



LPSD SHINING STARS, MARCH 2022



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Patty McCasland	Newhalen	Patty has incredible heart for her students and it shows in their relationships with her both in and out of the classroom. She creates engaging lessons that allow students to challenge their own views, and does so with an openness that is so refreshing. Thank you, Patty, for all you do for the students of Newhalen!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Alex Sipherd	Newhalen	Alex has been such a light for students this year! He has an easy way about him that students are drawn to and he knows how to reach them on an individual level. He has gone out of his way to make his lessons engaging and I appreciate his sense of humor. Thanks for being here, Alex! You will be missed next year.	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Leah Talley	Newhalen	Leah, you are such a bright spot on Newhalen's staff! You bring such joy and positivity into every day and I am so happy that you are here. Your students are fortunate to have a teacher who cares so much about their academics, and also about them as people. It shows in your classroom and life in general. Thank you for being here!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Marcie Lester	Newhalen	Marcie truly cares for the students of Newhalen, in and out of the classroom. She is constantly volunteering for activities beyond the school day and is such a positive light. She cares for those around her and so genuine in her interactions. I'm so glad to know you, Marcie!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Elisabeth Ludwig	Newhalen	Elisabeth is an incredible educator! Her students are engaged, learning, and excited to be in her classroom. I am so happy that she is branching out into providing PD for other educators as well. It is so nice have teachers teaching teachers, especially with the amount of precision and depth of knowledge Elisabeth provides. Thank you!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Stephanie Barthelman	Newhalen	I had the opportunity to hang out in Stephanie's classroom and was so impressed with what her students know and can do! Her routines are set up so well that I think her students could run the classroom on their own if they truly needed to. :) Thank you for being awesome!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Stacey Morey	Newhalen	Stacey's kindergarten classroom is such an amazing space. Her routines and the things she has accomplished with her students this year and in previous years are so inspiring--especially for someone who is intimidated by early learning and early learners. :) Stacey, you bring a sense of calm to your classroom and to Newhalen that is so lovely. Thank you for being here! Your presence in the school will be missed next year!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Stephen Fink	Newhalen	Stephen, thank you for all you do for students through your counseling, and as a teacher in Newhalen. You bring a noticeable sense of grounding to the secondary and the students--something that has been so needed, especially in the past couple of years. Thank you for being here!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
James Barthelman	Newhalen	James has such heart for the students of Newhalen. He provides much more than just SPED services--he provides a listening ear to any and all, a knowledge of basketball that is rivaled by none, and a sense of humor in tough times. Thanks for being here for our students!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Ed Lester	Newhalen	There are few who are more committed to students than Ed. He is constantly searching out different activities and opportunities for students across the district, spending time on the weekends to make sure things run smoothly, and providing students in Newhalen with fair administration. Thanks, Ed! You are appreciated!	Kate Cornell, Curriculum Co-Director
Mason Phillips	Perryville	Mason is such a delight to have in school all the time. He is so caring and such a good friend and classmate. When the work is challenging, he persists until he finishes it and never gives up. He always helps out when necessary and sets a great example for his classmates. We're so happy to have you in school, Mason!	Taryn Williams, Head Teacher
Angel Yagie	Perryville	In the short time I've known her, Angel has shown remarkable educational and personal growth. Brilliant and passionate, she brings her whole self to school every day and has displayed great dedication, perseverance, and commitment. Angel has the potential to achieve anything she sets her mind to. She has proven herself more than capable of rising to any challenge. More than that, if she follows her passions, she can make an impact on the world around her! I'm proud of you, Angel!	Abigail Wiegand, Tutor/Intervention Specialist
Darren Kalmakoff	Perryville	One of our staff members is from Ukraine. As a treat for the students on the last day before spring break, we organized a workshop where she could teach them Ukrainian dance. Darren was the only student from the high school who participated, and his enthusiasm was palpable. He was a great role model for the younger students and kept everyone's spirits high. Darren will be graduating in April, but his legacy will remain in our school for years in the form of the students he influenced. Thank you, Darren, for your work and your positivity!	Abigail Wiegand, Tutor/Intervention Specialist