

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT'S
WEEKLY UPDATE



FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

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

LAPWAI MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM 5-YEAR AWARD!

A Wildcat thank you to the Idaho State Department of Education for selecting Lapwai Middle-High School for a Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program Award. This is the same program which has supported the successful and engaging afterschool program at Lapwai Elementary School.



The mission of the Lapwai School District includes, "Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential. The 21st Century Community Learning Center at Lapwai Middle-High School will be a natural extension of this mission with visions to include:

1. A bridge between academic success and cultural identity
2. A safe, engaging space where students are known, supported, and inspired
3. A pathway to re-engagement for students who are struggling, behind, or disconnected
4. A community-centered extension of learning grounded in Nez Perce Principles, language, and traditions

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Place of Mutual Assistance Helping One Another



Construction continues for the new Career and Technical Education Center at Lapwai Middle-High School. Please join us in celebrating the support of those who have assisted us in identifying a Nez Perce name for the new building. qe'ciyew'yew' Thomas Gregory and the Nez Perce Language Program, the Circle of Elders, and the Nez Perce Tribe Education Department. The name reflects the caring assistance the Superintendent received to make this objective a reality including the Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai School District Board of Trustees, Idaho Career Ready Students Program, R & M Steel, Arnzen Building Construction, and Castellaw Kom Architects. This truly has been a journey of mutual assistance and helping each other.



EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTED TO THE LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:
Evaluating Mastery



Co-Valedictorians:
Jasmine Quintana
Taya Yearout

Salutatorian:
Jeneieve Wilson

A Wildcat thank you to these Wildcat Scholars and their families for joining us at the May School Board meeting. College and career readiness and advanced opportunities are a priority at Lapwai Middle-High School.



WILDCAT ROAR!



Congratulations to Mrs. Paris' 1st Grade Wildcat Scholars for achieving a Wildcat Roar Celebration! Each day an elementary class has everyone in attendance and on time, they receive a Wildcat Roar Card. Once the class achieves 10 cards, they earn the celebration of their choice. This system of celebrating success is an action plan created by the Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet. This team benefits from the generous support of Local Education Program Funds from the Nez Perce Tribe. Please join us in thanking them for making these rewards possible! Please join us in celebrating Attendance Clerk, LaTasha Dishion, for coordinating these celebrations!

What gets recognized, gets repeated.
What gets celebrated, becomes a habit.

EXCELLENCE IN ATTENDANCE FRESHMEN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS WITH MR. PETERSON



A Wildcat thank you to Mr. Peterson for encouraging regular and punctual school attendance. The Wildcat Scholars in his Computer Application class set an attendance goal and achieved their target. Mr. Peterson celebrated their success with pizza delivery by the Superintendent this week. Nice work Mr. Peterson! What gets recognized gets repeated. What gets celebrated becomes a habit.

School Attendance Matters

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PLACE-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Friday, May 15, Spaulding Park

A Wildcat thank you to the presenters!



Nimiipuu Relationship to the Land
Mike McFarland
Nez Perce Elder



Food Sovereignty
Tawiya Williams
Northwest Indian College



Plants and Why It's Important
Mary James
Water Resources

ge'ciyew'yew' Nez Perce STEP and the Lapwai Middle-High School Native Culture and Language Team



**WEEKLY WILDCAT
ATTENDANCE
WINNERS
COURAGE
WHITEPLUME 1ST
VIC HOLT 3RD**

LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT



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HONORING OUR
GRADUATES &
RETIREES



EMCEE: ANDRE PICARD, JR.

May
26

- INVITED DRUMS
- Lightning Creek
 - Dancing Eagle
 - Whaapqaqun



Lapwai High School Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, STAFF,
AND COMMUNITY DANCERS
LOCKER ROOMS AVAILABLE AT
HIGH SCHOOL

COORDINATED BY THE STEP LAPWAI NATIVE CULTURE &
LANGUAGE TEAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAPWAI INDIAN
EDUCATION DEPT.





JOIN US FOR A
RETIREMENT PARTY

IN HONOR OF
Kathie Sliger
&
Tracie Holland

THURSDAY

MAY 28, 2026

4:30~5:30



*Lapwai Elementary
School*

