

Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, August 31, 2018



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



Nez Perce Tribe Local Education Fund Awards

On behalf of the Lapwai School District students, staff and Board of Trustees, we would like to thank the Nez Perce Tribe for their tremendous generosity with Local Education Funds again this year. Our partnership is a critical component to our success. The \$45,320 in contributions will provide essential services for Lapwai students including:

Lapwai Middle-High School Art Club: \$2,500
Lapwai Middle-High School Work Experience: \$5,000
Lapwai Middle-High School Mentor Artists' Playwrights Project: \$5,000
Lapwai Middle-High School Native Arts: \$5,000
Lapwai Middle-High School Cheerleading Program: \$2,820
Lapwai Middle-High School: College and Career Readiness: \$10,000
Lapwai School District Counseling Program: \$5,000
Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist: \$10,000

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

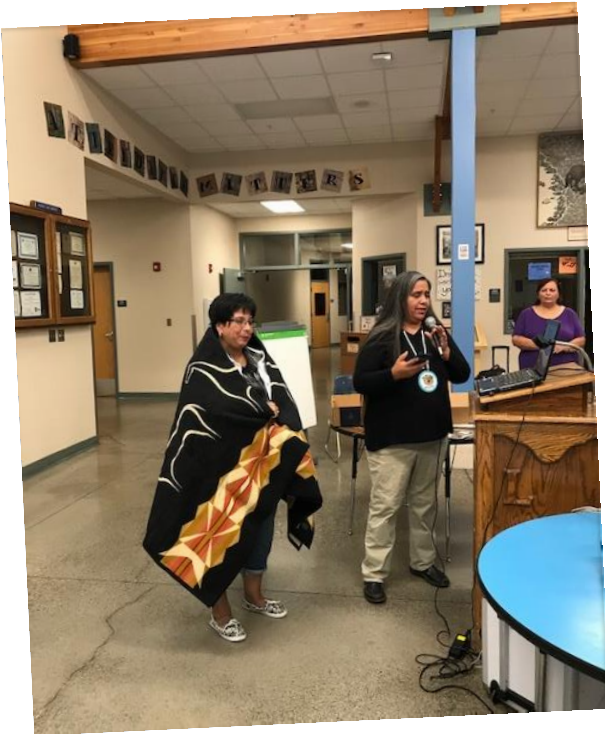


Dr. Arthur Taylor Jr. Culturally-Responsive Teacher of the Year

Sheila Hewett was honored as the Dr. Arthur Taylor Jr. Culturally-Responsive Teacher of the Year at the districtwide meeting on August 27th by Joyce McFarland and Nez Perce STEP.

Congratulations Sheila and thank you for your big heart for Lapwai students!

We would also like to thank Joyce McFarland, Alicia Wheeler, and Tess Woodward from Nez Perce STEP for joining us to set the stage for the best school year to-date!



Welcome New Lapwai School District Staff

Ta'c 'éetx papáayn - Good You All Came

Genny Brown: Middle-High Library
Sandra Crump: Elementary Library
Jessica Ford: Native Youth Community Project
Jake Genthos: High School Science
Ashlee Grunenfelder: Elementary Paraprofessional
Garrison Kadau: Behavior Intervention Paraprofessional
Joslyn Leighton: Middle-High Paraprofessional Interventionist
Samuel Maynes: Native Youth Community Project Teacher
Tessie McCulley: Habilitative Interventionist
Matthew Morgan: 5th Grade
Bradley Peterson: Elementary CBRS
Marika Renshaw: Speech and Language
Emma Shaffer: Music Teacher
Christiane Pinkham: Habilitative Interventionist
Thomas Tucker: High School Math

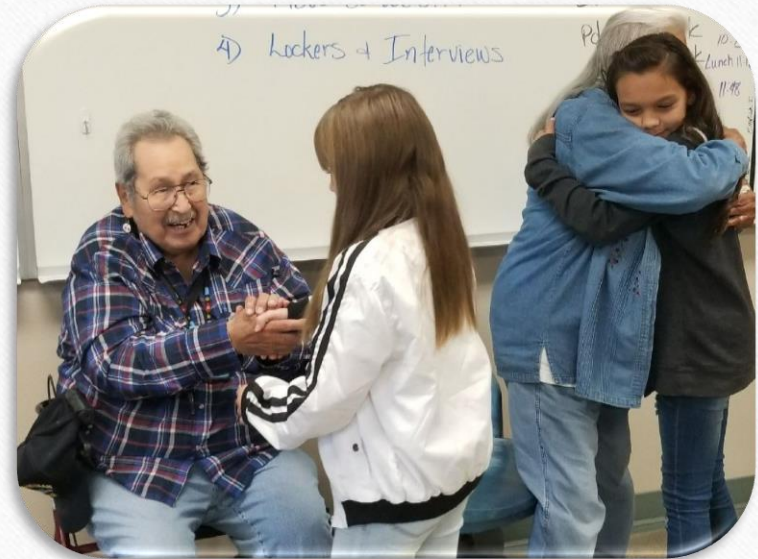


Join me in a Wildcat welcome to the new staff joining us this year. Attracting and retaining the best talent possible for Lapwai students has always been our priority. The schools are very fortunate to gain some amazing new additions this year. Welcome!

