

Site Report – Meshik School– March 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

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Outstanding Activities and Events

Meshik School hosted the Basketball Jamboree February 15-17 and it was a resounding success! Games were played, fun was had, and we had excellent community participation as well. The Wolves also participated in the district tournament held in Levelock and the combined team of Chignik Lagoon and Port Heiden took FIRST place overall! So proud of the “Wolferines” and their coaches!

Meshik had students attend the Board of Fish meetings in Anchorage through CTE and participate in the proceedings and learn about the future of fishing in Alaska. We also have students participating in Skiff Building and the Alaska Business Week during this round of CTE as well.

Personnel
Bill Harris took his two-week leave of absence March 6-17 and his presence is missed. Charisse stepped in to sub for him one week, and Kate subbed the next. We look forward to his return. Cole and Addy were out as well and we are looking for subs to fill their positions when they are on leave. Ms. Holly, our cook, also needed to head to Anchorage for medical reasons and we most definitely look forward to her return. We do not have a very deep sub pool, so any absence in school staff is difficult to fill. We have posted a “Sub Worker” position and are hopeful we can get a few more people ready to fill in when folks are out.
Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress
Port Heiden upper elementary students finished reading “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” and watched the movie to compare/contrast the stories. Lower elementary has been working side by side with LSAC and community member Jaclyn Christensen to learn Yup’ik and Alutiiq words for everyday use. In the secondary, students are working on completing levels in RE, WR, Social Studies, and Science. Non-core is being covered in a variety of ways, from experiencing out, to individual projects, to CTE, and Culture Week in late April.
Technology Progress
Starlink has been installed at Meshik School! We are hopeful this will alleviate some of the internet problems we have had in the past.
Facility Update
All facilities are functional.
LSAC Activity
The February meeting was canceled due to travel constraints and the Jamboree. The March meeting will be held March 15th.
Volunteer Report
Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the Jamboree! It was much appreciated! We also had some volunteer action in the kitchen when Ms. Holly was out in Anchorage.
Professional Development
Meshik School staff continues to attend the district-wide professional development sessions. We are starting to look at State Testing (April 4-7) and PD will be focused on that for the next couple of sessions. Stephanie attended the ASTE Conference in Anchorage in mid-February.
Pupil Attendance
Attendance is still not stellar, but it improved when students were concerned with remaining eligible for sports. There is hope that with parent encouragement, it will maintain throughout the spring.

Student and Staff Safety

Meshik School continues to provide all students with a safe and suitable learning environment which will be enhanced with student's improved attendance and completion of classwork. We took a "weather day" during the last week of February because of the extreme wind and blowing snow. This day will be made up on April 29th, the Saturday that coincides with Culture Week.

Subsistence Calendar

Meshik School staff continues to provide a rigorous education for students in light of the shortened calendar.

Other

Students worked hard to complete their bird calendar entries! See below for some sweet examples:



Shown below are the lower elementary students participating in STEM and puzzle building activities.

