

Site Report – Newhalen – October, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Newhalen School



Outstanding Activities and Events



Science 6 and 8 went on a field trip to the power plant as they had been talking about geothermal energy and other alternative sources of energy in their classes. The best part is that two former LPSD students were the ones giving the tour and showing current students positions available in our own community. They talked about the training they received and the work they're doing. It was so good for our kids to hear!



Newhalen Volleyball got 3rd in their tournament that took place in Newhalen 10/12-14.



2nd grade learning about properties by dissolving candy corn in different liquids.



Level 1 working on math!



Personnel Concerns/Accomplishments

We welcomed a student teacher to our site last week. Bradley Crestani from Pennsylvania. He will be doing his time in our level 2 classroom.



Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Technology Progress

We received our new copier this week. Hopefully this will make us more efficient.
Facility Update
<p>We were very disappointed with the school board's decision to NOT pursue the building of a new duplex in Newhalen. We are VERY limited on housing and have several teachers who are eligible for retirement soon. Here is our housing currently:</p> <p>We have 6 onsite housing units that are all occupied, 1 off site rental being utilized, and 6 staff members who live in their own homes off site. If any of these teachers living off site decide to no longer teach at Newhalen School, they will need to be replaced and we will not have housing for them.</p> <p>Please reconsider pursuing new housing at Newhalen School.</p> <p>We are still awaiting our water bottle refill stations to be installed at Newhalen School. They were donated to our site in 2020 by Newhalen Tribal and the City of Newhalen.</p>
LSAC Activity
<p>Our LSAC met in October and will meet again November 8, 2023 at 4pm.</p> <p>Meeting minutes from March should be in your board report.</p>
Volunteer Report
We had a good volunteer turnout for the volleyball games last weekend. We look forward to our volunteers this weekend for our Halloween carnival.
Professional Development
Pupil Attendance
<p>Attendance has been rough this month with many germ bugs running throughout the village.</p> <p>We also had some students move to Anchorage over the past few weeks. Here is our current enrollment:</p> <p>Preschool: 13</p> <p>Grades K-5: 43</p> <p>Grades 6-12: 37</p> <p>Grades K-12: 80</p> <p>Grades P-12: 93</p>
Student and Staff Safety
Subsistence Calendar
We are already ¼ of the way through the calendar year and are trying to make each and everyday possible count towards more student learning.
Other- NIYAC/Booster Club Activities