

Early Learning & Grants Report

December 2024



Photos: Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Kokhanok, Newhalen











Learning to Sort





Fine Motor Fun



Celebrating Families



Preschool Enrollment

**Newly-Chignik Lagoon-2

Chianik Lake- 4

Kokhanok-5

Nondalton- 3

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Newhalen-12

Perryville-3

Port Alsworth- 2

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Early Learning Programs

Fully Grant Funded-Pre-Elementary Grantee

- Current to FY25 & 26 through the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
- Intend to re-apply when the new grant cycle begins
- The Program Director will continue to seek future funding opportunities to continue supporting our early learning programs for years to come!

Program Open!

• Chignik Lagoon- 1st Day: Nov. 11th

Homeschool-PreK Resources

- If you know of a family seeking homeschool supports or resources for preschool children, please share my contact.
- akresl@lpsd.com
- Outschool for LPSD Students is available
- Shared Google Drive with at home activities
- · Access to other online apps for early learning

Professional Development

- Monthly PLC-Strengthening Families
- Developing personalized professional development plans for each PreK Educator
- NW Pyramid Summit- Nov. 2024: High-quality inclusive EC classrooms, Centering equity in early learning, Effective coaching supports, Teacher toolkits for positive behaviors supports, Culture & family engagement
- Applications of Interest will be open for PreK educators to attend the Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC)- Feb. 20-22

<u>Teaching Strategies- Checkpoint #1</u>

- PreK Progress Monitoring Tool & Standards of Development: Due-Nov. 22
- Sharing data with families & creating individualized learning plans

Literacy Grants

Fully Grant Funded-CLSD Grantee

- Sunset-June 2025
- Looking forward to a new CLSD grant opportunity soon to open 2025! (Planning in progress to re-apply)
- Considerations: Bolster LPSD Mentor Program, Obtain an Updated Literacy Curriculum, Support for In-Person Professional Development, Design & Implement District-Wide Family Engagement
- Monthly Mentor Mtg- Dec. 4th: Collaborate on effective ways to support Mentees

Safer Communities & Stronger Connections Grant

- Newly Awarded- Dec. 2024!
- Supports LPSD Mentor & Mentee Program
- Provides site visits for on-the-ground support
- Mentors are supporting Mentees with the development of Place-Based Learning Opportunities for students.
- Some ideas: Traditions from Elders- canning, skin sewing, sewing Kuspuks

Learn & Grow-PreK



• Alaska's Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS)

Pyramid Model Implementation

- New monthly PLC focus (Jan.)
- Implementing best practices to support social & emotional development
- Creating high-quality learning environments to support learning, Explicitly teaching social/emotional skills,
 Fostering nurturing & responsive relationships with children and families.



Lake & Peninsula School District

Early Learning Programs



Program Philosophy

The LPSD Early Learning Programs are designed to promote academic success by implementing developmentally-appropriate & culturally-responsive practices through integrated, play-based early learning opportunities, focused on whole-child development. We strive to grow self-directed learners, within inclusive & responsive early learning environments, who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities. We aim to nourish student growth & development through active engagement and investing in collaborative partnerships with families, while honoring family heritage and providing safe & nurturing early childhood learning environments.

