

SHINING STARS...FALL 2020

NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR
Kasie Luke	DO	Kasie has shown great grace and levelheadedness during this crazy start to the school year. I appreciate her ability to see the positive and make sure everyone feel heard. Thanks for being a marigold, Kasie!	Kate Cornell
Judy Hollander	ANC	Judy has quickly become the "Dr. Fauci" of Lake and Peninsula Borough. Her expertise and steady demeanor have helped guide LPSD during the most trying times. We couldn't have opened our doors this year without her!	Ty Mase
Jon Ludwig	NEW	Mr. Ludwig has been consistently supporting our sites' technology needs since prior to the first day of our school year. Mr. Ludwig is behind the scenes making sure we are taken care of by ensuring communication is clear, technology is safely mailed, and providing consistent, reliable replies to the many needs of LPSD staff as they get our schools running smoothly. I appreciate all that Mr. Ludwig has done and continues to do for LPSD, we are better with him as a member of the team.	Kasie Luke
Jordan Davis	KHK	Jordan is our head teacher here at Kokhanok School and she handles this position so well. Jordan continuously keeps up a positive attitude and gives us as teachers, an open space to share how we feel about current issues going on in our school. Jordan ensures the school is running well and that all of us have the support we need throughout the day to day. COVID-19 has caused a series of changes in our school but Jordan as well as the rest of our team handled these issues without fail. Since I first showed up at Kokhanok school she has made me feel welcome as a first year teacher and I feel she deserves recognition for the work she puts in day after day.	Austin McCourt
Dana Wolff	KHK	Dana has been a smiling face since the day I first arrived in Kokhanok. She was so helpful moving me in, cooking me meals until my food arrived, and helping me set up my classroom. Dana is my mentor teacher and while she has her own classroom to run and students to take care of she always goes over and above to make sure I'm doing well and my transition to Alaska and into a classroom of my own is as stress free as possible. I feel I have not only gained an amazing mentor here in Kokhanok I have also gained a life long friend.	Austin McCourt

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Robert Kirchner	PIP	Being new to LPSD and a veteran teacher of 25 years, I know dedication when I see it! Mr.K, as his students call him, is highly dedicated to his students and their educational experience here in Pilot Point. He is keenly aware of and involved in the needs and interests of his students and the village in which they live. Over and above delivering instruction, Robert invests quality time with his student outside of the classroom in activities like cross country running, playing basketball, fishing, berry picking, special outings around the village just to mention a few. Creative ideas that are already in the works are building a smokehouse with his students, a week long cultural Arts Academy, getting musical instruments available, robotics, drones and videography, trapping, and many others. These ideas spark the minds of students to the possibilities and pathways to their own futures. The collaborative and welcoming environment he greeted me with has already inspired me to dream of the possibilities that can be realized here in Pilot Point. I am fortunate to be a part of this team!	Michele Hughes
Jim Dube	BAY/LAK/IGI LAG/ANC	It is amazing how much Jim helps out with....From PowerSchool, technology, being an itinerant principal of four sites, to helping pick items up in Anchorage to be tossed on a plane, Jim is always ready to lend a helping hand. You are much appreciated, Jim!	Bill Cornell
Marjorie Waggoner	ANC/SPED Director	Marjorie is a constant source of knowledge, calm and resourcefulness to get thorough any tough situations. Marjorie is available and ready to help out with answering questions, giving advice, and making sure we are meeting special education requirements. Marjorie has a genuine desire to make sure all students, teachers, and families are treated equitably, honestly, and fairly. Making sure all student rise to their full potential. Marjorie has helped me personally to safely provide services to my schools under our COVID restrictions. Marjorie is a proactive and friendly person who not only delivers through her words, but more importantly through her actions. Thank you Marjorie.	Matthew Stark
Tim McDermott	AKN	Thank you, Tim McDermott and the Maintenance team for being so prompt in your response to our request for more masks, gloves, and sanitization supplies.	LAK Staff

