



# Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, January 20, 2023

*Celebrations & Pictures of Wildcat Scholars  
& the Dedicated Staff Who Serve Them*

The Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet would like to celebrate Mrs. Bahiyyih Hansen this week. This dedicated Education Support Professional has returned to our district to support literacy and a love of reading in the Lapwai Elementary School Library.

*Mrs. Hansen has taken the time to transform the elementary library space into a warm and welcoming space that reflects the culture and values of the community she serves. She arrives at the school early each day and spends many weekend hours dedicated to fostering the love of reading in our students.* - Teri Wagner, Elementary Principal

*So much patience, energy, and such a calm presence in our school. Kids gravitate to her!* - Melissa Beckman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

*She is so intentional with her teaching and takes time to focus on character building traits. The stories she reads to our kids always serve a purpose and evoke meaningful discussions.* - Teeiah Arthur, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

*Bahi is such a loving dedicated person. Our library's environment is safe, inviting, cultural, and a fun place to go. Bahi has adopted and taught two of my 5th grade students all about the library. They are her Library Assistants, and they LOVE, both their job and Bahi!* - Carleen Baldwin, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

*Mrs. Hansen's love for our students is evident in the amazing learning environment she has thoughtfully created for them. Her calm and caring approach welcomes our Wildcat Scholars to the library where she instills a love of reading. Please join us in celebrating this incredible professional with such a big heart for the students she serves. Thank you Bahi!* - David Aiken, Superintendent.



**Staff  
Spotlight**



**Mrs. Raml's Art  
Students Celebrating  
Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Experiential Learning

Mrs. Paris' 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Wildcat Scholars



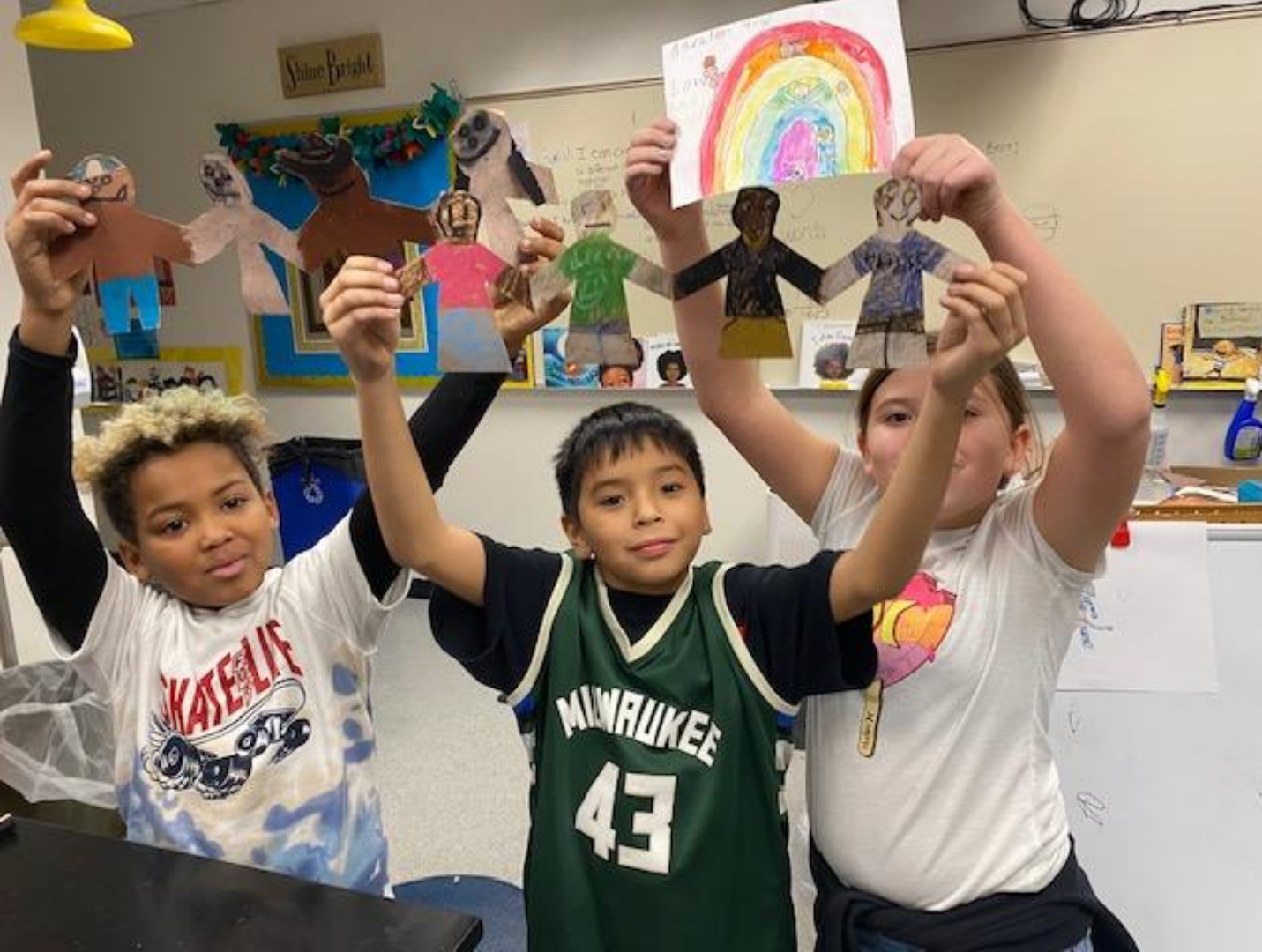


**Mrs. Raml's Art  
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**Mrs. Hewett's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Wildcat Scholars**



