

Site Report –Newhalen – February, 2025

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Newhalen School

Outstanding Activities and Events

Planning for Iliamna/Newhalen Carnival- Roadhouse Rumble

Newhalen School will be hosting the Annual Roadhouse Rumble (2/13-2/15) and Carnival (2/12-2/16). It is a wonderful time for our communities to come together and celebrate winter activities.

Middle School Basketball Tournament (1/22-1/25)

Newhalen School hosted the 3 man basketball tournament. It was a fun time and nice to see kids from all over the district.

Language classes- Yugcetun and Dena'ina

The Yugcetun and Dena'ina classes have resumes for the semester. No one has shown an interest in attending from Newhalen School for Dena'ina. The Yugcetun class has 10-15 students on Tuesdays and Thursdays in grade 3-5. This week we practiced our introductions, identifying the weather and how to say it, as well as going over the calendar and alphabet sounds.

Battle of the Books- we are excited for the upcoming battle of the books competition.

Science 8 worked with level 3 students to study microfossils from the Burke Museum in Washington.





Science 6 working hard on their hydrosphere lab.

Newhalen's boys and girls basketball teams traveled to King Salmon for the annual Sockeye Tournament. Then headed to Fairbanks for a wonderful road trip and another tournament. They participated in many fun experiences, including touring UAF, Denali National Park entrance, and visiting the Santa Clause House in the North Pole.



Level 4 and 5 worked life skills by opening and breaking down boxes, sorting items, writing the date on all items, and organizing and rotating items on shelves of food that was donated to our food program.



Personnel

We are currently planning on staffing for next year.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students are working very hard to push through some levels and even get a head start on new levels.

Technology Insights

We are looking forward to a visit from Schyler; he is due to be here in February.

Facility Update

We will require more housing for teachers next year.

LSAC Activity

President- Evelyn Trefon

Vice President- Dawn Wassillie

Secretary- Lydia Wassillie

Member- Brenda Hill

Member- Kelsea Rychnovsky

Student member- Ava McCoy

Next meeting February 26 @3:45pm

Volunteer Report

Numerous volunteers

- Joann Lester has been amazing in helping with lunches and meal planning for our visiting teams. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to our Malamutes! Other parents and staff have stepped up to assist in the fundraising and volunteerism.

- Iliamna/Newhalen Carnival and Roadhouse Rumble- Margie Olympic, Sarah Armstrong, Chastity Anelon, Evelyn Trefon, Martha Salitan,

Professional Development

Two teachers attended classes in ANC for the C3 (Creating Cultural Competence) program reports came back very positive for this.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

Student attendance has been steady throughout the winter. We had zero students with 100% attendance in 2nd quarter. We are encouraging them to attend and are hopeful to have better attendance this quarter and semester.

Student and Staff Safety

We talked to students about driving 4-wheelers safely, especially in the community.

Also we talked about remembering to use your headlights at dusk and dawn and in foggy weather.

Subsistence Calendar

Students and teachers continue to struggle to get standards met with the 20 less days than other school districts.

Other