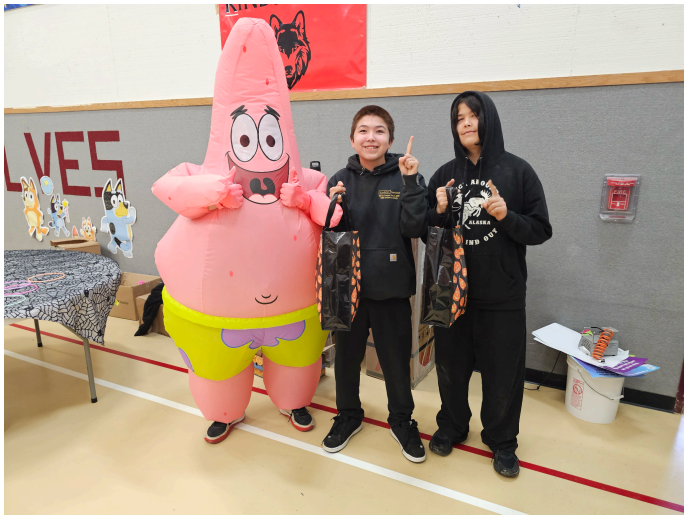
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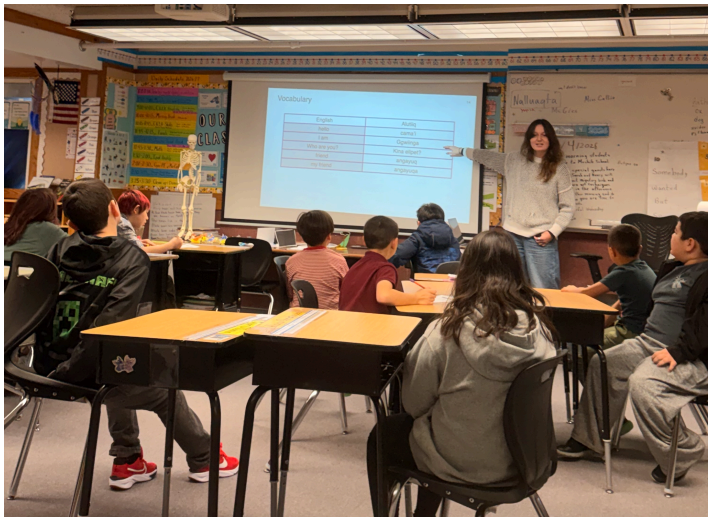
To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members	From: JW Newton, Principal

Photos & Description of Activities and Events









Personnel Update

Teachers:
K-3 Linda Gies (Returning veteran teacher)
4-5 Callie Gates (First year teacher)
6-12 JW Newton (Fourth year teacher currently serving as Principal and community Emergency Medical Responder)

Seth Wilsoncroft - Student Teacher with an emphasis on Social Studies (6-12). Seth also coaches volleyball and will return next semester as a tutor.

Classified:
Finesse Reahl - Finesse started in early October as our new cook. She also monitors Night Gym and serves as PE Aide.

Nadia O'Domin - Nadia started in late September and serves as custodian.

Classroom Highlights

Linda Gies and Callie Gates are spearheading our elementary efforts. Callie Gates leads Alutiiq language in-class instruction three times weekly. Elementary students are also currently learning about Native American Culture and Traditions (North America) and engaged in science activities that explore different human systems and how to maintain a healthy body and mind.

Middle and High School students are focused on a variety of topics and interests. Several students are also engaged with distance courses and Amplify Tutoring. Secondary students are engaged with distance courses addressing Math and ELA. Current classroom instruction includes Alaska History, World History/International Relations, and Biology, in addition to Technology and Cultural Awareness.

LSAC Activity

LSAC members are very active in the school community. Meshik staff and students appreciate the guidance and support to Meshik School whenever it is needed.

Community Engagement

Meshik has hosted several community engagement activities this fall. Most notable are Callie Gate's weekly Sugt'stun Club (Thursday) and Culture, Craft and Conversation (Sunday). These events have been a resounding success with students, staff and community

Professional Development

JW Newton is enrolled in the University of Alaska's Educational Leadership graduate program.

Callie Gates is pursuing her teacher certification through Moreland University. The program emphasizes multi-lingual learners.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

Meshik School's current total enrollment is at 22 students. Attendance at the elementary level has been excellent.

Student and Staff Safety

Staff and students meet once a month to reinforce expected and proper behavior, especially during gym time.

Other

Meshik Staff are working with The Village of Port Heiden to plan and host a Culture and Art multi-day event in February for our southern schools.

Meshik recently hired Elizabeth Perry to teach elementary. She will begin next semester and replace Linda Gies. We very much appreciate Ms. Gies' experience and leadership.