

Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, August 30, 2024



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



Qe'ciyew'yew' Nez Perce Tribe





On behalf of our students, staff and the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees, please accept our gratitude for continued Local Education Program Fund support. These resources will make a lasting impact on student success and expand opportunities for Wildcat Scholars. We look forward to featuring these projects in our newsletters and social media, celebrating the support of the Nez Perce Tribe!



\$10,000: Career and Technical Education Building Support \$10,000: Career and Technical Education Supply Support

\$9,880: Technology for Nimiipuutimt Instruction

\$9,911: Elementary Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Supplies \$10,000: Middle-High Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Supplies

\$10,000: Celebrating Student Success Supplies

\$10,000: College and Career Readiness

\$10,000: Special Education Incentives, Rewards, Life Skills, and Family Engagement





School Attendance Matters Challenge!



Weekly Drawings: Each week a student has perfect attendance and no tardies their name will automatically be entered into a drawing. Prizes include gift cards and passes from Happy Day Restaurants, Lewiston Village Centre Cinemas, Orchards Lanes, and Palouse Discovery Science Center. Every Friday through November 1st we will award Elementary and Middle-High winners. They will be featured in the Superintendent's Weekly Update, Lapwai School District Facebook page, and on our Main Street digital sign. If you miss a day of school, you have the following week to try again! Every week is a new chance to win!



Grade Level Challenge: The grade level with the highest average daily attendance through Friday, November 1st will earn a class field trip to the Palouse Discovery Science Center!

A Wildcat Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Nez Perce Tribe
Happy Day Restaurants
Village Centre Cinemas
Orchards Lanes
Palouse Discovery Science Center

Grand Prize Winners: Parents can win too! All students with perfect attendance the first 10 weeks of school through Friday, November 1st will be automatically entered to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card for their family. A Grand Prize will be awarded in both schools!

Special Honors: The Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet will be honoring students with perfect attendance first semester through January 17th. We will also reward those who take a stand against bullying with Respectful, Responsible, and Safe behavior!

School Attendance Matters!

Email ATTENDANCE@LAPWAI.ORG to request support with regular and punctual attendance.





Dr. Arthur Taylor, Jr. Culturally Responsive Teacher of the Year



CONGRETAULATIONS

The Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership honored Ashlee Grunenfelder and Bahiyyih Hansen at the Annual Fall Districtwide Meeting for Lapwai School District staff. These dedicated educators were recognized for their culturally responsive approach to serving our Wildcat Scholars. Qe'ciyew'yew' for honoring their big hearts and commitment to student success!



Teacher Helper of the Year



Bahiyyih Hansen

Our highest priority is always the safety of our students. In addition to clear and practiced procedures in the event of an emergency, several additional safety resources are being implemented this year. Video intercom systems have been installed in all buildings. Perimeters will remain locked the majority of the school day. Guests are requested to use the intercoms at entrances for school entry. Similar to a door bell, our offices will be alerted of your arrival. We will welcome visitors with the two-way intercom and open the door remotely. Signage is posted to direct guests for entry. We would like to thank our families for their support with these additional safety measures. Questions are welcome by contacting the Superintendent: (208) 843-2622, daiken@lapwai.org.



School Safety









Lapwai School District Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet

The Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet would like to welcome our newest team member, Jennifer Arthur! We are excited to have Jennifer join our collective commitments and collaboration!

Faculty Cabinet Mission Statement:

Activators who recognize, support and empower our school community!















Professionals with collective commitments to teacher morale, student and staff wellness, and regular and punctual attendance to school.





Proud of You!
Awesome!
Way to Go!

