

Site Report – School Site – Month, Year

To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Jack Walsh, Meshik/Port Heiden
Principal and the Staff

Outstanding Activities and Events

Meshik has had a great month of activities and learning since returning from the holidays. We hope you enjoy our report and get a sense of some of the great things happening in Port Heiden each day.

Personnel

- The Meshik School is excited to welcome Ms. Tess McFadden to our school. As our new tutor she is already making a big difference in our school program. Port Heiden is always grateful. For those who serve as tutors online and in person. With any luck Ms. Tess will enjoy her time at Meshik School and continue her professional career with the district in the fall.
- Mr. Sipherd was already a busy person as a teacher, dad, husband, and Head Teacher, and now he has added the title- Basketball Coach. We really appreciate him taking that on and providing that additional opportunity for students.
- A sad development occurred this week when Ms. Cruz received notice that her father had passed away. Ms. Cruz has returned to New Jersey to be with her family. The entire school and community sends their condolences for the family. We look forward to her return in a few weeks.



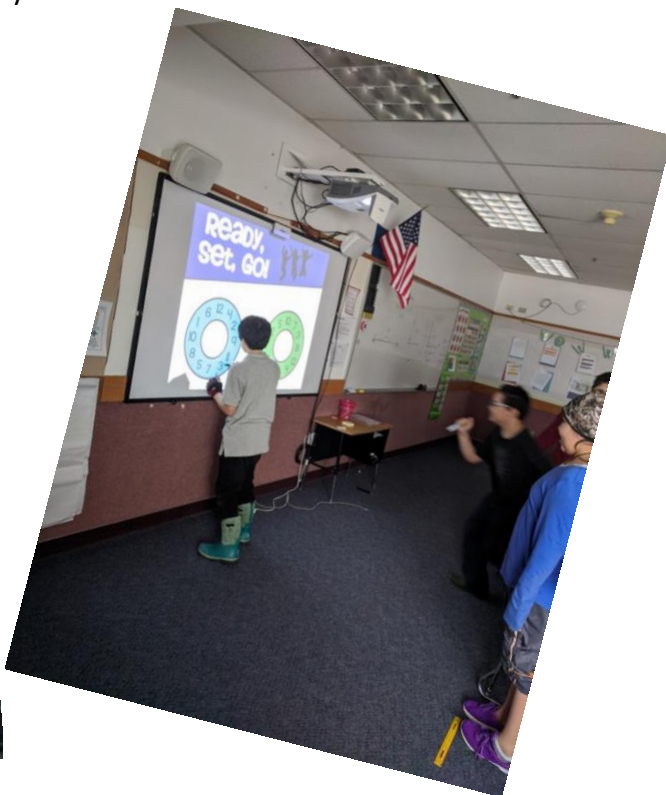
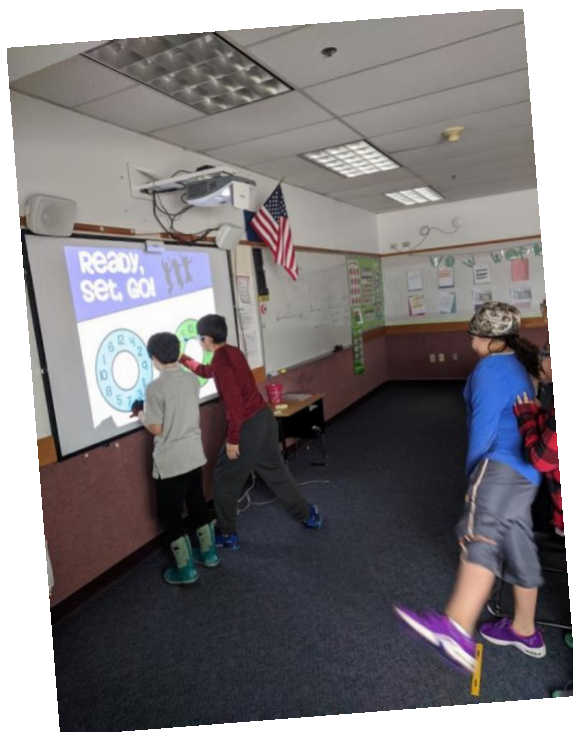
Ms. Berman carefully prepares the pizza sauce to help Mrs. Z and the Cooking Club



Our new tutor, Ms. Tess is working closely with our older students and settling in nicely at Meshik!

Standards Based System and Learning Activities

Math has never been so much fun! Each day there is time dedicated to instruction and practice using our SBS materials and a lot of technology. The use of technology and games to work on math concepts and other learning is making a real difference with everyone.



Curriculum Update-

Everyday our students are engaged in activities that help them grow and learn. Here primary students are working with Ms. Berman on an art project related to a story they had read earlier.



And so on

Cooking Club

Mrs. Zimmerman is a great teacher who has been in Port Heiden for five school years. One of her other favorite activities is to cook and she has used that passion to create a Cooking Club that meets every week. Students have been learning a variety of practical life skills, and recently they used those skills to host a pizza dinner for family and community members. The event was a great success and more than 20 people were served. Reports confirmed they had created the best pizza place in Port Heiden.



The Cooking Club involves a lot of students and staff as they prepare for their pizza dinner. It was a great success!



LSAC Activity- our LSAC has been very active this year and supporting staff and students in a variety of ways. At our last two meetings they started planning for carnival and graduation. The LSAC has also been helping with fundraisers and preparing for the ESSA audit.

Volunteer Report

At the Meshik School we are lucky to see a growing number of volunteers helping out when students are planning activities or involved in fund raising activities.

In the past week students also were treated to a guest reader, Ms. Marlene Adams who recently moved to Port Heiden. Ms. Adams facilitated a recent Gathering of Alaska Natives (GOAN) activity and had invited all students and staff to participate. She was very grateful for their participation, and on a follow up visit to the school she expressed an interest in stopping by again and working with students. We were all glad to have her as our guest reader and look forward to her next visit. Thank you, Ms. Marlene!



Trips and Activities Planned

Mr. Alex has been working with students in gym and after school activities. He sent this photo and caption... "Below is a picture of the boys playing pickleball. The fact that they were open to developing skills in a new sport for gym is progress in the right direction." We know how much everyone loves volleyball and basketball. Now we have another fun sport to play.



Cooperative Learning and Mentoring-

Native Youth Olympics are an activity that many students participate in, but its not always easy to find someone to come into the school and teach skills to our students. We were lucky when Severin offered to take the lead on some training sessions with younger students. We all know that a great indicator that you know a skill is to be able to teach it to others. We are thankful for Severin and his efforts to support other students.



Pupil Attendance:

We continue to closely monitor attendance and provide academic programs that students want to participate in. While there are a few students who are absent too frequently, most are in school everyday and up to the challenges presented.

Student and Staff Safety is still a top priority and between the school efforts and family support, we believe this is a real strength at Meshik. It was great to see the community take bullying and other topics on as part of their GOAN. The school and community are all better connected in these areas now, than at an other time in our school year.

Subsistence Calendar



Mr. Sipherd's engineering challenge- Students were given 8 pieces of scratch paper to build a foundation/footing to hold as much weight as possible. Ian's creation held 85 pounds of books, and Severin's held 185 pounds. It was a great learning experience and will be continued as an activity in the weeks ahead.