

## Site Report – Port Heiden – September, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Josh Stauber, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

Sept 8 Open House:



We enjoyed a variety of food, and had a good turnout from the community! We are looking forward to hosting many more community events here at the school :)

K-3 Back to school wall:



Our K-3 students are stepping into the new year with shoes that describe themselves.

## Personnel



Pictured from Left to Right

Principal: Josh Stauber

-Born and raised in Oregon, and in my 8th year as a school administrator. Enjoy Hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors. Married for 26 years, and have two children.

K-3: Linda Gies: Veteran teacher with 40+ years of teaching experience (many years in rural Alaska).

4-9: Katie Zimmerman: Tenured teacher and 9 year resident of Port Heiden. Katie and her husband Richard have been extremely helpful with getting the team acclimated, and connecting us with families.

10+ JW Newton: Experienced educator with an extensive earth science, and history background. JW is passionate about project based learning that focuses on practical skills.

I also want to acknowledge our cook Holly Matson who has been doing an amazing job keeping our students and staff fed, and Richard Zimmerman for stepping up and helping with jobs that we currently are looking to fill. Much appreciated!



<b>Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress</b>
The priorities during the first couple of weeks of school have been connecting with students and establishing positive relationships, learning where students are at academically and then creating plans for their success, and creating a positive school environment where students feel safe and welcomed.
<b>Technology Insights</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Internet has been working well</li> <li>-LPSD technology department has been responsive and a great resource.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Update</b>
<p>Started the year by hosting Culture Camp during the last week before students returned. It was a huge success and we felt very fortunate to be part of it. The event was very well attended and planned out.</p> <p>Tim McDermott has been out to Meshik to explain the facilities, and make sure everything is in working order. He is full of knowledge, and has been a great resource!</p>
<b>LSAC Activity</b>
<p>Our first LSAC meeting occurred Sept. 12th.</p> <p>Members include: President Toni Christensen, Vice President Jaclyn Christensen, Secretary Tisha Kalmakoff, and Member Maxine Christensen</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-School/Community Collaboration</li> <li>-Increase opportunities for students through: Student Government, Athletics, CTE, Project based learning, and community involvement.</li> <li>-Maintain communication</li> <li>-Focus the school being a community event location</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Report</b>
We are currently looking for opportunities for community members to volunteer and share their knowledge.
<b>Professional Development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2 staff members currently participate in Culturally Responsive Training through the C3 program and UAA.</li> <li>-Early literacy training weekly through Professional Learning Communities in conjunction with the Alaska Reads Act.</li> <li>-Planning on attending the Alaska's Principal Conference (Oct-12-14)</li> </ul>

## **Pupil Attendance**

We currently have 24 students that have attended at least 1 day of school.

K-3 (6)

4-9 (7)

10+ (11)

Overall attendance very low during the first 2 weeks (Aug 29-Sept 8)

Factors that influenced this include: Families out of town (State Fair, Culture Camp in Chignik Lake), and students engaged in hunting/fishing.

-K-3 (75%)

-4-9 (45%)

-10+ (30%)

Week 3 attendance:

-K-3 (75%)

-4-9 (90%)

-10+ (75%)

Overall we are expecting attendance to continue the trend that we are seeing in week 3.

## **Student and Staff Safety**

The village is currently looking to host an ATV safety training for all students at Meshik. Participating students receive a custom fitting helmet.

## **Subsistence Calendar**

Attendance was very low for the first couple of weeks of school. Many students were gone attending the State Fair during the first week of school. It might be worth considering starting after the Fair is over?

## **Other**

We are off to a good start in Port Heiden, and I (all of us) feel fortunate to be part of such a supportive and caring LPSD team.