

## Site Report – Port Heiden – November, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Josh Stauber, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

**Congratulations to Karina Christensen for meeting all of her graduation requirements! We celebrated her accomplishment on November 18th.**

Meshik will be partnering with the Alaska Humanities Forum to invite them into our school Dec 12-13 to lead our older kids in activities to help them discover and celebrate their identities.

### Exploring My Identities Intensive

Dec. 12 & 13  
9am-3pm  
Meshik School

All 8th-12th  
graders

Led by Alaska  
Humanities Forum  
Staff and local  
community members



Who am I?

What makes Port  
Heiden, Port Heiden?  
How does where and  
how I live shape me?

What story do I  
want to tell about  
who I am?

How can I take care  
of myself when I'm  
uncomfortable?

**You will explore these questions through games, cultural activities, and discussions. We'll even make fry bread and go on a walking field trip!**

**Invite community members to come and participate for some or all of the intensive. Tisha and Toni will be joining us!**

Questions? Call or text Ilakucaraq  
Staff Molissa at 907-854-0829  
<https://www.akhf.org/programs/ilakucaraq>



Ilakucaraq is funded by the U.S.  
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Native Education Program.

Halloween party at Meshik:





Our elementary students celebrated our local veterans:



## **Personnel**

Welcome:

Chanel Chuckwuk has joined us. Chanel is currently helping out in the classroom as an aid, and will be our preschool teacher starting after Winter break.

Meshik is excited to be able to offer preschool for our kids for the second semester!

Julia Colucci will be transitioning from student teacher, to taking over as our elementary classroom teacher for Linda Gies for the second semester.

Principal: Josh Stauber

K-3: Linda Gies (first semester)

K-3 Julia Colucci (second semester)

4-9: Katie Zimmerman

10+: JW Newton

## **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

- Teachers are working hard to help our kids reach academic success.
- We continue to emphasize reading, writing and math
- Interventions are being implemented to help our students reach the standards
- Focus in the secondary is to help our students meet the standards required for graduation

## **Technology Insights**

- Internet has been working well
- LPSD technology department has been responsive and a great resource.

## **Facility Update**

Richard Zimmerman has been doing an excellent job keeping our facilities operational and clean.

Tim McDermott has been out to Meshik to explain the facilities, and make sure everything is in working order. He is full of knowledge, and has been a great resource!



## LSAC Activity

LSAC meetings have occurred Sept. 12th, Oct. 4th, and Nov. 1st  
Next meeting is scheduled for Jan 9th.

Members include: President Toni Christensen, Vice President Jaclyn Christensen, Secretary Tisha Kalmakoff, and Member Maxine Christensen

Goals:

- School/Community Collaboration
- Increase opportunities for students through: Student Government, Athletics, CTE, Project based learning, and community involvement.
- Maintain communication
- Focus the school being a community event location
- Working to help our students meet graduation requirements

## Volunteer Report

We are currently looking for opportunities for community members to volunteer and share their knowledge.

## Professional Development

- 2 staff members continue to participate in Culturally Responsive Training through the C3 program and UAA.
- Early literacy training weekly through Professional Learning Communities in conjunction with the Alaska Reads Act.
- Our entire teaching staff will be attending MTSS training in person at the end of January in Anchorage.

## Pupil Attendance

We currently have 24 students

- K-3 (6)
- 4-9 (7)
- 10+ (11)

November attendance:

- K-3 (80%)
- 4-9 (85%)
- 10+ (75%)

## **Student and Staff Safety**

We are currently looking to partner with Olivia Bridges to bring in her expertise to support student mental health.

Dr. Benjamin Maxon visited the village in November to provide training for first aid/cpr.

JW Newton (HS Teacher) took part in the Emergency Response Training and is now certified to respond should an emergency occur.

## **Subsistence Calendar**

Everyone is looking forward to a well earned Holiday break!

## **Other**

Things are going well in Port Heiden, and I (all of us) feel fortunate to be part of such a supportive community, and caring LPSD team.