



LPSD SHINING STARS, JANUARY 2024



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Becca Stenson	Palmer	Becca works so very hard behind the scenes in our district to provide such a broad variety of services... you are amazing, Becca! Thank you for all of the care you take to make sure every i is dotted and every t is crossed--it doesn't go unnoticed and you are so very appreciated!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Theresa Wilson	King Salmon	Theresa is TIRELESS in her attempts to make everyone happy when it comes to district travel--a daunting task that she takes on with patience and the perfect amount of spice! :) We are so grateful to have you, Theresa, and THANK YOU for all you do for us on the daily with regards to all of our travel requests. You are so appreciated!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Diana Hejtmanek	Chignik Lake	Diana has jumped in with both feet and is ROCKING her first year with LPSD! She is positive, attentive, kind, and just an all around awesome human. I have so appreciated her joyful attitude when I've spoken with her! Thank you, Diana!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Melody Schilke	Chignik Lake	Melody has taken on the role of head teacher this year and is doing such an incredible job of keeping excellent community relations at the forefront of how she makes decisions in regards to school day happenings and events. She has such incredible positivity radiating from her! Thank you for taking on the role of head teacher, thank you for providing a stellar education to some of LPSDs littlest learners, and thank you for being who you are! I so appreciate you!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Denali Manning	District-wide	Denali is a shining light for LPSD this year! She has such a cool, calm, collected way about her... it is very soothing and I appreciate that about her so very much. I think having knowledge of our communities and their unique populations has been incredibly helpful in her ability to connect and truly understand what our students are going through. Thank you for working with our kids, Denali! They, and we, are better people for it!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Joseph Kazimirowicz	Newhalen	Joseph is an incredibly smart student who sets a great example for his peers. He works hard, is very polite, and respectful. He is a great role model and I know he has a successful future ahead of him. I appreciate the way he helps other students and acts as a leader in the classroom.	Sydney Boone, Teacher
Ivy Ishnook	Newhalen	Ivy is an incredibly smart student who works hard is very respectful to her teachers and peers. She comes to class ready to learn is always willing to stay after school to complete her assignments. I am impressed with her balance of school and sports, while still succeeding in both. For this reason, I know Ivy will be very successful in life. I hope she gains confidence in recognizing that she is an amazing student and person.	Sydney Boone, Teacher
Pagan Lester	Newhalen	Pagan is an impressive and incredibly intelligent student here at Newhalen. She works extremely hard in balancing sports, school, college classes, and many other activities. She acts as a leader in the classroom and gives students a great role model of what a successful student can look like. With her strong determination and self discipline, I know she will be very successful in life.	Sydney Boone, Teacher
Katharine Smith	Palmer	Katharine is such an incredible asset to the BBRCTE Team. I am so grateful for how she follows up on conversations and ensures that nothing falls through the cracks. Katharine's attention to detail is truly commendable, and her organizational skills are amazing. Her ability to navigate challenges with grace and a problem-solving mindset is admirable. She is always ready to offer support and her share insights. She feels like our BBRCTE mom that holds us all together :) Thank you Katharine!	Patricia McCasland, BBRCTE Career Development Specialist
John (JT) Prokopiof-Tallekpalek	Levelock	I just wanted to give a huge shoutout to JT because he was able to receive his permit without even stepping foot into the DMV! He took his knowledge test with me and was able to fill out the appropriate paperwork he needed to mail in his application. This shows an extreme amount of determination and motivation. His proactive attitude and dedication are truly commendable, setting a positive example for others. I have no doubt this mindset will help propel him into finding success into whatever opportunities lie ahead for him!	Patricia McCasland, BBRCTE Career Development Specialist
JW Newton	Port Heiden	JW has been such a joy to work with this year. He is such a fierce advocate for our students. He is a sponge, continuously absorbing new knowledge and strategies to enhance the educational experience for our students. He is always willing to chat about different BBRCTE opportunities and pushes his students toward taking advantage of every opportunity provided to him. Thank you for all that you do JW, it doesn't go unnoticed!	Patricia McCasland, BBRCTE Career Development Specialist