

Site Report – Newhalen School – October, 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Evelyn Trefon, Secretary and Ed
Lester, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

- In October we had a great time at teacher inservice at Alyeska.
- Our volleyball and wrestling teams traveled a couple of times but due to the airlines refusing to travel on Sundays and high costs of travel, several trips had to be canceled.
- We were able to celebrate Halloween as a community for the first time in 2 years.
- Newhalen School graduate, Michael Trefon class of 1998, was selected as the recipient of two awards for the state of Alaska- EMS Provider of the Year and the Health Aide of the year for 2022. We are so proud of him.

Personnel



The teachers continue to work together to grow young minds.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

We hired Sarah John for the instructional aide position and Jeffery Russel for the custodian one. we welcome them to our staff.

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 years. We look forward to more support from our tutors and the one on one instruction.

Technology Progress

DRS came to our site and fixed wiring and other issues. We are also doing a test run using Star Link to see if it will provide us more reliable service. Having Nate McArthur on site continues to be 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 stop the molding and for easier clean up when that area does get wet. 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

See included LSAC Minutes from the April and September meetings. We had elections on Oct 28, 2022 . Margie Olympic was reelected to her seat and Dawn Wassillie was elected to the other open seat. We welcome them both to the LSAC.

Volunteer Report

We have lots of fundraising opportunities coming up that we hope our community volunteers will take on.

Professional Development

The teachers had a wonderful time attending our DWI.

Pupil Attendance

Pupil attendance has been good. Lots of illnesses are going around as we transition into a more indoor lifestyle. We currently have 85 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. This week we talked about safety while trick or treating.

Subsistence Calendar

Teachers are continuing to work with students in a very focused manner. Time on task is held very valuable by all parties. A survey to the parents would be very helpful to find out how our community feels about continuing the Subsistence Calendar.

Other

Quyana! Chin'an! Quyanaa! Thank you for serving on the school board.