

Site Report – Port Heiden– January 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nathan McArthur,
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Craft night was a big hit this week with robotics, clay molding, and beading.

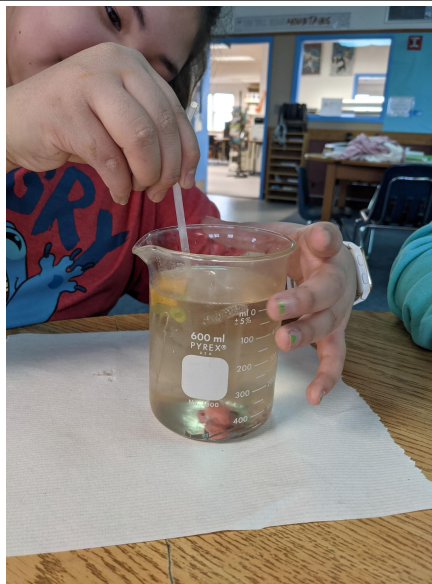


First Semesters Library event became a hybrid when we Read and made Fry Bread!!!





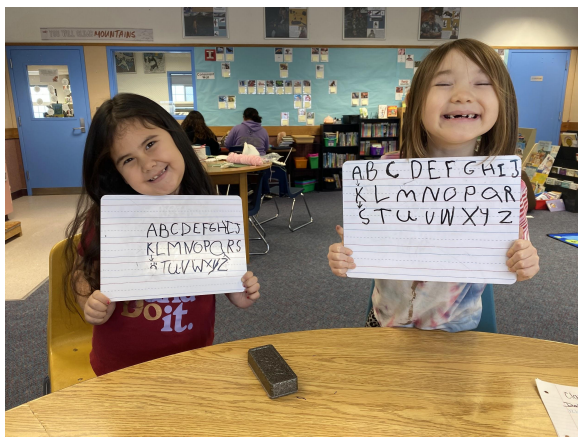
Designing and building a box fort is always a favorite.



Science in Action!!!



Dance Party to get the Wiggles and Giggles out is a must



Kinders hard at work Learning the alphabet and their handwriting skills

Outstanding Activities and Events

Library, family night, and cultural events are happening regularly and are really well attended. Christmas break was a wonderful chance to reset and recharge for the new semester. The secondary kids really appreciated the few days of no online classes as an opportunity to get caught up and do fun activities. Our new tutor and her husband arrived and are settling in nicely. Andy the husband has agreed to teach preschool which is an unexpected and much needed surprise.

Personnel

Sarah Anderson has stepped down as our preschool teacher and will be replaced by Andy Legrand. Thanks so much to Sarah for all her hard work and for being willing to train her replacement. it will help so much. Mr. Nate's working hard to manage home-bound and in-person learning with covid and trips out of the village. the secondary kids are doing a great job of staying caught up on their work. Miss Tess and Miss Z are working hard to prep for science this semester. i think the kids are in for a real treat with all the experiments they have coming up. Holly Matson continues to exemplify top-notch work in all things cooking. Xana McArthur continues to keep the school neat and tidy and we really appreciate her efforts.

Standards-Based System/Curriculum Progress

The students are trying to keep the pace up in online classes we will be monitoring this as we enter basketball season. Employability has been fun with a highlight of cold calling businesses to practice getting a job. AKCIS has provided us with interesting insights into our students' lives. The elementary classes love coming to school. they are so happy and it is so fun to watch them love learning.

Technology Progress

The printers are so nice! we have the black and white one and the color both running smoothly. thanks to sam and the IT department for coordinating that.

Facility Update

The big wind storm we had was not as bad for the school as we would have thought. only one piece of corner siding was removed. we had a bit of a scare with a vent freezing. we thought the whole sewage system was ruined, but Tim got us taken care of in no time.

LSAC Activity

We had an LSAC meeting and more activities was the theme. As a result, we are doing something every night of the week. Mon. - Craft, Tues. - Night gym, Wed. - Games night, Thurs. - Night gym, and Fri. is a teacher get-together to celebrate another week.

Volunteer Report

We really appreciate in a big way Xana and Lydia stepping in December to help substitute. We also appreciate the native village of Port Heiden for all their support for the school and community.

Professional Development

We are looking forward to having PD on Schoology as we make this transition. we are also looking at more opportunities for bringing training into our school.

Pupil Attendance

With a new semester ahead of us we are focusing on Covid to stay open. We have increased our precautionary measures. We will be focusing on providing quality hybrid instruction for those who have elected to take extended vacations during the school year or for those who choose to stay home due to covid concerns.

Student and Staff Safety

With warming temperatures deceiving, we will be encouraging outside safety and preparing for any type of weather. we elected to close the school for one day due to a powerful windstorm that ended up being very violent. many homes lost siding and there was some older abandon homes that sustained heavy damage.

Subsistence Calendar

We are seeing more slipping into old habits with attendance. Vacations at the beginning of the school year, multi-week-long visits to other sites, and longer vacations in winter. We are concerned about attendance and how we can influence the students and families to be present throughout the shortened school year. We love the calendar and what it represents, and we are hopeful it will continue.