

## Site Report – Meshik/Port Heiden – November 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Tim Hatch, Head Teacher  
Nate Davis, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

- Volleyball Districts/Regionals: The Meshik Wolves represented Port Heiden very well as they fought and battled and befriended everyone at the year-end VB tournament. Not only did they play very well and ended up in 3rd place, but they were also respectful and helpful off the court. Adin Griechen was voted onto the All-Tournament team for his skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Ian Kosbruk and Andrew Lind were voted onto the Sportsmanship and Citizenship team.



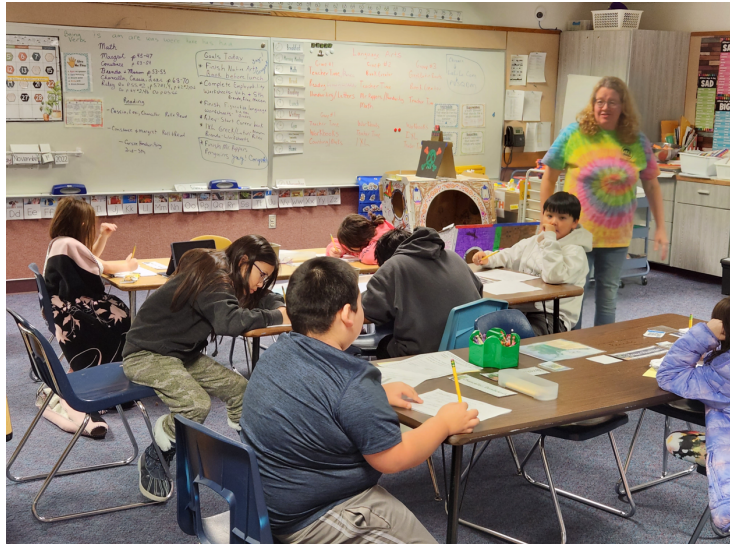
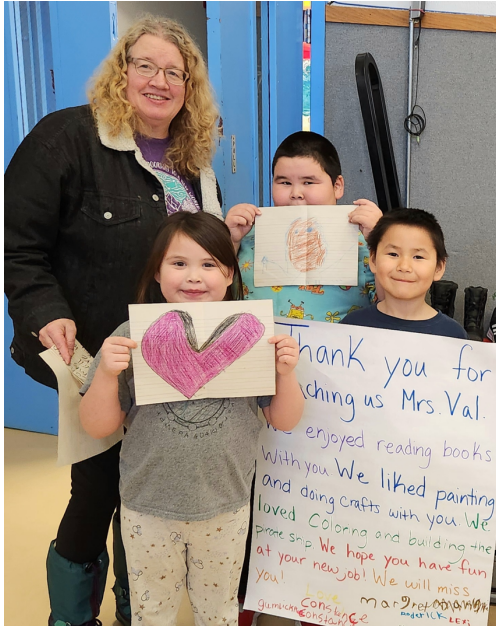
- First Aid and CPR: Congratulations to several high school students who spent time and extra time getting trained in First Aid and CPR and earning their certificate. A big thanks to the clinic, village, and instructor Ben Maxon.





## Personnel

- Valerie Burgess deserves a huge shout-out for giving her entire fall as a long term substitute for our K-5 class. Students were excited, engaged in learning, and had three great months of academic achievement. Many tears were shed when she returned home after the first week of December.



- Give a big Wolf Welcome to Stephanie Canning. She steps in from Chignik Bay to take over in the K-5 classroom.
- Get ready for a big Wolf Welcome to Dwight Homstad who will be coming the first week of January to take the older elementary class, while Ms. Canning will then focus on the K-2 class. Mr. Homstad plans to stay until our Katie Zimmerman returns on February 6th.
- Thank you to the LPSD District Office for investing so much into Meshik School. All of these changes, including the great addition of Cole and Addy Bergmann earlier in the year, take a huge amount of time and money and most importantly the eagerness to do what's best for kids! Thanks to Superintendent Luke and Director of Personnel Cornell for their recent visit to support us.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Huge Relief Map of the United States by Miss Val's K-5 Class... and they learned their state capitals as well.



## Technology Progress

Students and teachers all have LPSD-loaned devices in good shape. Bandwidth is slow for some things, but seems to stream distance classes consistently. Distance teachers put in amazing preparation, delivery, and encouragement as well as office hours for those students desiring better understanding.

## Facility Update

The school structures withstood the 117 mph winds in early November with little damage. However, the wind blew the back window out of our truck and some homes and shops around town took on even more damage. A huge thank you to Carl and Mark for all their repairs to the truck window, teacher plumbing, and other items during their recent visit.

## LSAC Activity

The two remaining members of Meshik LSAC met in November with several other interested parents and all the teachers and the principal. Several items were discussed as to how to improve the learning environment <https://lpsd.zoom.us/j/88151752485?pwd=MWINRWtRU0kyNzMwK3BzNFRVdGI0QT09at> school. Several parents filled out Declaration of Candidacy forms and the remaining LSAC members planned to hold elections after the 10-day waiting period. A Round Table discussion was also held with all 7th-12th graders, several parents, and the teachers and principal. All parties listened well to each other. Several ideas were voiced as to how to improve the school environment and within a couple of days, Principal Davis outlined several of those changes in person with the students and staff and by letter to parents.

## Volunteer Report

Parents and other village volunteers continued to stop by the school for an hour or more at a time to support student learning during the month of November.

## Professional Development

Teachers continue to complete statewide mandatory trainings as well as learn from Late Start Mondays, Tuesday Power Hours, and spontaneous training from colleagues on a helpline.

## Pupil Attendance

- Meshik students had a 76% attendance rate for November.
- Meshik students have a 74% attendance rate the 22-23 school year.
- Losing 25% of teaching and learning days has hampered academic progress for absent students.

## Student and Staff Safety

On the big wind day, Head Teacher Tim Hatch battled his way to the school only to find the fire alarm going off. A quick inspection and response by Cole Bergman and Mr. Hatch found an electrical short in the boiler room. They put out an immediate call to Tim McDermott. Mr. McDermott was able to carefully, concisely, and immediately talk them through safe protocol to eliminate the threat and to secure building safety. Commendations go out to all parties. Due to the wind and fire alarm on a Late Start Monday, we canceled school for the day to ensure student safety.

## Subsistence Calendar

There is not much subsistence activity in November, but with our shortened school calendar, our educators are mindful of the loss of 20 days of school and so try to encourage 1) parents and students to be in school every day and to take family vacation and medical breaks during school breaks, 2) students to complete homework on time to the best of their ability, 3) teachers to stay focused on standards and avoid fluff activities and time-fillers, 4) Experiencing Out of levels with out-of-school authentic educational experiences, and 5) encourage reading, writing, and math during the summer months!

Other

