

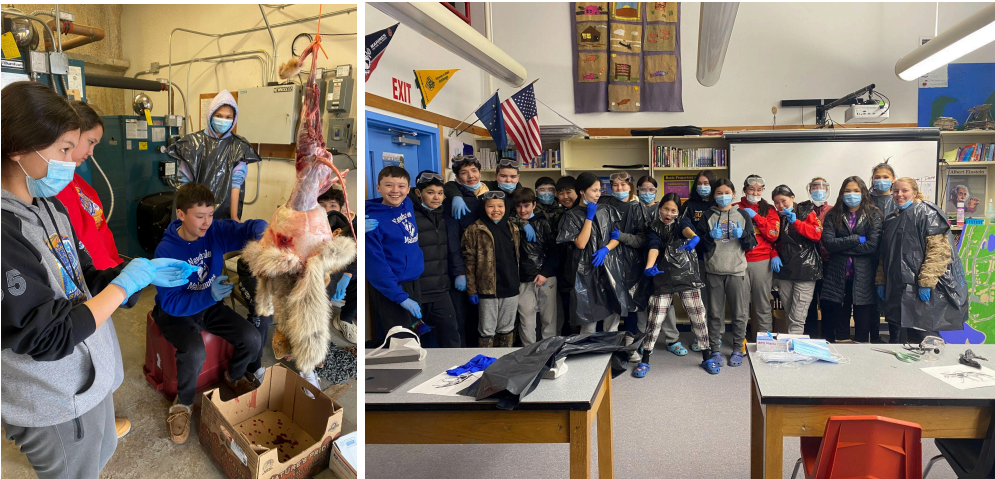
## Site Report –Newhalen – March, 2024

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Newhalen School

### Outstanding Activities and Events

Students in levels 6 and 8 science dissected a coyote in order to fulfill Life Science standards. They learned how to properly skin one from their fellow student, Lucas Anelon, and were able to look at the stomach contents, see how the eyes are connected, and get an accurate picture of where things are located within the coyote's body.



Congratulations to some awesome physical science students, Ivy Dream Ishnook, Cianne Adams, and Chariessa Askoak, who placed 2nd in the high school wind turbine competition "Clean Energy Olympics" by Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP)! They also won the "Picasso Award" for the most creative turbine!



## Personnel

One of our SPED Aides, Tracy Askoak, resigned and took another job outside of LPSD. We hired Kelsea Rychnovsky to take her place. We are happy to have Kelsea as part of our team the rest of this year and into the next school year.

We are excited to welcome Newhalen School staff that will be joining us for the 24/25 school year:

Gabrielle Calhoon-Elementary

Kristin Moore-HS Math

Chelsea Nelson-Elementary

Reliable certified and classified staff attendance continues to be an issue for Newhalen School. We have not had a single day this year of 100% staff attendance.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students and staff are very focused in wrapping up this school year and trying to complete levels and get a head start on next year's levels.

## Technology Insights

Technology this month is trying to get laptops and computers ready for state testing.

## Facility Update

Thank you to Tim and Carl for installing our new water bottle refill stations and fixing a broken water pipe in housing unit over the weekend in March.



## LSAC Activity

LSAC planned and served breakfast for the week of state testing. It continues to be frustrating for them though because state testing week is only testing for 3rd grade and older students. Testing for K-2nd grade will take place later in April and our LSAC/community doesn't have the capacity to arrange and cook meals and snacks an additional week this month. They have expressed their frustration and wish that all the testing could be in one week to be able to provide students with a hot breakfast during what can be a very stressful time.

## Volunteer Report

Our LSAC volunteered their time to cook hot breakfast during the week of April 8.

<b>Professional Development</b>
Staff are working to wrap up the different PD that they have been involved in this semester. Additionally, staff are traveling to various conferences during student contact days.
<b>Pupil % Attendance K-12</b>
Student attendance at school dropped drastically during state basketball with most of the families traveling out to attend the games.
<b>Student and Staff Safety</b>
Newhalen has been fighting a couple bugs and have put a focus on hand washing and sanitizing. Ice from the roofs and on the ground has been discussed as potential hazards.
<b>Subsistence Calendar</b>
<b>Other</b>