



LPSD SHINING STARS, NOVEMBER 2022



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Kate Cornell	Newhalen	Kate is one of the most supportive and encouraging staff I have met thus far in my time with LPSD. She is willing to sit down and talk about small ideas and make them larger, planned-out ideas. She makes me feel competent and capable at my job, even on days when I am not feeling competent and capable. I appreciate her encouragement and ability to see the bigger picture.	Patricia McCasland, Teacher
Leah Talley	Newhalen	Leah's dedication to her students, our school, and the community is evident in everything she does. For the last two years, she has coached both Cross Country and Volleyball, two sports that overlap with their seasons. Her unwavering commitment and love that she gives to the students here at Newhalen is admirable. She is a great role model and support system, especially for our secondary students. Thank you for your dedication Leah, it doesn't go unnoticed.	Patricia McCasland, Teacher
Carl Adams	King Salmon	Carl came to Perryville on a brief trip to check in and make some updates. He was helpful and attentive the entire time and made sure to touch base on all of our concerns. I was impressed with how much he was able to do during such a short visit and grateful for his support! Our school looks so much better already. On top of all of that, Carl was incredibly friendly and it was a pleasure getting to know him better!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Chastity Anelon	Newhalen	Rain, Snow, Sun, 6am or 6pm; Chasity is there for our youth! She helps as a score keeper for basketball and volleyball and will help where ever she is needed. Chasity is a star volunteer and Iliamna/Newhalen is blessed to have her!	Shannon Johnson, School Board Member
Jeff Russell	Newhalen	Jeff is new to Iliamna/Newhalen and has hit the floor running! He is helping to revamp the First Responder team, he is subbing at the Newhalen School as a teacher and/or Custodian, and he is always happy and kind to everyone! Thank you Jeff and welcome to you and your wife Jackie!	Shannon Johnson, School Board Member
Harvey Anelon	Newhalen	Harvey has always been the best score keeper in the State, he has volunteered thousands of hours to our athletic program. He knows everyone in the region and he is often giving compliments or cheering up athletes. Thank you Harvey for your service, we need more volunteers like you!	Shannon Johnson, School Board Member
James Barthlemen	Newhalen	Mr. B is a great asset to our district and Newhalen School. He and his family are always involved in all community events, school activities and he also is the Special Ed Teacher and Girls Basketball Coach. He always is smiling, talking to kids and families or enjoying the beauty and weather of his home town. I often have had students share how wonderful he is as a school staff and they are happy he and his family moved here. Thank you Mr. B for always helping where ever you are needed and helping to make the School a great place for students to learn and grow!	Shannon Johnson, School Board Member
Marisa Hobson	Kokhanok	Marisa is quiet and shy, but has the best smile and beautiful heart! She is a volunteer, foster mom, CHP and volunteer for her community. We appreciate all she does, often it is unrecognized and she continues to help, be involved, help wherever she can and give a listening ear if needed. Marisa is a graduate of Kokhanok school and now she is raising her family in her home town, and we couldn't be prouder! Thank you Marisa, you have demonstrated you are a hero and we appreciate you!	Shannon Johnson, School Board Member
Sean Adams	Newhalen	I have never seen someone more consistently animated about education. He has created a comfortable classroom that is great for kids. He pours himself into his work and is dedicated to being his best. He inspires those around him to better themselves.	Nathan McArthur, Teacher

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Taryn Williams	Perryville	Taryn took a major leap by taking on district student government. I attended AASG, which was so intense, and that is just a small portion of what she regularly does. She takes on so much for the betterment of all our students, especially her kids in Perryville. She is always uplifting and supporting others, I am so glad she is in charge of student government!	Nathan McArthur, Teacher
Ed Lester	Newhalen	Ed is the best. He supports his teachers and lets them excel at their job. I am really glad to have this opportunity to work with him in Newhalen.	Nathan McArthur, Teacher
Rachel Grossmann	Port Alsworth	Every time I've interacted with Rachel, she has truly brightened my day. Most recently, at cross-country regionals, she was enthusiastic throughout the whole weekend. Her high spirits and positive attitude made working the finish line more enjoyable for everyone who was around. This turned what could have been a monotonous job into something much more exciting. Thank you, Rachel, for always going the extra mile to be kind!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Kaitlin Applegate	Dillingham	Kaitlin is an Administrator and Grant Writer in the Dillingham City School District. She has provided LPSD and the BBRCTE program with continued support in applying for various grant monies. We are grateful for Kaitlin's willingness to work with LPSD staff in our student's best interest to complete extensive and time-consuming grant applications. Her work is invaluable in a world where grant funding is imperative to how we continue to support all students. Thank you, Kaitlin!	Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Drew Shannon	Anchorage	Although on short notice, Drew Shannon, alongside Kumi Rattenbury, was influential in pulling together the necessary resources to provide a COVID Booster and flu shot clinic at LPSD's October Inservice. A number of our staff would not have received their vaccinations if it was not for your efforts. Drew, we are grateful for your service as a Public Health Nurse!	Bill Cornell, Personnel Director
Kumi Rattenbury	Anchorage	Kumi Rattenbury has been instrumental over the past couple years in providing services and guidance that would otherwise not be accessible in many of our remote communities. A good example of this was seen just recently during LPSD's October Inservice. A few staff members reached out a couple weeks beforehand to see if it might be possible to get their COVID Booster and flu shots while out for inservice, given that this service was unavailable in their village. Although short notice, Kumi helped pull together the necessary resources to make this happen.	Bill Cornell, Personnel Director