

## Site Report – Newhalen – September, 2020

To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Ed Lester, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

Newhalen opened school on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff and students were very excited to be back in school.

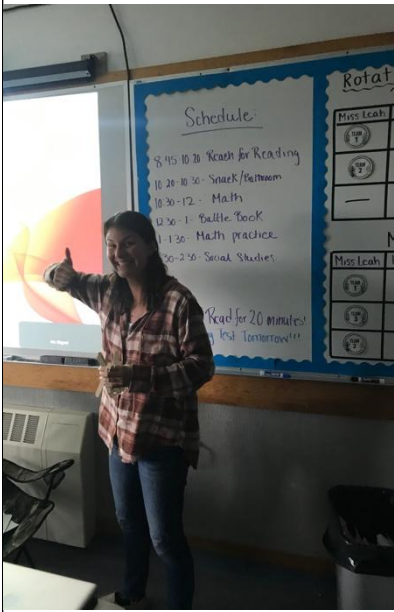


On September 11<sup>th</sup> Newhalen hosted Port Alsworth in Iliamna for a cross country race. This was a fun event for all. Safety protocols were in place which students and the community followed with no problems.



### Personnel

Newhalen has three new staff members and a student teacher at Newhalen school all are doing an outstanding job working with our students. We are actively hiring for a second janitor, a temporary MS/HS Teacher for science/social studies, and a temporary PE Teacher.



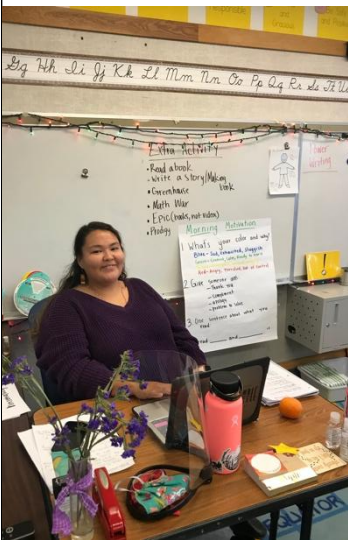
Leah Talley



Patty McCasland



Elisabeth Ludwig



Zoe Anelon

### **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

Students have jumped right back into their education and are moving along in the Standard Based System.



### **Technology Progress**

Newhalen School has struggled with internet issues since August 20<sup>th</sup>. During this time we had outages that ranged from a couple minutes to a couple days. It has caused some educational and communication issues. I would like to thank DRS and Jon Ludwig for their continued efforts to troubleshoot and find the issues to improve and fix our internet.

### **Facility Update**

I would like to thank Carl Adams for his hard work before school opened to prepare the facility for the first days of school. Also Tim McDermott has spent some time in Newhalen to help us get started this school year safely with the correct protocols in place. I would also like to thank the Nondalton cleaning crew for coming down and helping to get our school ready to go. Because of our growing student population, we decided to relocate the library into teacher housing. Jon Ludwig's office is also located in this housing.



### **LSAC Activity**

Our first LSAC meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> but we have already had a lot of communication during our COVID task force meetings with the community.

### **Volunteer Report**

At this time, we are not allowing volunteers to help in the school. We did have volunteers help with the cross country meet on 9/12. It went really well.

### **Professional Development**

Currently Newhalen PD is focused on the Data review plan and MAPS testing.

**Pupil Attendance**

We currently have 82 students enrolled in school and have VERY good attendance.

**Student and Staff Safety**

Safety this year has been focused on COVID-19 protocols and mitigation.

**Subsistence Calendar**

We are focused on pupil attendance and encouraging students who are healthy to attend each day they are able. I am happy to have the community's support with the passage of an ordinance to make the students and staff at Newhalen School "essential workers"

**Other**

Thank you for serving on the school board!