

Site Report – Newhalen – May, 2025

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Newhalen School Staff

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

Currently we are preparing for gameday for this year's culminating activity.



Girls showing support for MMIW—an

important reminder for all of us.



Athletic Award!!!!



Who is ready for preschool graduation!!!

Personnel Update

Current staff is as follows this month we are looking into what their big plans are for the summer break. We have also included our hash tag to match our summer plans.

Ed Lester



Job -Principal
Summer Plans

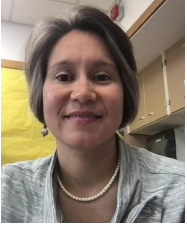
This summer we are looking at making some finishing touches to the cabin we built last year at fish camp. Along with that we will be chasing kids from camps to tournaments while constantly looking for a water hole to go swimming. #FamilySummer

James Barthelman



Job - Special Education the last 7 years in Newhalen, Girls basketball coach
Summer Plans: Work on house projects and spend lots of time adventuring. #IHaveNoIdeaWhatImDoing

Marcie Lester



Job: Preschool Teacher

Summer Plans: Clean out our house and work on some projects then begin our traveling. Go to fish Camp finish a cabin and hope for some berries and fish, go to a wedding, then travel to support our children in training for different sporting activities. #WhereAreMyKeys

Stephanie Barthelman



Job: Kindergarten and 1st grade teacher

Summer Plans: Work for LPA this summer and fall and then work on house projects while adventuring in between all the things! One family reunion and a wedding to attend also! #BookedandBusy

Alexis Pursell



Job: Elem Teacher

Summer Plans: Hiking Machu Picchu! #ElevationSickness

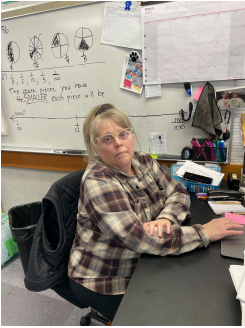
Gabrielle Calhoon



Job - Elementary Teacher

Summer Plans: Running summer school, running dogs, running around. #runner

Michele Hughes



Job 3/4th teacher Newhalen

Summer Plans: I will enjoy being a grandma, fishing and swimming on the pontoon boat, and camping around the Ozark Mountains. #Glamma

Chelsea Nelson



Job: Level 4 and 5- 1st year in district

Summer Plans: Travel between Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi visiting family and friends.

#SoaringSouthbound

Kate Cornell



Job: Secondary ELA/SS Teacher (Year 19 with LPSD)

Summer Plans:

Heading to MT and MI to visit family

Running some races

Fishing and picking berries

Going for boat rides and honda rides and enjoying the peace of summertime! #406

Sydney Boone



Job: Science teacher

Summer Plans:

Going home to NY

Professional development at Bimini Shark Lab

Scuba trip #FunLearning

Kristin Moore



Job: Secondary Math at Newhalen School

Summer Plans:

Going to the south to visit family in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri. Will spend time visiting with friends, family, and traveling. #Yeehaw

Elisabeth Ludwig



Job: LPSD Social Worker

Summer Plans: Hanging out with my newborn and 7 year old. Working over at Lake and Peninsula Airlines. #BabiesandBlueSkies



Patty McCasland

Job: BBRCTE / LPSD Career Guide

Summer Plans: This summer I'm hiking the Camino Invierno, wish me luck! I'm also going to Montana this summer to spend time with Haley, our old student teacher. We are going to go on a backpacking trip and see Caamp live. Lastly, Leah is getting married in July and I will be attending her wedding and then putting up fish in Iliamna :) #TheseBootsWereMadeForWalking

