



# LPSD SHINING STARS, OCTOBER, 2025



NAME	LOCATIO	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Laura Hylton	Palmer	Thank you for your professionalism and capacity to juggle all the books and keep all of the various balls in the air. Master level juggler! It is truly awe-inspiring and very much appreciated.	Nathan McArthur, Ed Tech/Homeschool
Sarah John	Newhalen	I just wanted to take a minute to recognize Sarah John. We are so unbelievably lucky to have her as part of our team here in Newhalen. Her creativity and dedication to the students and school environment helps make our school a warm and welcoming place. At the start of the school year, Sarah designed beautiful bulletin boards and backdrops that set a positive tone for students, staff, and families, and the community. Her creativity not only brightens up our hallways but also creates an inviting environment that helps students feel excited as they walk through our doors each and every morning. Quyuana for all that you do Sarah!	Patricia McCasland, Career Guide
No-See-Um Blog	Igiugig	I would like to thank the Igiugig School and the No-See-Um Blog. I found the blog on the LPSD website. I am a teacher, and I teach classes remotely on Outschoool.com. I teach Roblox scripting and computer programming and live in Las Vegas, Nevada. I received a notification that the Lake and Peninsula School District was listed as one of the places eligible to take my classes on the site. I had never heard of this part of the country, so I wanted to learn more and familiarize myself with the area. The blog's content is not recent, but it provided such richness and a wonderful glimpse into the people in your community. I enjoyed reading about the trip to New Zealand. It was fun to read about how excited the kids were to receive new jerseys for their team. The Flaming Stars name comes from a song written by Elvis. Being from Vegas, I know a little bit about Elvis, haha. Of course, one blog cannot encompass everything about a place or the people who live there, but after reading it I feel better equipped to speak about it. I thought it would be nice to share that with you. The kids in those photos are adults now, and I hope they know their words continue to shed a wonderful light on the place they call home.	Jen Hayden, Outschoool Teacher
Ryley Young	Newhalen	This week, Ryley has been in Dillingham for our BBRCTE Introduction to Bristol Bay Fisheries class. I am thoroughly impressed with Ryley's leadership and attitude during this week. He has been a strong role model for others, encouraging healthy habits and positive behaviors. His ability to encourage his peers to stay focused and motivated is inspiring. It is evident that the younger students look up to him and his positive influence has been felt by everyone. On top of this, he is consistently engaged, participates fully in class, networking with other professionals in the fisheries industry, and showing genuine investment his learning. Thank you for being a good human, Ryley, keep it up!	Patricia McCasland, Career Guide