Be Respectful Qa'ánno' 'ee

Be Responsible timmíyunin' 'ee wic'éeyu'

Be Safe
'ee 'ima'íyano'

Nez Perce Cultural Principle: Interpersonal Relationships



Lapwai
Elementary
P.A.W.
Awards



Dion Lawyer Mrs. Stamper's Kindergarten Class

Homeless Education Liaison Title IX Coordinator David Aiken

daiken@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2622

Foster Care Liaison School Psychologist

Lori Ravet Iravet@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2960

Community Resource Specialist & Truancy Interventionist

Shawna Leighton sleighton@lapwai.org (208) 843-2241

Home-School Liaison

Lori Lynn Picard Ipicard@lapwai.org (208) 843-2241

Elementary School Counselor

Kristen Bateman kbateman@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2960

Academic Guidance Counselor

Josh Nellesen jnellesen@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2241

Certified Prevention Specialist

Kiri Brown kbrown@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2241

Indian Education Coordinator

Iris Chimburas ichimburas@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2241





Lapwai School District Attendance Committee (LSDAC): A team has been formed to surround our families with resources and support. Those who need assistance to removing barriers to regular and punctual attendance are welcome and encouraged to contact us. Please contact your child's school to access LSDAC resources or email Attendance@Lapwai.org

Lapwai School District Family Supports Resource Directory





Title IX-A: Information for Parents & Families

If you or your family are in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, we can help.

If you are living in any of the following situations:

- > Shared housing with other friends or families
- > Runaway/homeless youth, and students who are not living with a parent or legally court-appointed guardian
- Temporary or transitional housing
- Emergency and domestic violence shelters
- Motels or hotels
- > Campgrounds or inadequate trailer homes
- Substandard housing (homes without heat, water, or working appliances)
- Cars, abandoned buildings, parks, the streets or other public spaces

We may be able to help you or your child:

- > Enroll in school
- > Remain in your school if you move to another area
- With transportation to and from school
- > Access to meal programs
- Social referrals
- Other services

Title IX-A Education Liaison

David Aiken daiken@Lapwai.org (208) 843-2622



See the following page for your rights under the law:



Title IX-A: Information for Parents & Families

What are your rights under the law?

You or your McKinney-Vento eligible children have the right to:

- > Receive a free, appropriate public education
- > Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- > Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference. *If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision
- > Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs. Children with special education needs between the ages of 3 and 21 are eligible to receive special needs services. If you believe your child may be eligible, contact your school or the district Special Education office.

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Staff Qualifications

School districts receiving Title I funds are required to notify parents they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s). We are prepared to celebrate our highly qualified staff and share their accomplishments with you on request.

As a parent of a student attending a school receiving federal program funds, you have the right to know:

- > Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades and subject(s) assigned?
- Is my child's teacher teaching with a provisional license, meaning the state waived requirements for my child's teacher?
- What is the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degree or degrees does my child's teacher hold?

To request the state qualifications for your child's teacher or instructional aide, please contact David Aiken, Superintendent, at (208) 843-2622. If you would like more information about your child's school, please feel free to contact our dedicated principals:

Teri Wagner, Lapwai Elementary School: (208) 843-2960 D'Lisa Penney, Lapwai Middle-High School: (208) 843-2241



Thank You for Modeling the Wildcat Way at Lapwai School District Athletic Events

BE RESPECTFUL

QA'ÁNNO' 'EE

BE RESPONSIBLE

TIMMÍYUNIN' 'EE WIC'ÉEYU'

BE SAFE

'EE'IMA'IYANO'

Lapwai Middle-High School Nutrition and Wellness Instruction



Parents are encouraged to preview our nutrition and wellness curriculum for 10th grade health instruction.

Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Melton for joining the middle-high one period per day for health instruction!

An opportunity to review the iECV curriculum or observe health instruction in the classroom will remain available on parent request.

Parents are welcome to contact:

Dawn Melton: (208) 843-2960; Dmelton@Lapwai.org David Aiken: (208) 843-2622; Daiken@Lapwai.org









Parents are encouraged to preview our prevention education courses through 3rd Millennium Classrooms.



An opportunity to review the 3rd Millennium Classrooms curriculum will remain available on parent request.



Parents are welcome to contact:

D'Lisa Penney: (208) 843-2241; Dr.Penney@Lapwai.org

David Aiken: (208) 843-2622; Daiken@Lapwai.org

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Join Us for FREE Breakfast & Lunch!





Terrie Gilbert Makayla Besa Isaiah Penney





































Native Culture & Language Team Resources