**Mrs. Raml's Art  
Students Celebrating  
Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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Mr. Woodford's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wildcat Scholars





## Mrs. Raml's Spanish Students Birthday Celebration



Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Experiential Learning



Time again for our kids to shine bright. We had 4 participants, a pair of 8-9 year old students and a pair of 10-11 year old students. Ricki Davis and Marcellus Mason won the preliminary shoot for 8-9 year olds at our school and competed in the local shoot at Jennifer Jr. High school on January 14. They both represented our school in fine fashion. Marcellus Mason won 1st place and will compete again this weekend on the 21st at Jennifer Jr High School in the District shoot offs. Seton Powaukee and Jordan Reeder were our preliminary winners in the 10-11 year old group, and competed on January 14 as well. Again, both students represented our school with a positive showing. Jordan Reeder also won 1st place and will compete again on the 21st at Jennifer Jr high School, in the local shoot off. These kids are outstanding to watch perform. It just doesn't get any better than that. Thank you to the parents and teachers that show these kids their support!

- Mrs. Melton, Elementary Physical Education Teacher







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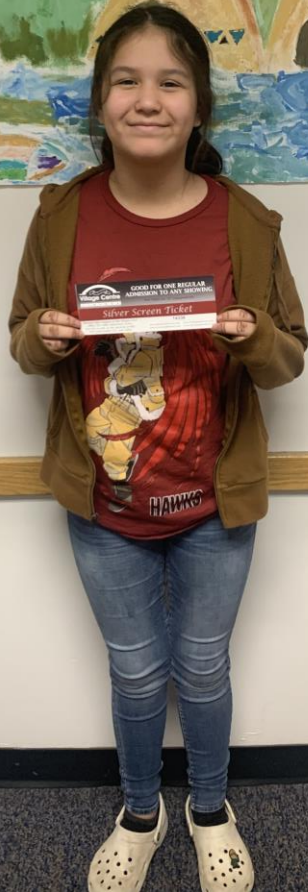




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KAELYN  
GREENE 6<sup>TH</sup>



# 2022-2023 Impact Aid Questionnaire Results

A questionnaire is distributed annually in an effort to hear the voices of our parents, community members, and Nez Perce Tribal leaders in the planning and development of our educational programs. After reviewing the results of the 2022-2023 Impact Aid Questionnaire, four learning needs emerged as the highest priorities.

- Enhanced Whole Child Educational Pre-k-12 Programs That Develop Positive Human Relations, Self-Discipline, Good Citizenship, Self-Esteem and Success
- Nez Perce Language Recovery
- More Multicultural Approaches to Pre-k-12 Curriculum Implementation to Support Cultural and State Standards
- College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology

A full summary describing the current efforts in the Lapwai School District to address these learning priorities may be accessed [HERE](#)

A Wildcat thank you to those who provided input! Please never hesitate to contact David Aiken, Superintendent, with questions: (208) 843-2622

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Nez Perce State  
Tribal Education  
Partnership!

The Middle-High School Native Culture and Language Team share PowerPoint resources highlighting the accomplishments of successful Indigenous role models. The resources are encouraged for use during English-Language Arts or Reading instruction districtwide. The resources are posted on the [Native Culture & Language](https://www.lapwai.org/NativeCulture&Language) section of our website at [Lapwai.org](https://www.lapwai.org)

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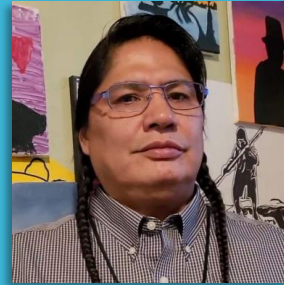
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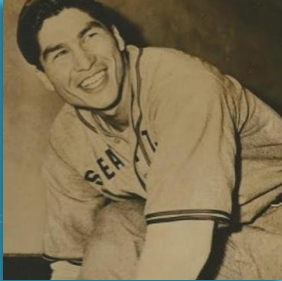
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**Native  
Culture &  
Language  
Team**



# **STAFF P.A.W. Awards**

**Proud of You! Awesome! Way to Go!**

Attention Parents and Lapwai Community Partners: The Lapwai School District is intentional with systems of celebrating student success. Our Wildcat Scholars are regularly recognized for *Respectful, Responsible, and Safe* behavior. The Nez Perce STEP Family Engagement Teams have partnered with the Superintendent to provide our families the same opportunity to celebrate *school district staff*. Your nomination will appear in the Superintendent's Weekly Update which is linked in the Nez Perce Tribe Newsletter and posted on the district Facebook page. Thank you for honoring any staff member who has gone above and beyond for Lapwai students.



Together, we ensure all students  
will reach their full potential.

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# Lapwai Elementary

## After School Program Newsletter

