



LPSD SHINING STARS, MAY 2022



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Riley Morigeau	Port Alsworth	Riley was an excellent chaperone at this year's SNAP Meet. He was willing to help out when needed, helping with prom setup, brackets for NYO events, etc. One of my favorite moments during SNAP meet was when Nate, Riley, and Austin were teaching our male students how to tie their ties, iron their dress shirts without burning them, and create fake roses out of napkins. Riley stepped it up and helped our boys learn to tie their ties. Additionally, during prom, Riley used his Montana roots to show the students how to line dance and swing dance. Having Riley at SNAP meet was a joy.	Patty McCasland, Teacher
Ed Lester	Newhalen	Ed Lester is an exemplary role model and leader. I feel grateful to have lucked out on having such a wonderful principal for the start of my educational career. Ed supports me in everything that I do inside and outside of the classroom to support my students and community. This weekend, Ed did an incredible job with SNAP Meet, finding relevant experts to teach students different strategies in regards to self-regulation. There is no limit to what Ed would do to support our students and I couldn't be more grateful to have him as a principal.	Patty McCasland, Teacher
Alex Sipherd	Newhalen	We have had the absolute pleasure of having Alex as a middle school & high school teacher this year at Newhalen. He has been a strong asset to our community, willing to dedicate his time to cooking breakfast, lending a hand, and coaching our students in wrestling. As a coworker, he is supportive and collaborative, willing to go the extra mile. As a teacher, he is selfless. He has helped show our students the importance of asking deeper, life questions, and understanding the importance of self-reflection. Knowing Alex has made all of us better people. Next year, Alex will be heading back home to Utah to teach science. His absence next year will definitely be felt and I am so grateful to have had him as a coworker this year.	Patty McCasland, Teacher
Tim Welch	Idaho	Tim worked very hard with the student government to put together some great team-building and ice-breaking activities, as well as a fun, carnival-themed prom for all of the students. On top of this, he put together the National Honors Society ceremony, lead a visualization exercise, and organized some of the speakers for the Career Fair. Thank you Tim for all your hard work!	Stephen Fink, School Counselor
Leah Talley	Newhalen	Even though Leah was not involved in the SNAP meet as a 5/6th grade teacher, she took time to help the girls with their hair as they were getting ready for Prom. She spent hours helping them. Making those connections really means a lot. Thanks Leah.	Stephen Fink, School Counselor
Patty McCasland	Newhalen	Patty worked tirelessly during the SNAP Meet. She organized the Science Fair and helped with the organization of the award ceremony. On top of all this, she kept up with all of her students' ongoing deadlines they had for the college classes and extracurricular classes that did not take a break for the week. Thanks for all your hard work in supporting the students!	Stephen Fink, School Counselor
Alex Sipherd	Newhalen	Alex agreed to be the keynote speaker for the NHS ceremony with little notice. He got up early to coach wrestling practice before the day started the whole week, and made an effort to connect with students throughout the week. Thanks for all your hard work and your effort to connect with and care about the students.	Stephen Fink, School Counselor

