

## **Tac Titooqan Article October 2014**

The Idaho State Department of Education awarded Lapwai Middle-High School a technology grant totaling \$32,986. Only 15 school districts were awarded out of the 99 that applied. The grant was used to purchase and install the latest interactive projectors in all instructional spaces. Every classroom in Lapwai Middle-High School is equipped with a white dry erase board. Our project transforms these whiteboards into engaging infrared learning tools with Mimio Interactive Projectors. These projectors instantly alter the surface into an innovative tool bringing lessons, graphics, and images to life. The Mimio sensors and pens allow students and teachers to collaboratively navigate interactive web sites like a smart or promethean board simply using a conventional dry erase board surface. Discovery Education and other learning sites immediately become hands-on learning activities at a lower cost than comparable tools. The classroom evolves with limitless instructional possibilities without requiring one-to-one devices.

Thank you for continuing to make regular and punctual attendance a priority this year. Not only does average daily attendance drive our funding, absent students miss valuable learning. Regular and punctual attendance with each and every student is a key component to our success. Despite early release each Friday, these days remain crucial to your child's education. Absences on Fridays will not only impact our funding, these students will be at a disadvantage and behind in their learning. Please plan family trips during scheduled school vacations and holidays. Please schedule appointments after school hours whenever possible.

### 10 Tips for Good Attendance:

1. Get your child to school on time, every day, and make sure homework assignments are completed on time.
2. Extended vacations, long weekends, and frequent doctor appointments scheduled during school hours will cause your child to fall behind in class.
3. Being in school every day raises your child's chances for scoring well on important tests throughout the year.
4. Follow the proper school guidelines for reporting Excused absences in a timely manner.
5. Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable.
6. Make sure your child exercises, eats a balanced diet, and gets plenty of sleep. This will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn.
7. Read all information sent home by the school. Post important dates on a family bulletin board or on the refrigerator.
8. Give your child enough time to get ready for school in the morning. Prepare lunches, pack school bags, and lay out clothing the night before.
9. Plan and organize during the summer to make school a number-one priority.
10. Plan family trips during scheduled school vacations and holidays. Schedule appointments after school hours whenever possible.

*It takes a community-wide effort to ensure all students reach their full potential.*