

## **Tac Titooqan Article March 2017**

### **Wildcat Scholars Visit Washington D.C.**

Vada Johnson (9<sup>th</sup> Grade), Jalen Kash Kash (11<sup>th</sup> Grade), Dawn-Rose Ratcliff (10<sup>th</sup> Grade), and Shoshanna Wheeler (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Conference in Washington D.C. this February. They networked with students from across the country and met with Idaho legislators. A special thank you to Josh Nellesen, Lapwai Middle-High School Guidance Counselor, Jessica Ford, Drug Free Communities Project Coordinator, and Melanie Mills of the Lapwai Community Coalition for accompanying these outstanding students. I would also like to thank Senator Crapo for his warm reception of the group and taking the time to meet with them.

### **Regular and Punctual Attendance**

A special thank you to those students and their families who continue to make regular and punctual attendance a priority this school year. Students absent from school miss valuable learning, placing them academically behind their peers. Our attendance contest continues through spring break. Each week a student has perfect attendance and no tardies their name will be automatically entered to win a \$10 Village Centre Cinemas gift card. One Elementary and one Middle-High School winner each week. If you miss a day of school, you will have the following week to try again. All students in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with perfect attendance and no tardies, the entire contest period from January 9<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, will automatically be entered to win their choice of grand prizes valued at \$200 to \$260.

### **Wildcats Are Scholars!**

Overall the Lapwai School District grew 7.5% in student proficiency on the Idaho State Achievement Tests from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016. This is in comparison to only 2.3% average growth statewide. Way to go Wildcats! We are proud of you!

Lapwai students are going to college at a higher rate than the state average as well. The state average go-on rate is 53% and the Lapwai School District is well above the state average at 62%. We are one of only 38 Idaho school districts with a go-on rate above 60%. This is out of 115 districts and 48 charters in Idaho.

### **Announcing the Lapwai School District 2016-2017 Idaho State Achievement Test Honor Roll and Scholarship:**

Every student in grades 4 through 10 that earn any amount of growth on their Idaho State Achievement Tests in comparison to last year will automatically be featured on a highly publicized ISAT Honor Roll. This includes both the English-Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. A student that shows any amount of growth, large or small, on both assessments will be celebrated on the list which will be shared in the following ways:

- Lapwai School District Website
- Lapwai School District Facebook Page
- Nez Perce Tribe Employee Email
- Tac Titooqan
- Posters in Both Schools and Lapwai High School Gymnasium

- Shared with the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee and Lapwai School District Board of Trustees

*There will also be school celebrations to recognize the effort of all students.*

**ISAT Honor Roll Scholarship:**

Every student who earns this honor and appears on the list will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. The district will set the funds aside and send it to the school of their choosing when they enter any form of higher education after high school graduation.

**Questions?** Please Call Dr. David M. Aiken, Superintendent: (208) 843-2622 ext. 202