

## Site Report – Meshik School – February, 2020

To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Jack Walsh, Principal  
Meshik School

### Outstanding Activities and Events

One of the fun events that happened at school this month was when some of the elementary students spent time reading with the preschool students. Everyone had a great time and there was some great interaction.



### Personnel

February was a busy month for staff with all the typical events including clubs and sporting events, academic work and a variety of commitments to the students and the community. There were also some unexpected and difficult challenges when two staff members suffered losses in their immediate families. Despite those challenges, the staff did a great job maintaining regular daily instruction and all the other events they conduct routinely. Teachers have recently received contracts for next year and we know we will see some turnover. We are also very thankful for everything our tutor Tess has done to help us on a daily basis and the ways she stepped up to help when other teachers were out of the village. Thanks, Tess!

## Standards Based System

Students are making progress on standards and this was probably the most successful month for students as more levels were achieved. Two of our graduates are wrapping up what they need to do to graduate in April. There are two others who are continuing to make progress, but their graduation may be delayed till December. We are often reminding students how important their steady progress is.

## Curriculum Progress



Students participated in the annual Migratory Bird Calendar contest. Here are some of the creations that will be submitted for consideration. This statewide contest uses 12 student drawings to illustrate the months of the year. Good Luck!

## Technology Progress

Nothing to report on technology. We have had some better connectivity since some assistance was provided in the early winter. We are also grateful for the responsiveness of our tech crew when issues do arise.

## Facility Update

No updates on our facility to report. Appreciate the support of Tim Mcdermott and his staff. Locally, Richard Zimmerman doubles as custodian and maintenance worker. We are always thankful for his work around the school.

## LSAC Activity

The LSAC did not meet in February. Our meeting was scheduled for the 28th, but with members traveling and the birth of a new grandchild it was not possible to get a quorum. The meeting was pushed back to March 5.

## Volunteer Report

There have been several nice developments in the volunteer area in Port Heiden in recent weeks.. A new community member hired by the tribe has visited with students and staff since first meeting them at the gathering. Her presence has been a nice bridge for the community and reminds students that there are lots

of people who care about them. The LSAC and others are busy organizing for the upcoming carnival, graduation, and other events to support the community and school. We are very lucky to have that support.

### **Trips Planned**

Our basketball team was not able to make it to Kokhanok for the tournament but later met in King Salmon with other south teams to make up some of those games. That travel had some challenges, too. But they did get in some games and enjoyed the trip.

### **Pupil Attendance**

We never want to overlook this concern. It is a regular discussion topic among staff, with students, and at LSAC meetings. I'm hoping that next year we will see even better attendance across all grades. It will take a concerted effort by every student, every family, and every staff person.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

While this remains among the highest priorities of our school, we typically focus on safety on the ride to school, safety on the playground, bullying, and other daily risks, this month there is a greater concern with the health risks we face. Annually the flu impacts us and various forms of 'crud' cause problems for students and the community. As the world deals with the coronavirus concern, we are doing more in and around the school to make sure that surfaces are clean and germ free. We are also reminding staff and students of the need for making sure to wash hands and if they do get sick to stay home.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

We are starting to talk about next year's calendar and expect to get that completed in March with staff and community input.

### **Other**

What's more 'February' than sharing a valentine's Day treat with friends. Some of our younger students made some special cookies and decorated them for all the other students. Here are a couple photos that show how serious and happy they were with that effort.



Of course they weren't the only people to create Valentine's treats. How about these chocolate strawberries the older students made.

