

## Site Report – Newhalen – February, 2020

To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Ed Lester, Principal, Newhalen

### Outstanding Activities and Events

This month Newhalen/Iliamna hosted the annual carnival. This was once again a great event to help boost morale during these long cold months. I would like to thank all the hard workers that put this together. It is a great event for our region. During the talent show our student teacher even did some performing.



### Personnel

I am happy to report that we are all hired for all the open positions for the 2020/2021 school year. From our tutor pool, we have tutors Patty (currently at NEW) and Leah (currently at KOK) joining us next year along with Elisabeth and Jon Ludwig. We look forward to another great team at Newhalen School.

### Standards Based System

We have students working hard and more and more students hitting graduation minimums earlier in their high school years. We have 2 seniors that have finished graduation requirements and one more that is very close to wrapping everything up. MAPS testing went well with only minor internet connection issues. We are excited to share our students' progress at parent teacher conferences next month.

### Curriculum Progress

Our elementary team is continuing to work on monitoring student achievement with regular interventions and continued monitoring of development. The high school staff is working together to lay out a plan for our students that are meeting graduation requirements early in order to keep them driven and on track for future success.

### Technology Progress

We look forward to having Jon Ludwig on site next year to help with day to day technology issues and advancements.

### Facility Update

We have had a **LOT** of snow this year. It has been a constant battle to keep entryways clear and the parking lot plowed. We had a leak in the ceiling of the gym after the last warm up. Some ceiling tiles came down but currently there was minimal damage. It was determined condensation from rapid changes in temperature caused the water damage. As things warm up, we will be keeping a close eye for anymore possible damage.

### **LSAC Activity**

LSAC is working on a couple projects that are coming up in April.

1. LJMS silent auction scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> all donations to help our students would be greatly appreciated.
2. Testing breakfast menus and orders are currently being planned.
3. As a group effort, they are distributing the birthday books to the parents in order to help spread the word of the importance of reading.

### **Volunteer Report**

Alexis continues to volunteer her time to teach all of our elementary Yupik dancing. We thank her so much for coming in and volunteering for this. Evelynn continues to volunteer her time for the art club once a week on Tuesdays.

### **Trips Planned**

Our high school basketball teams are traveling to regionals 3/10-3/16. We wish them the best of luck.

### **Pupil Attendance**

Pupil attendance has been great. We are in the mid to low 90 percentile

### **Student and Staff Safety**

**This week we shared the district's communication on the coronavirus.**

### **Subsistence Calendar**

We are pushing ahead and trying to complete as much as possible with these final weeks of school.

### **Other**

Thank you School Board for all that you do!