

Site Report – Newhalen – September, 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Newhalen School

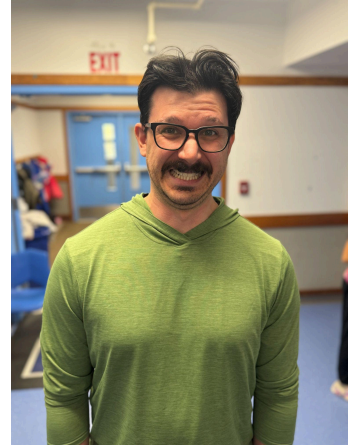
Photos & Description of Activities and Events



Preschool- Kelsea Rychnovsky



K/1- Stephanie Barthelman



Student Teacher- Joe Aquino



1/2 - Alexis Pursell



2/3 - Marcie Lester



Student Teacher- Mitchell Ellsworth



4- Erik Schneider



5/6- Roy Womack



MS/HS- Megyn Reedy



MS/HS- Sydney Robertaccio



MS/HS- Kristin Moore



Special Education- Chelsea Nelson

Paraprofessionals:



Sarah John



Savannah Anelon



Katie Hanson

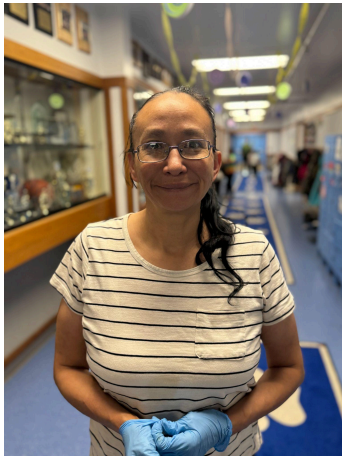


Henry Olympic



Kelsea Rychnovsky

Janitorial Staff:



Jonelle Ludvick



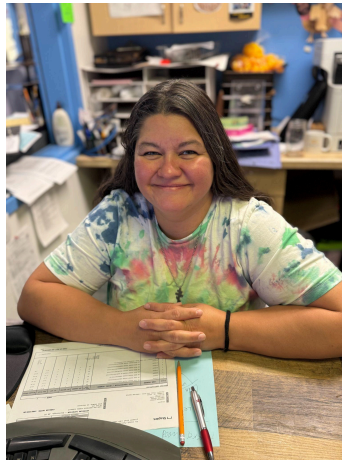
Nathan John



Maintenance - Dean John



Head Cook- Sheena Ishnook



Administrative Asst- Evelyn Trefon



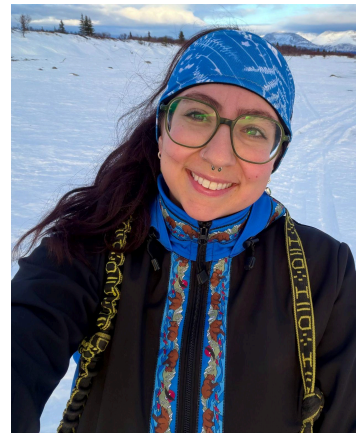
Principal- Ed Lester



Game Day Master- Bob Rychnovsky



LPSP School Social Worker (In Training)
Elisabeth Ludwig



School Counselor & BBRCTE Career Guide
Patty McCasland (she/her)

