

Site Report – Newhalen School – September, 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

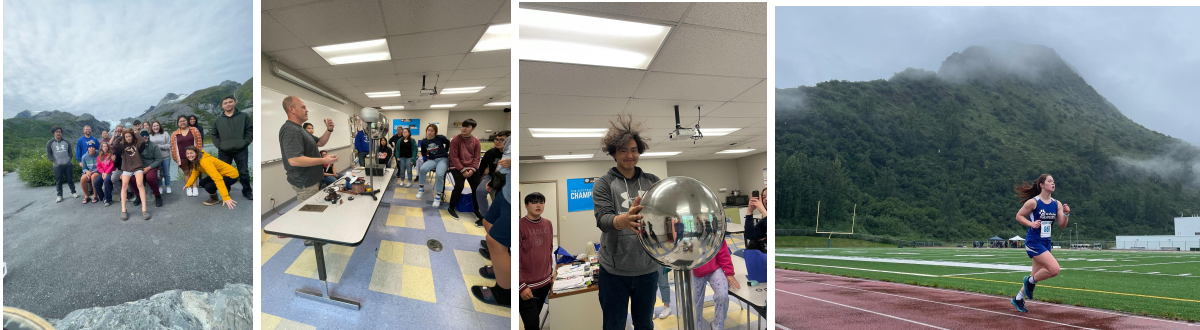
From: Ed Lester, Principal and Evelynn
Trefon, Secretary

Outstanding Activities and Events

1. 10th Annual Newhalen River Run- We had over 40 runners ages 2 to 44 participate in the 10th annual Newhalen River Run. Due to high water levels, it took place in the village of Newhalen instead of the traditional starting point in Iliamna, the Landing. It was so much fun and a great time was had by all.



2. CARES Trip- Students explored different post secondary opportunities and they got to do some team building while exploring Palmer, Valdez, Anchorage, and Wasilla.



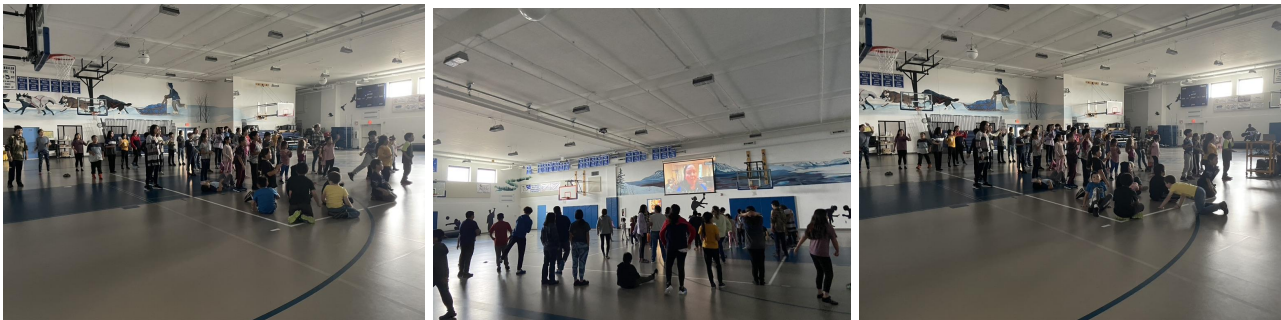
3. Wrestling Camp in Newhalen- Two professional instructors came to Newhalen for a 4 day workshop with our students from grades K-12th. They worked with our students on hard work, motivation, having a good attitude and wrestling skills.



4. Drive In Movie Night- Student Government hosted a drive in movie night fundraiser for the community and sold snacks. It was so much fun.



5. This week, students have been participating in a distance CTE Yupik class taught by Atkiq Snyder



Personnel



We are thankful for our 4 new teachers- Sean & Chrystal Adams, Nathan McArthur, and Michele Hughes as well as our new maintenance guy, Dean John.



Our returning teachers have jumped right in and are doing great with their classes.

Marcie Lester- Preschool

Stephanie Barthelman- Level 0 Chrystal Adams- Level 1 Elisabeth Ludwig- Level 2

Michele Hughes- Level 3/4 Leah Talley- Levels 5/6

Nate McArthur, Patricia McCasland, Sean Adams Levels 6-12

CLASSIFIED STAFF

We currently have 2 open positions that we are hiring for- instructional aide and custodian. Staff are settled in and excelling in their positions.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students are working hard on their personalized education plans to excel in the SBS.

We continue to work on learning gaps caused by the closures over the past 3 year. We look forward to more support from our tutors and the one on one instruction.

The Middle School/High School has been busy taking apart and reassembling old computers, making traditional meat from Africa, and traditional models of housing.



Technology Progress
Since August, we have had 8 known internet outages and 2 notable times where the internet was very lagging. DRS was contacted multiple times about the issues. They said that we are requesting the maximum allowable band of 25mbps when those lags are happening. Having Nate McArthur on site has been a huge help!
Facility Update
We continue to have a small amount of flooding in the southside classrooms when it rains hard. We would like to get that carpet ripped out and replaced with linoleum to prevent molding and for easier clean up. We are also still awaiting our water bottle refill stations to be installed. Having Dean John as our on site maintenance person has been a HUGE help. The school is in great shape because of his ongoing efforts.
LSAC Activity
LSAC had its first meeting on September 20. No minutes were approved at this meeting. Our LSAC is still wondering about the airline carrier policy and how airlines are approved for use by the school board.
Volunteer Report
We have lots of fundraising opportunities coming up that we hope our community volunteers will take on.
Professional Development
Pupil Attendance
Pupil attendance has been good. Lots of illnesses going around the first few weeks as it does every year. We currently have 87 students enrolled in Preschool-12th grade. We are looking at having 7 graduates in the spring.
Student and Staff Safety
Morning safety talks have started. We try to do this once a week.
Subsistence Calendar
Teachers are continuing to work with students in a very focused manner. Time on task is held very valuable by all parties.
Other