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		<p>Thank you for also getting those supplies to our site in a quick manner. Thank you being proactive, caring, and knowledgeable.</p> <p>Tim is always thinking about what is best for staff, students, and communities. Tim shows he cares not only through his words, but also his actions.</p>	
Josh Jenks	KHK	<p>Josh is a shining star around Kokhanok. He always has a calm, cool, collected attitude that is appreciated during stressful situations. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to other staff members and does it with a smile. Josh is a great teacher and always tries to design his lessons to be relevant to his students. He strives to be an active participant in our community and loves to bring the community together with activities. His students love him and so do we! Kokhanok is lucky to have him!</p>	Dana Wolff
Kait Moitoza	KHK	<p>Always smiling. Always positive. Always working hard. Those are the few things that I love about Kait. She is such an asset to our school and I'm so grateful to work with her. Whenever Kait sets her mind to something, she gets it done and excels! She is a wonderful teacher and a great co-worker. We are lucky to have her as a SPED teacher and secondary teacher!</p>	Dana Wolff
Tim McDermott	AKN	<p>Tim is a rockstar! We have had a few things that aren't working properly in our apartment and he has been awesome in helping us get them fixed or replaced. We really appreciate the work he does to make us all feel comfortable in our homes. THANKS TIM!!!</p>	Dana Wolff
Austin McCourt	AKN	<p>Austin has been crushing his first year teaching!! His classroom is filled with so much joy and fun. He is always looking for ways to improve his craft and do better for his students. His positive attitude and smile has been such a light in our school. Teaching during a pandemic, especially during your first year is tough. But he does it with such grace! He fit right in with our staff since day one, professionally and personally. We are glad that he chose to come to Kokhanok!</p>	Dana Wolff

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Kasie Luke	AKN	Personnel issues are often the most challenging problems for administrators, and the role of HR Director can be a thankless job. Kasie handles these with compassion, patience, and grace. Although I'm sure she's constantly swamped, Kasie makes time to take my calls and help me work through situations---and does it in a way that makes me feel like I'm her top priority. Thank you Kasie!	Jim Dube
Sandy Stepanoff	BAY	She is here every day for the kids. Her food is so delicious that it sparked a chant from the students. One person will shout "Who has the best cook in the district?" and all the kids shout "WE DO!!!!!!" She truly cares about the kids and the valuable service she provides. We are so glad to have her.	Nathan McArthur
Stephanie Canning	BAY	She is really pushing herself to be the best new teacher EVER! Joining the district's masters program, taking on a lot of extra responsibilities around the school, all while raising a puppy is simply amazing to me. She works hard for her students and they really have grown as a result. She is an amazing teacher and Chignik Bay is so glad to have her here.	Nathan McArthur
Nenita Wilson	NON	Nin, you bring so much positivity to Nondaton School. You are always here giving your best to our students. You treat everyone with respect and kindness. You teach the Nondalton principles without having to say a word. We wouldn't be as great without you. Thank you for everything you do for Nondalton School!	Moon McCarley
Betty Wilson	NON	Betty, You are one of the reasons things run so smoothly at Nondaton School. You help to keep things consistent and secure for our kids. Everyone knows they can count on you to do whatever is needed to help our students. Thank you for demonstrating the principles of Nondalton School and being such an important part of our instructional team. We're so lucky to have you!	Moon McCarley
Teresa Rickteroff	NON	Teresa, It's clear you care about the students and community of Nondalton. Thank you for ALWAYS being available to cook for our school and keep our children fed. The extra touches you add are always noticed! We appreciate you!	Moon McCarley

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Jared Colross	NON	Jared, Thank you for being a hardworking and reliable part of the Nondalton instructional team. You take ownership of your job as the PE teacher and classroom assistant and it shows.	Moon McCarley
Iliamna Air Taxi	ILI	We appreciate your support of Nondalton School. You go above and beyond to help whenever it's needed. During tough times it feels great to know that we can rely on you. Thank you so much for everything you do for Nondalton School!	Moon McCarley
Sunflower and Laelani Delkittie	NON	<p>Sunflower has done an amazing job and keeping in close contact with her daughter's teacher from the moment Nondalton went to home bound education. She never hesitates to reach out if she has questions and is working hard to make sure her children are getting the best education, even if it's at a distance. She makes sure that her teacher is able to talk to her daughter to help keep her motivated.</p> <p>Laelani has been working super hard on all of her home bound work! She even has written notes and reached out to make her teacher's day! She has been motivated to learn this year and she is always kind to her peers!</p> <p>Thank you Sunny and Laelani for being wonderful supporters of Nondalton School and taking pride in education!</p>	Cassie Brocious
Matthew Stark	LAK	Mr. Stark has been the lead for the LPSD Battle of the Books for many years. Each year I receive emails indicating information about teams, how it works, and what supports are in place for each of our sites to participate. Mr. Stark is behind all of these emails and communication to keep our students and teachers understanding how the Battle works. Thank you, Mr. Stark, for keeping the event alive and encouraging reading in LPSD through the Battle of the Books.	Kasie Luke
Elijah Miller	Palmer	Mr. Miller has taken on the LPSD Payroll position and handled all that is thrown his way with grace. His willingness to problem solve over the past six months and his ability to keep on keepin' on through all that has been thrown his way is commendable. I am grateful Elijah is on our LPSD team learning and growing	Kasie Luke

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		alongside us all through challenges with COVID and day to day tasks. Mr. Miller, thank you for being a positive contributor to the "better together" LPSD motto.	