

Site Report – School Site – November, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Ed Lester, Newhalen

Outstanding Activities and Events

Fill us in with pictures and descriptions of outstanding activities and events



Newhalen volleyball traveled to Port Alsworth for the Big Mountain Tournament and placed 4th.

Personnel

(Who is teaching what - start of the year, classified vacancies, praise/thanks for personnel at site and across district for your school).

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Upper Levels

- Science 8: Moving into the biology unit, we watched yeast reproduce under a microscope, extracted DNA from strawberries, and are moving towards dissecting owl pellets as well as other hands on activities and dissections.

- Math 7: Learning about percentages and applying real world examples of leaving tips at restaurants or understanding the percent chance of something (weather for example).

- Math 8: Learning about geometry and transformations of figures on a coordinate plane.

- Math 9: Learning about properties of functions and how they are created on a coordinate plane. We are looking at real world examples as many functions in physics (for example, a graph of height vs time of a rocket shooting into the air) are similar to what we are learning in Algebra 1.

- Physical Science: We are finishing up learning about the physics of forces and motion and are now moving into energy transfer where we will be building mini log cabins and testing different types of insulation by leaving them outside. We will also do other labs to test energy transfer.

First Grade: Things are going super well. We are working through reading, focusing a lot on foundational skills, especially with the help of MClass, along with adding new skills. I've already seen great growth from all students from interventions. We just finished unit two in math, and will be starting unit three coming up. We've knocked out a few science standards, and the focus between now and Christmas break will be some social studies standards. We also plan to start getting ready for the Christmas Program.

Technology Insights
Students are still enjoying our simulators. Thank you to James for working hard to organize our computers and put together a spreadsheet so we will know which system they are running.
Facility Update
Hot water went out to some of our houses. Dean was able to make a temporary fix until Carl was able to come up and make a permanent fix.
LSAC Activity
(Onboarding of Members (names), shifts throughout the year, schedule of meetings, goals, etc)
Volunteer Report
<p>Student Government:</p> <p>We had a great turn out for regional volleyball! Thank you to Sarah Armstrong for helping facilitate the adult volunteers, and to everyone who helped with meals and donations. I had a lot of help from students running concessions and they were super on top of things. Shirt selling was successful and we sold about 25 shirts. I spoke with Evelynn about SG helping host the upcoming Bazaar. Student government will continue to meet to plan on future events.</p>
Professional Development
Teachers are working on PD that directly affects their classroom. Our K-4 teachers are extremely enjoying and gaining a lot of information from the continued Wednesday early release.
Pupil % Attendance K-12
Attendance remains a focus point. We are shooting for students to be above 90%.
Student and Staff Safety
Talked to students on parking lot safety.
Subsistence Calendar
Other-Pictures of Classrooms