LPSP



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Personnel Update

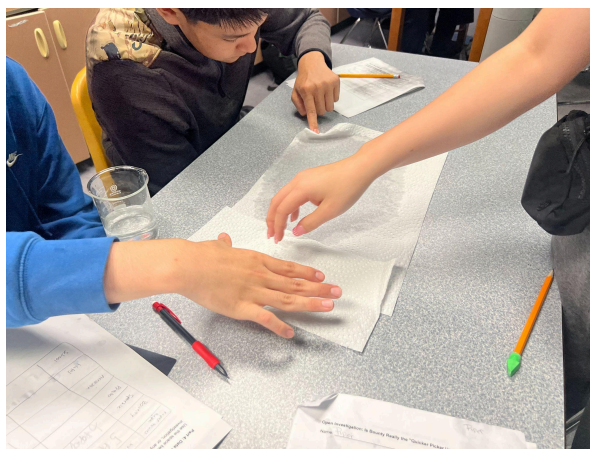
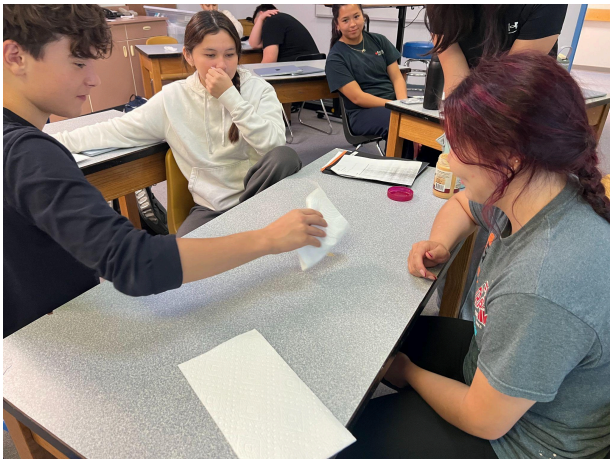
We have hired a new cook and are currently looking for a new cook helper.

Classroom Highlights

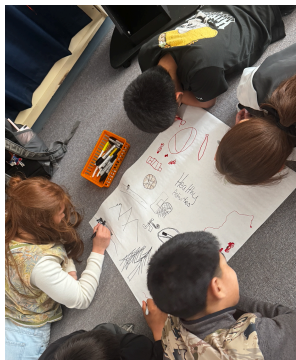
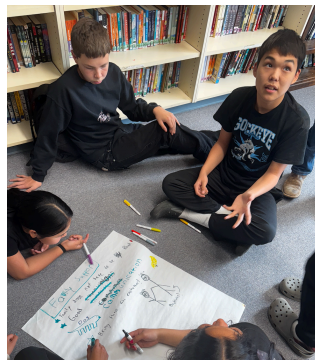
(Place based projects highlighted, focus on literacy, support received, etc)



Secondary students on the first day of school. 39 students in the secondary program this year.



High school physical science started off the year by creating their own investigations to test paper towels and see if Bounty really is the “quicker picker upper”.



Secondary students working in groups to identify their Sources of Strength.



Students practicing integer addition with cards as positive and negative values.

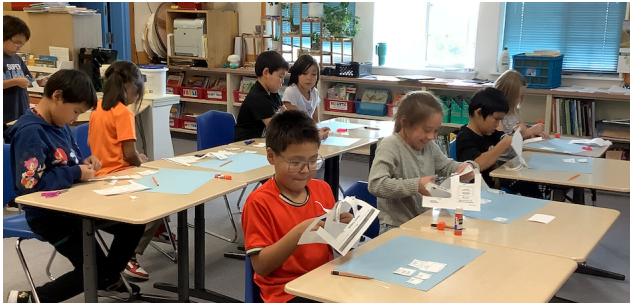
Students are using the Glowforge to design keychains and earrings to fundraise for the lunch/snack program.



First/Second grade Classroom pets
(found on the side of the road!!!)



First day of school photoshoot with our new murals!



