-President:                      Secretary:

Our second LSAC meeting of the year took place on Monday, October 21st at 5:15pm. One of our goals for this year is to increase community attendance (hence community voice!) at our meetings, as well as help support our food service committee. There will be food and coffee/tea at each meeting, as well as a Zoom link for those who can't attend in person.

Our November & December meetings are scheduled for 5:15pm on: 11/25, and 12/16

### **Community Engagement**

We've had a school representative at every tribal meeting this fall.

### **Professional Development**

October saw a continuation of the professional development opportunities LPSD provides for our staff. Not only did we get to collaborate as a district during our inservice days (16th-18th), but we also had site and position specific training spread throughout the month.

1. Paulene Manning visited Nondalton and now our entire staff (that works with children) is Crisis Prevention & Intervention (CPI) certified.
2. Ms. Thomas supported all of our SPED paraprofessionals in completing their SafeSchools training.
3. We received our Naloxone/Opioid Overdose kit and all certified staff in Nondalton completed the training that accompanies it.

### **Pupil % Attendance K-12**

We currently have 22 students (K-12) and 3 preschoolers enrolled.

Our October attendance rate was 80%.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

Our staff received the new Emergency Response Quick Reference Guides and were trained on their use.

A huge thank you to Tim McDermott and our maintenance department for their responsiveness and support when needs (frozen water lines, washing machine & toilet replacement, fuel deliveries, new employee training, site needs assessment, etc.) arise!

### **Other**

See attached newsletter and pictures below.





