



LPSD SHINING STARS, OCTOBER 2022



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Tim McDermott	King Salmon	Over the summer, we had an emergency pop up with a Perryville student. I called around to see if anyone was available to help and Tim answered right away. He went out of his way to help this student and do what was necessary to ensure that they were OK, even though it was a Friday and nearing the end of the work week. I'm grateful that Tim was there to help and that he demonstrated such a strong dedication to our students. He set such a wonderful example for the LSPD community!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Nathan McArthur	Newhalen	I am so impressed by how flexible and adaptable Nate has been about going where the district needs him! There have been many unexpected challenges and changes for him throughout the summer and he has continued to meet them with an open mind. Most recently, he stepped up to take on a position that was quite different than the one he was expecting. During these changes, he has continued to maintain a positive attitude and do what he can to support others as well. I'm very glad to be able to work with someone as kind and positive as Nate!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Marli Nikolaus	Distance	Marli has been a superstar this summer with her work on the Assessment Committee. She has been a really great support to me this summer with working on assessment creations and trying things outside of my comfort zone. She is very skilled in her craft and very knowledgeable of all things ELA. She makes me a better teacher by working alongside her. Thank you for all that you do to help transform our district and support our students.	Patricia McCasland, Teacher
Sarah Armstrong	Newhalen	We would like to recognize Ms. Sarah Armstrong with a Shining Star. Sarah has been an important part of the development of the early learning for the students for Newhalen School for 10 years! She helped grow around 100 students and prepare them to enter kindergarten. We would like to say THANK YOU to her for all her efforts inside and outside of the school and for her support. We look forward to continuing to work with Sarah in other roles outside of the school. Thank you Sarah for your service to our youth.	Ed Lester, Principal
Chasity Anelon	Iliamna	I would like to recognize Ms. Chasity Anelon for scheduling and organizing the recent Basketball and Yup'ik Language Camp in Newhalen. It was a great activity for the youth to close out the summer to get the kids excited about being back in the school. Qu yana! Chin'an! Thank you for your efforts.	Ed Lester, Principal
Theresa Wilson	King Salmon	Theresa has been at the forefront of arranging our students, instructors, teaching staff, and admin travel for nearly all of our events twelve months out of the year. Theresa is responsive to unique requests and attempts to meet everyone's needs while abiding by our policies and procedures, which can be a challenging job. Her role as Travel Coordinator facilitates getting us from point A to point B and sometimes to C, D, and F! Thank you for your hard work and ongoing dedication to LPSD's extensive travel, Theresa!	Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Matt Kuzan	Kokhanok	Matt's knowledge and ability to work with students who are struggling with behaviors have been invaluable so far this year. When going to Matt for help, he immediately stepped up to the plate and implemented many positive behavior strategies in my classroom. His ability to connect with students and contribute to our team has been wonderful. Matt's calm demeanor has been appreciated during the first few days of school and I look forward to continuing working with him throughout the year.	Dana Wolff, Teacher
Bill Cornell	Newhalen	At a time where teachers are quitting at unprecedented rates due to feeling unsupported, Bill Cornell makes me feel the opposite. This is the first time in my career that I've worked with a Director of Personnel who goes out of his way to make teachers feel like more than just a body in a classroom. From his phone calls to check in to his genuine interest in seeing how I'm doing when we cross paths, I always leave our meetings feeling appreciated and supported. Additionally, I feel Bill goes above and beyond in his position and is always reachable, no matter the question or concern. Thank you, Bill, for truly making me feel at home in this district!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Devin Kosbruk	Perryville	I am so impressed by the strides Devin has made since last year! So far, he has really stepped into his role as the oldest student in the school. He's been using some of his time to help his classmates stay up-to-date on their work and has been setting a great example for the younger students. He's also been working harder than he ever has to set himself up for success in the future and many people have noticed the progress he's made. Overall, Devin is off to a terrific start to the year and I can't wait to see what he accomplishes!	Taryn Williams, Teacher

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Leonard Cobb	Kokhanok	Starting a new school year is an exciting time for everyone, especially when students and staff are welcomed by a bright and shining school! Mr. Leonard once again has prepared our school to be a warm, inviting, and meticulously cleaned place of learning. Thank you so much for your hard work over the summer inside, outside, and especially the septic system! We all appreciate you!	Jordan Davis, Teacher
Carl Adams	King Salmon	I'd like to take a moment to thank Mr. Carl Adams for all of the amazing work he does for our school district. When Carl is around Kokhanok, he is always busy, even into the evening hours. I especially appreciate all of the time Carl has recently spent under our house fixing some heating issues, as well as making sure our school septic systems were cleared out. We are always grateful for Carl to come around because we know we are in good hands and good spirits!	Jordan Davis, Teacher
Marc Gibbs	King Salmon	I'd like to take a moment to give some much deserved thanks and appreciation for a new member to LPSD, Mr. Marc Gibbs. Marc has spent quite a bit of time here in Kokhanok, and doing an amazing job! He has spent countless hours under our house fixing heating issues, making our school bright with new lights, taking on the school's plumbing troubles, and so much more! Marc fits right, is super friendly, and is always helping to make things happen!	Jordan Davis, Teacher