



# Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.*

# Attendance Prize Winners for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Weeks of School

## Week 4

Arno Tulee, Kindergarten  
Timani Pappan, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Arlissa Miller, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Trenton Arthur, 9<sup>th</sup>

## Week 5

Lily Stuck, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Julian McConville, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grace Sobotta, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jonathan Reuben, 11<sup>th</sup>



Our attendance prize winners were each awarded  
a \$10 Village Centre Cinemas gift card.

# What is Impact Aid?

While making up for the shortfalls in state education funding, we are unable to rely on supplemental levies (raising property taxes) due to the high presence of tax exempt trust property in our district. The federal government recognizes their role in this dilemma and provides revenue in lieu of property taxes through a program called Impact Aid.

The purpose of Impact Aid is to provide formula grants to school districts affected by the presence of nontaxable federal land to make up for the lost revenues of property taxes. It is one of the few formula programs where districts receive funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education rather than through their states. Impact Aid was first signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1950 and has been amended many times since then.

The funds become part of local district's regular budget. No restrictions are placed on the use of the funds except for money earmarked for children with disabilities. We are responsible for educating federally connected students who live on trust property or with parents that work on trust land.

Please help us identify these students by completing Impact Aid questionnaires and surveys which will be widely distributed after November 1<sup>st</sup>.



# Help Us Hold the Federal Government Accountable for Their Obligation to Lapwai Students

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Federal Impact Aid Survey**  
School Year 2011-2012

Please read letter on back, sign, date below and return this form to your child's school.

STUDENT NO.		LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME		DATE	
STUDENT HOME ADDRESS		CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE		TELEPHONE		FAX		E-MAIL	

IF STUDENT RESIDES IN FEDERAL PROPERTY OR OTHER FEDERAL PROPERTY, PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONS 1-4.

1. FATHER/STEP FATHER/OTHER MALE GUARDIAN  
Do You Work on Federally Owned Property Within the State of Maryland?  
If YES, on which duty is performed?  
If YES TO EITHER QUESTION, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 2-4.

2. MOTHER/STEP MOTHER/OTHER FEMALE GUARDIAN  
Do You Work on Federally Owned Property Within the State of Maryland?  
If YES, on which duty is performed?  
If YES TO EITHER QUESTION, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 2-4.

3. Name of Parent/Guardian Employed on Federal Property

4. Name of Parent/Guardian Employed on Non-Federal Property

Our impact aid allocation is based on the number of children who live on trust property as well as parents who work on trust land.

Beginning in November parents will be requested to complete residency and employment surveys to ensure the highest Lapwai School District allocation for Impact Aid. Your responses assist us in holding the federal government accountable to following through on their promise of ensuring a fully funded and equitable education for our students.

Impact Aid is not fully funded by the United States Government. We are currently only receiving 8.5 cents for every dollar we would receive if the program were fully supported. Your help with verification by completing the needed forms will help us hold them accountable to provide this funding obligation to all Lapwai students. Although slight raises are proposed in the House and Senate, will not be certain about increases until December at the earliest.



# Advocating for Impact Aid on the Hill

Jack Bell, Lapwai School District Board of Trustees, Connie Desjarlais, Impact Aid Coordinator, and Dr. David M. Aiken, Superintendent, met with the Idaho legislative offices of Representative Mike Simpson, Representative Raul Labrador, Senator Jim Risch, and Senator Mike Crapo in support of all the federally impacted students in Idaho this week in Washington D.C. David Aiken also serves as the Idaho State Chair of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools.

Jack Bell, Connie Desjarlais, David Aiken, Katie Myers



Katie Myers, Legislative Assistant  
for Representative Mike Simpson

Jack Bell, Senator Jim Risch,  
Connie Desjarlais, David Aiken



Senator Jim Risch



# Impact Aid and Student Attendance

The higher the average daily student attendance the greater our state and Impact Aid funding. Please make regular and punctual attendance a priority. Every missed day is less funds for Lapwai kids.





# U of I College of Education

The University of Idaho's College of Education students visited Lapwai Middle-High School with Dr. Vanessa Anthony-Stevens.

The University and our district work together to bridge teacher preparation experiences with cultural responsiveness in a unique and diverse setting.

Thank you Mr. Nellesen, Bobbie, Chloe, Heweekse, and Pox Pox for escorting the students around our campus.

Go Wildcats! Go Vandals!









# The Wildcat Call

Link to the first edition of The Wildcat Call, Lapwai Middle-High School student newspaper:

<http://www.lapwai.org/secondary/newsletters/2017-2018/Newspaper%209-2017.pdf>



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