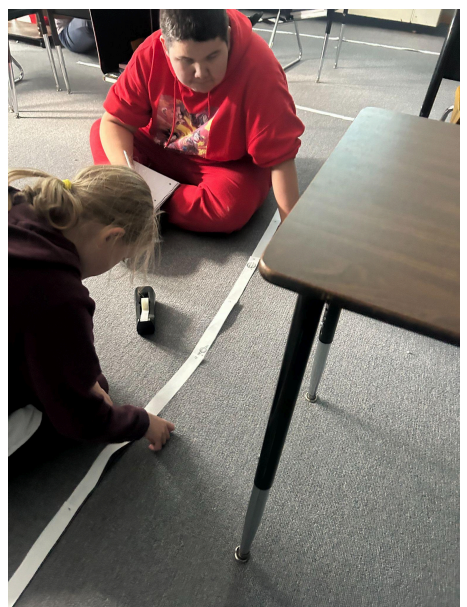
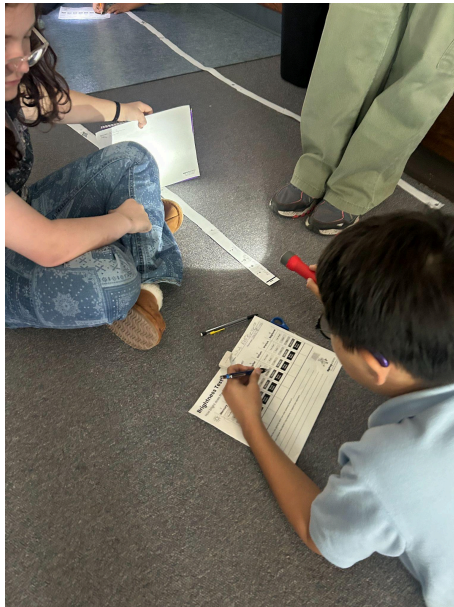
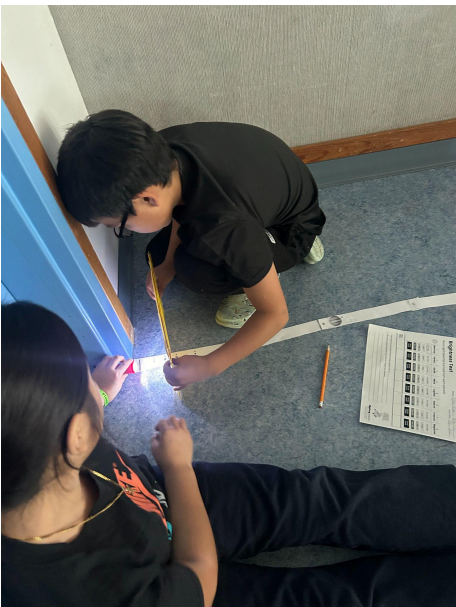
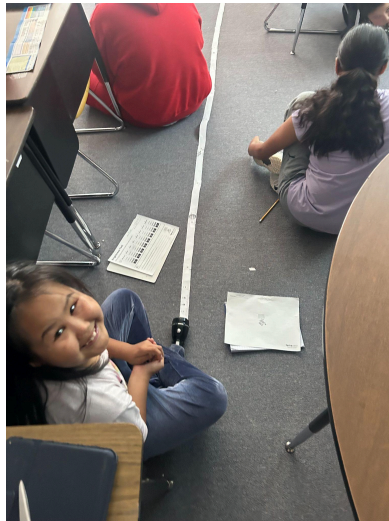
Starting a unit on Geography. Beginning with a mapping activity.



Elementary students learning with new reading curriculum



First day of Preschool!



Level 5/6 students working on Patriot Day activity and science project

LSAC Activity
Evelynn Trefon- Chairperson Dawn Wassillie- Vice Chair Ayla Rickteroff- Secretary Kelsea Rychnovsky- Board Member Amanda Parker- Board Member LSAC held a meeting on August 31st. Welcomed Amanda to the board.
Community Engagement
Back to school night was held September 9.
Professional Development
Staff was focused and involved in teacher inservice. Patty spent three days in Anchorage with RootEd learning more about Career Guidance and supporting students in post secondary planning. The Student Services team spent two days in Anchorage getting trained to be elementary coaches to support Sources of Strength at an elementary level. Patty was accepted to a national Grief Sensitive Schools Leadership Academy for this school year and will be working on year long professional development to better support students as they navigate grief and loss.
Pupil Overall Enrollment Number and % Attendance # K-12
Preschool: 6 K-6: 56 7-12: 40
Student and Staff Safety
Discussed driver safety with students. Teachers practice lockdown procedures with their classrooms.
Other