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Ed Lester	Newhalen	Without Ed, this wouldn't have happened. Ed has worked tirelessly to organize guests, organize flights, put together schedules, and countless other details. He address concerns from everyone as they came up and he barely got a moment to himself. And through it all, he was constantly focusing on the kids, giving them time, and recognition for their accomplishments. I really appreciate his hard work in making this happen. It has been too long since we've been able to do something like this and it was really good for the kids. Thanks Ed.	Stephen Fink, School Counselor
Sonia Delkittie	Kokhanok	Sonia did an excellent job covering for one of our teachers during the SNAP meet. I had the pleasure of working with Sonia in the mornings and I was so impressed with the way that she interacted with the students. She did an amazing job at keeping the students on task and moving forward with their education. Sonia is a great asset to Kokhanok school. Thanks for all of your help Sonia, and all that you do to support the staff and students of Kokhanok school. Quyanana!	Jesse Davis, Teacher
Tootsie Roehl	Kokhanok	This was Tootsie first year as our cook, and she has consistently preformed above and beyond the call of duty. She is diligent, hard-working, and her meals are quite tasty. Tootsie cooks for over 40 students and as many as 25 elders on a daily basis; she had to learn her job very quickly, and she did so independently. She is always positive and energetic, and great to work with. Students, staff, and elders alike praise her cooking, and she has been a fantastic addition to our staff.	Robert Fagerquist, Principal
Theresa Wilson	King Salmon	Theresa Wilson has always been a miracle worker when it comes to LPSD travel. You would think we would learn that getting requests in two weeks early would be a great help to her. But some of us are still tardy, adding more work and less time to her already fantastic job. However, in this second year of Covid, she has been even more amazing. We tried to have full and robust schedules for students this year, which is moving a lot of people with many airlines-- a big enough job. But even fighting frequent Covid cancellations and re-schedules, she didn't miss a beat. Add to Covid, one of the worst years of weather flying and additional cancellations and re-schedules, and we should have had a nightmare of chaos and disorder and tempers-a-flaring. Oh, yeah, but we had Theresa Wilson in the Travel Chair. Calm. Creative. Persistent. Cheerful. We should get LPSD t-shirts printed: "STAY CALM- Just Call Theresa! Everything's gonna be A-OKAY!"	Nate Davis, Principal
Shadow Brock	Port Alsworth	Shadow Brock came to town in January- just in time. He was a God-send. Almost immediately, we had all kinds of needs for substitutes. Between Covid and longterm illnesses for about three months, Shadow filled in for Cook I, Cook II, classroom aide, sped aide, certified teacher, and custodian. He took over the kitchen for several weeks, cooked up some great food, and left the kitchen spotless each day. When Shadow wasn't refing basketball games, he was on the basketball clock, in the kitchen cooking for the players, or in the stands cheering on the Lynx. Kudos! Thanks! and You Saved the Day(s)! to Shadow Brock! You are a Shining Star!	Nate Davis, Principal
Funa Hornberger	Newhalen	Dear Funa, Thank you for your recent donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyanana! Chin'an! Quyanana! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Austin Shangin	Perryville	Thank you for your recent donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyanana! Chin'an! Quyanana! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Alec Phillips	Perryville	Thank you for your recent donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyanana! Chin'an! Quyanana! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant

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Lake and Peninsula Air	Port Alsworth	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Nicole Metzgar	Port Alsworth	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Rachel Grossman	Port Alsworth	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Diana Armstrong	Iliamna	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. You are always such a great support for the schools and our kids. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Barthelman	Iliamna	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Kasie Luke	King Salmon	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Beth Hill	Kokhanok	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Tammi Stroede	King Salmon	Thank you for your generous donation to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
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Stacy Hill	Igiugig	Thank you for your generous donations to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Margie and Henry Olympic	Newhalen	Thank you for your generous donations to the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation! Also, thank you for helping me set up the auction! With your your help, we were able to raise \$2,535.00 for the LJMS Fundraiser. Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you! Have a great summer!	Evelynn Trefon, Administrative Assistant
Jeremiah Isenberg	Chignik Lake	It was so wonderful meeting Jeremiah at SNAP meet! He was so helpful and kind, always doing things to make life better for others. He consistently asked if he could lend a hand and never complained when asked to help out. I was so impressed with his kindness and positive attitude throughout the whole week! The world needs more people like that and it was a pleasure getting to know him.	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher

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John Tallekpallek	Levelock	I met John during SNAP meet and I was very impressed by him! He was in my group for the workshops, and he always participated and motivated others to do so as well. Outside of the sessions, he was friendly and helpful to both students and staff members. He got the dancing started (and kept it going) during prom, which inspired many others. Beyond that, his speeches were incredible and set a great example for others. <b>Keep up the great work, John!</b>	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher
Kasie Luke	King Salmon	Every time I see Kasie, she goes out of her way to make me feel appreciated and supported. She regularly reaches out to ask if I need anything and to remind me of her appreciation for the work I do, which I'm very grateful for. Despite her busy schedule and the many tasks that she has to do, I always receive a response to my questions when I reach out about something. These habits—combined with the positivity she radiates—make me enjoy working for LPSD even more. I'm so grateful to Kasie for making this district so welcoming!	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher
Nathan McArthur	Port Heiden	Every time I have the chance to work with Nate, I relish the opportunity. He is so passionate and enthusiastic, which rubs off on everyone around him. I'm so grateful to Nate for his support and guidance, and for his ability to be honest with me at all times. I've enjoyed working with him so much this year and am excited to continue doing so in the future. Thank you, Nate, and enjoy some time off this summer!	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher
Kate Cornell & Nicole Metzgar	Newhalen & Port Alsworth	Kate and Nicole have made such a wonderful team this year! I'm so grateful that they were there to guide me through my first year with LPSD and that I was able to learn from them both. Both are so positive and helpful and never fail to do what they can to make the teachers feel supported. From new teacher induction, to Ayeska inservice, to the retreat, every event this year has been well-planned and enjoyable. I'm looking forward to seeing how much Kate & Nicole accomplish during their second year as Curriculum Directors!	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher