

## Site Report – Meshik – January, 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nicole Metzgar, Principal  
JW Newton, Head Teacher

### Photos & Description of Activities and Events



## Personnel Update

### Teachers:

K-3 Rosemary Sysak (Ms. Sysak was a student teacher at Newhalen Fall 2025 and is coaching Basketball)  
4-7 Laurent Seiter (Second year teacher with LPSD, also serves as Technology Liaison)  
8-12 JW Newton (Third year teacher currently serving as Head Teacher, Student Government/School Store Coordinator and assist with local CTE efforts)

Katie Schmitt - Student Teacher with an emphasis on ELA (5-12) and Special Education (K-12). She is primarily working with Lauren but will also satisfy Special Education requirements with JW and Rosemary. Katie is also coordinating Night Gym.

### Classified:

Natalie Lind - cook, bus driver, custodial duties  
Daisy O'Domin - custodial duties (temporary)

## Classroom Highlights

Elementary students are engaged with phonetic awareness and letter sounds, team building exercises, and Amplify tutoring, in addition to art projects and physical fitness. The students are excited about Sarah Lang's (USFWS) visit in February for this year's Migratory Bird Calendar art competition.

Middle School students are focused on a variety of topics and interests, including science projects that address the life cycle of salmon and the relation to Port Heiden, culturally relevant art exercises, in addition to Aluttiq dance and music. Several students are also engaged with distance courses and Amplify Tutoring.

Secondary students are engaged with distance courses addressing Math and ELA. Current classroom instruction includes Alaska History, World History/International Relations, and Biology, in addition to Technology and Cultural Awareness. Students are also engaged in all aspects of our school store, fund raising activities and basketball.

## LSAC Activity

LSAC met on January 13th and February 4th. They are fully supportive and are excited to host LPSD's District 3 Man Basketball Tournament on Feb 16th-18th. There is discussion and pre planning of the March Spring Carnival and a Promotion Celebration for Kindergarten and 8th grade in April.

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

The next LSAC meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2026.

### **Community Engagement**

The school is working to create opportunities for students and community members to hang out and have fun after school. Movie Nights, basketball scrimmages, and Open Gym Nights are a few events that have been well attended and enjoyed by many.

The Meshik Tribal Government continues to financially support Meshik's student lunch program and freezer space for food storage. The school is very grateful for all the delicious meals they have provided.

The school and community are working together to host LPSD's District 3 Man Jamboree and Spring Carnival.

### **Professional Development**

Our K-5 teachers are learning about a new ELA program called CKLA. They are piloting the program this spring and will give feedback and recommendations to LPSD on how well CKLA works in a multi level LPSD classroom.

### **Pupil % Attendance K-12**

Meshik School's total enrollment is at 20.

December attendance rate was 75.84%

January attendance rate was 78.03%

### **Student and Staff Safety**

Trooper Jacob Barker will be coming to the LPSD District Jamboree to give a drug awareness presentation to the secondary students.

### **Other**

LPSD Maintenance visited Meshik School on January 14-19.

Bill Cornell visited Meshik School on Dec 4-5.

Nicole Metzgar visited Meshik School Dec 9-11 and January 12-14.