

Shining Star Nominations
Fall 2017

Name	Location	Reason	Nominator
Ed Lester	NEW	Principal Lester is always thinking of how we can best serve our students. His behind the scenes work at Newhalen School often goes unrecognized and he deserves some kudos for what he does on a daily basis. Thanks, Ed! :)	Kate Cornell
Hal Neumann	DO	Hal has done an incredible amount of work this fall, getting PowerSchool up and running, on top of managing transfer students and transcripts. I can't imagine our district running as smooth as it does without his dedicated, hard work. Thank you, Hal!!	Bill Cornell
Billie Schraffenberger	PTH	She is entirely dedicated to supporting the students, staff, and community of Port Heiden. She shows up to all of the events and works tirelessly to ensure their success. She donates her time, food, skills, and resources to making great things happen in this village. She is compassionate, kind, and much more than a parent, auntie, or health aide. She is a friend and support to all she meets. Port Heiden is lucky to have her around!	Kirsten Buckmaster
Jim Dube	DO	Getting PowerSchool up and running has been a huge lift, and Jim has been the behind-the-scenes guy doing a lot of the lifting. Jim has also worked hard to guide staff as we learn more about PS, as well as tweak the program to best meet our needs. We would not be as far along without Jim's dedication and hard work!	Bill Cornell
Matthew Stark	LAK	There is a lot of behind the scenes work that is done with LPSD's Distance Program, from managing PowerSchool Learning, to making sure that Collaborate sessions are set up, to working with distance teachers on online teaching strategies. Mathew's expertise in these areas is crucial to the running of the Distance Program. Thank you, Matthew, for all you do!	Bill Cornell
Tim McDermott	DO	Tim McDermott is a shining star because he always makes the needs of our students his first priority. Facilities play such an important role in the success	Moon McCarley

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		of our schools. Tim completely understands that. He works tirelessly to make sure that everything is running smoothly. And, he does all of this no matter how limited the resources. Thank you Tim for your dedication to our students, schools, and communities!	
Billy Anderson	BAY	Because of a malfunction with plane landing at Chignik Bay, by chance I was able to meet Billy Anderson and experience first hand what a kind-hearted, helpful man he is. Another man from Perryville and myself ended up having to stay unexpectedly overnight at the Bay. Billy hauled us to and from the airport several times, made sure we were fed, provided us with food and drinks of our choice and made sure we each had a place to rest our heads. He took pizza and a soda back to the stranded pilot. He volunteered to offload all the freight on the plane and hauled it to a safe place where freeze could stay frozen, chill could stay chilled, and rain did not pelt the boxes of freight to be transported to other villages. Something tells me that the kindness I was part of today is a normal part of Billy's life. I wanted to nominate Billy as a community member and STAR and to let him know that he is appreciated by this LPSD staff member... and probably many others that have had an opportunity to associate with him. Thanks Billy!	Paulene Manning
Barbra Donachy	LAK	Barbra facilitated a professional development sharing session focusing on elementary science strategies. Thank you for your time and for sharing your strategies! Your students are lucky to have you.	Kate Cornell
Matthew Grossman	PTA	Matthew facilitated a professional development sharing session focusing on upper level social studies. Thank you for sharing your ideas and keeping the conversation going! Your students are lucky to have you.	Kate Cornell
Hannah Middleton	PIP	Hannah facilitated a professional development sharing session focusing on elementary level social studies. Thank you for sharing your ideas and keeping the conversation going! Your students are lucky to have you.	Kate Cornell
Jon Brunn	NEW	Jon facilitated a professional development sharing session focusing on upper level science strategies. Thank you for sharing your ideas and keeping the conversation going! Your students are lucky to have you.	Kate Cornell