Kacy Lou Leyba



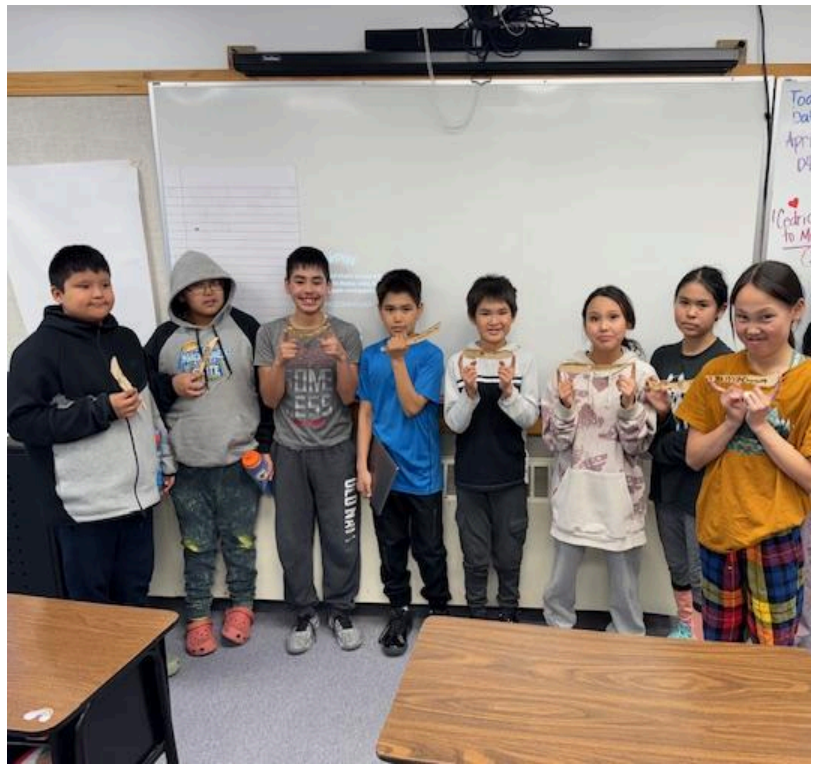
Job: LPSD Itinerant School Counselor / Student Services Coordinator

Summer Plans: Working for Lake & Pen Air in the Port Alsworth and Iliamna offices and enjoying our new land in Newhalen as often as possible. #BerryExcitedToBeAMorePermanentPartOfNewhalen

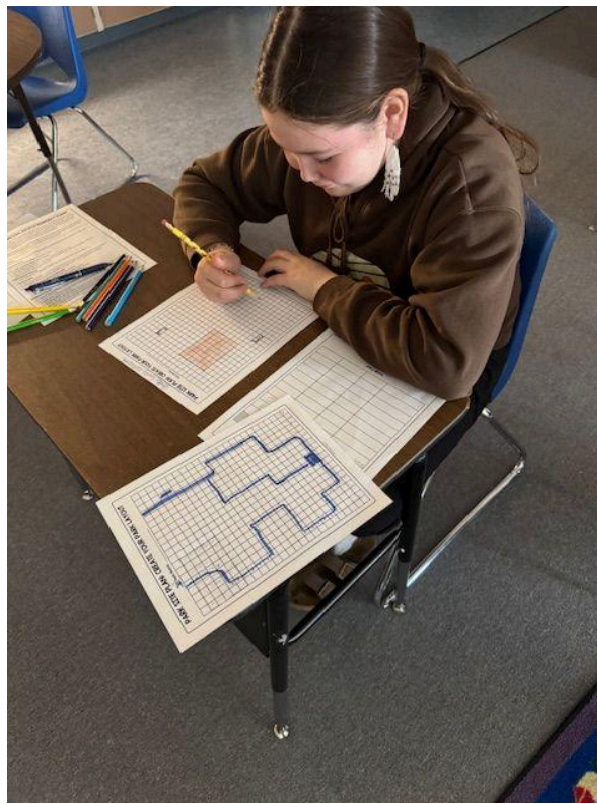
Classroom Highlights

Classrooms have been extremely busy working on end of the year projects and wrapping up standards.

Students in level 5 and 6 working on designing a story knife that will be cut out using a Glowforge laser machine from Knik Tribe. Students showing the story knives they made.



Students in level 5 math using different skills we have learned in math this year to design a park for Earth Day.



LSAC Activity

No LSAC meeting this month.

Community Engagement

Newhalen and Iliamna Communities are working towards a wellness conference May 9th-11. Tribes are supporting guest coming into our school to work with our students.

Professional Development

Our focus is on preparing for next school year during our Professional Development.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

Newhalen School had a 90% attendance rate this month.

Student and Staff Safety

This month we have focused on student health. Washing hands and coughing into our elbows.

Other