



LPSD SHINING STARS, APRIL, 2025



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Mark Kosbruk	Perryville	Mark Kosbruk serves lunches everyday to our students in Perryville. He rarely misses a day of work and always has a smile on his face. His food and service is enjoyed by all. He makes most of his meals from scratch and prepares it with great care. He is a valuable asset to the school as well as the community. He continues the traditions of the people of Perryville by passing these skills on to the next generation. Mark Kosbruk is greatly appreciated and makes our school a better and happier and healthier place!	Melody Schilke, Principal
Nate Davis	Port Alsworth	Nate is a great teammate in the challenging process of ensuring that we are giving all LVHS students the opportunity to participate in state assessments. This involves working with different school sites, communicating with parents, coordinating travel and more. He makes a complicated easier with great communication and attention to detail.	Moon McCarley, Director of Assessment
Moon McCarley	Anchorage/Levelock	Much of what I know about strong instructional practices—and the teacher I've become—comes from Moon McCarley. She knows her stuff and never hesitates to challenge me to grow. As my principal and mentor for the past seven years, she modeled what it means to be truly student-centered, always putting kids first in everything we do - even assessments. Her guidance, trust, and high expectations shaped how I teach, lead, and show up for our students every day.	Shakim Blackwell, Teacher
Ed Lester	Newhalen	Ed is a machine. I think we all need to take a step back and truly appreciate how much work he puts in—year after year—to put district events together. He is, quite literally, the textbook definition of a principal—the kind of leader most administrators should strive to be. Whether it's hosting sports events, coordinating jamborees, planning the carnival, or organizing SNAP Week, Ed is always at the center of it. Honestly, sometimes I wonder if he even sleeps or just lives at the school. Even on the longest days, he shows up with a positive attitude, humor, and unwavering dedication to our students. Ed's adaptability and unwavering commitment to every student and every community in the Lake and Peninsula School District is remarkable. We're lucky to have him in our district.	Shakim Blackwell, Teacher
Patty McCasland	Newhalen	I think we should all take a moment to acknowledge the deep care, love, and passion that Patty McCasland brings to her students. Her ability to build meaningful relationships and leverage them to help students reach their goals is truly one of a kind. What she—and the entire BBRCTE team—has helped our students accomplish is nothing short of remarkable. From expanding career pathways to providing real-world, hands-on learning experiences, they've opened doors many of our students never imagined possible. Patty genuinely believes in every student's ability to reach their full potential—and she does a heck of a job making sure they have the tools to get there.	Shakim Blackwell, Teacher
Cassie Broschious	Palmer/Nondalton	Before becoming a rockstar Federal Programs Assistant to herself, she was a rockstar elementary teacher and coworker at Nondalton School. Cassie has helped me grow and guided me through some of the most important stages of my career. She also challenges teachers and administrators to be our best and to "do the work" to promote student growth. "The kindest thing we can do for our students (and staff) is hold them accountable." Cassie models this through her attention to detail and her willingness to coach those who are open to growth. Finally, Cassie is a great friend and an awesome person. She's there whenever you need a listening ear or advice—just make sure you lead with that!	Shakim Blackwell, Teacher