

Site Report – Meshik School – OCT 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Tim Hatch, Head Teacher and
Nate Davis, Principal

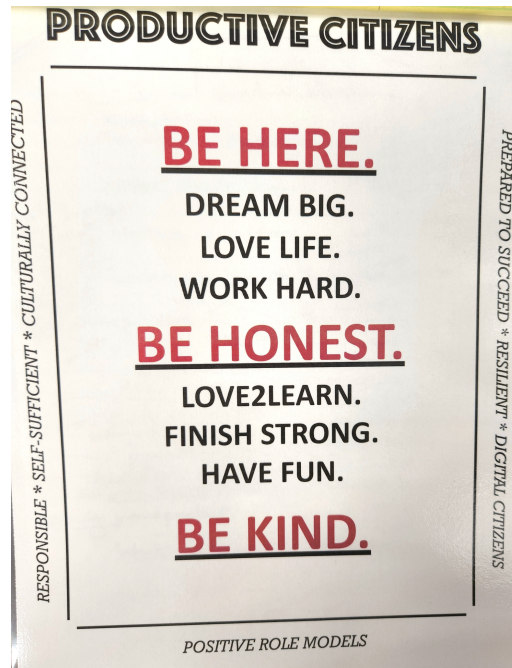
Outstanding Activities and Events

- Pre-school classes opened October 25th, thanks to Addy Bergmann’s willingness to teach.
- Dr. Barbara Riley gave physical exams to high school students for athletic eligibility.
- Eligible student-athletes represented Meshik School in the LPSD Cross Country and Mix-3 Volleyball Jamborees in Port Alsworth and Levelock.
- Students participated in BBRCTE Culinary and Skiff Build classes.
- First Quarter Progress Reports enabled better communication with parents during scheduled Parent-Teacher conferences.
- A bus driver was hired to provide transportation to school for every child Pre-K to 12th Grade.



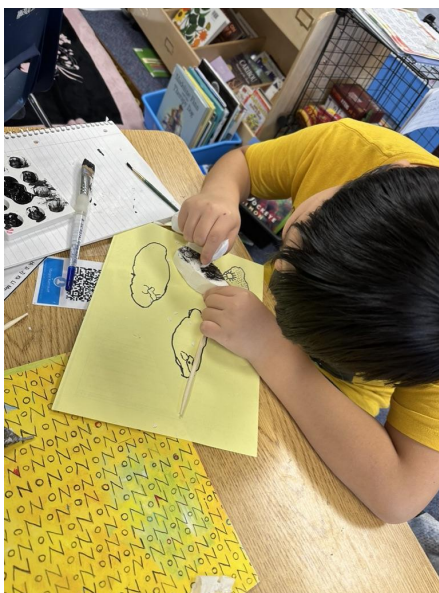
Personnel

- Thank you to Cole and Addy Bergmann who moved up from Illinois to fill our preschool aide, classroom aide, bus driver, PE aide, and custodian positions!!! What would we have done without them?
- Continued thanks to long-term sub Valerie Burgess who works long hours to prepare and deliver excellent teaching/learning to students. She plans to move back to her home after 12/2/22.
- Progress is being made on a transition plan for teaching after Val's time is complete.



Meshik School Poster to Inspire Students

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress



K-5 Students and teacher enjoyed some time on culture projects, including scrimshaw practice!

Some students are making progress through standards. Progress on standards has been hampered by low attendance rates and incomplete assignments. Educators and parents are working to improve both.

Technology Progress

Our IT needs are being met, much thanks to LPSD IT and Amazon.com.

Facility Update

The generator functioned well during one brief power outage. Fire drill was conducted. Heating and air have been sufficient to meet our daily needs. Snow was shoveled once and salt was spread to prevent icing. Winds have not caused structural damage. After school activities were canceled once at the request of LSAC. Small water leak in the eastern teacher apartment was reported.

LSAC Activity

PTH LSAC met once in September without a quorum and is planning to meet in November.

Volunteer Report

The Village of Port Heiden has done a magnificent job of supporting the school by sending volunteers to assist with classes almost daily, one mother even dressed like Tigger and provided academic and emotional support to students. Hopefully, through an enhanced Student Government function, more volunteers will be enlisted who can present a variety of opportunities for students to earn Science, Cultural Awareness, Technology and Employability standards.

Professional Development

Teachers benefited from excellent training at October Inservice at Alyeska. Tim received mentoring from other LPSD head teachers and principals for improved efficiency as head teacher. Progress is being made in the certification process.

Pupil Attendance

- Meshik students had a 66% attendance rate for October.
- Meshik students have a 72% attendance rate the 22-23 school year.

Student and Staff Safety

We are working with the village, LSAC, and district office on bussing guidelines, to ensure safety during inclement weather.

Subsistence Calendar

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

Other



Port Heiden Caribou
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