

Tac Titooqan Article
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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2017 and Lenae Gilbert, Valedictorian, and Shinish Holt, Salutatorian. The outstanding achievement of these Wildcat scholars was celebrated at the April 2017 School Board Meeting. We are proud of you. A special thank you to Devin Boyer, Senior Class Advisor, for attending the meeting with the students. Devin works hard every year to support our seniors and prepare for the graduation ceremony.

I would also like to thank Bernadette Anderson with the Academic Development Institute and the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP). They hosted a Family Engagement Workshop on Tuesday, April 18th. Thank you for engaging us in the importance of parent and family involvement. Together we are building shared leadership to benefit Lapwai students.

The safety of our students is always our first priority in the Lapwai School District. We have clear and practiced procedures in each building in the event of an emergency situation. We would like to thank you for your willingness to check into the office when visiting our schools. All parents, family members, and visitors must report directly to the office upon entering the building. Thank you for your patience when questioned and approached by staff in our schools, as they have been trained to approach and intercept visitors. We have minimized access to our buildings with most doors remaining locked at all times. We welcome and encourage visitors, yet we must enforce safety procedures and precautions to protect our students.

We would also greatly appreciate your assistance with other safety precautions. Please remind your students pocket knives are not allowed on school property. Even if you accidentally bring a weapon to school the police must be contacted and students will be recommended to the superintendent and school board for expulsion. Our school board has zero tolerance for weapons on school grounds. This includes inside the building or your car in the parking lot. An expulsion is for one calendar year, 365 days. Expelled students will not be allowed on school property and not allowed to attend athletic events. Thank you for discussing these critical school safety rules with your students.