Bessie & Wilfred Scott

Prepare 6th Grade for Success

Bessie and Wilfred Scott were invited to the first day of school in 6th grade to set the stage for a respectful, responsible, and safe year. Thank you for honoring our students with a visit! Qe'ciyew'yew'

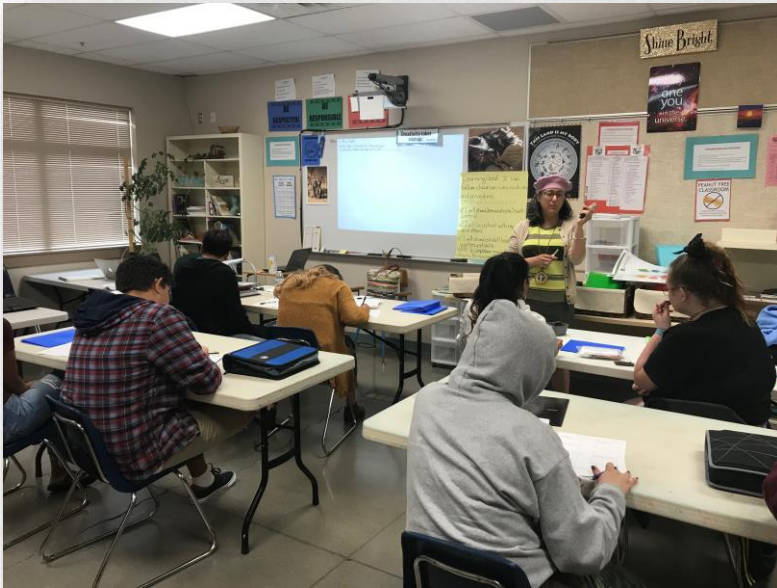




Dedicated Teachers at Lapwai Middle-High School

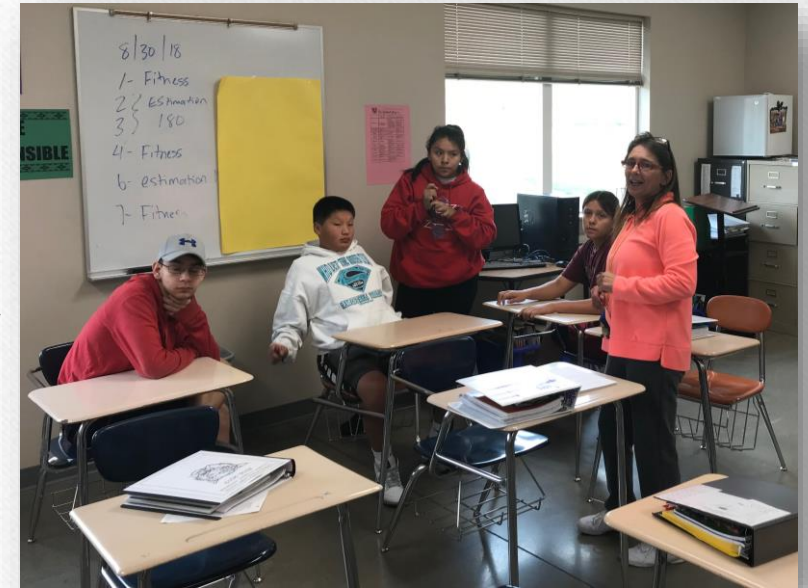


Mrs. Raml Art



Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Raml have expanded their service to Lapwai students with classes at the middle-high this year in addition to elementary instruction. Thank you for your dedication and big hearts for our Wildcat scholars!

Mrs. Melton Health



Attention Wildcat Alumni

The Nez Perce National Historical Park is currently working on redesigning and renovating its museum exhibit space. It is estimated that the new museum will be completed by early 2020. For design purposes, the park is seeking out objects for a temporary exhibit case focused on sports. Any type of object related to sports in the community is welcomed (i.e. footballs, jerseys, banners, equipment, photographs, etc).

Please email, call, or stop by the park to talk to museum curator, Kristine Leier, if you have questions about the exhibit or are interested in loaning your own possessions for display. Ideally the park will need responses by September 14. Kristine's contact information is:

kristine_leier@nps.gov or (208) 843-7040.



Important Revisions to Attendance Policies and Procedures

Grades PreK-8: Students who miss 40% or more of the scheduled instructional *minutes* of the school year will be automatically retained and required to repeat their current grade. The parent or guardian may appeal this retention with the Lapwai School District Attendance Committee.

Grades 9-12: Absences will be recorded by period. When a student misses twelve (12) days in any given period in a semester, the student will be withdrawn and lose credit for each class with 12 or more absences. The parent or guardian may appeal the loss of credit with the Lapwai School District Attendance Committee.

Attendance Committee Appeals: Approved appeals by the Lapwai School District Attendance Committee will include a plan to ensure regular and punctual attendance including resources and mentors to support improvement. Failure to adhere to the Attendance Committee plan will result in retention in grades PreK-8 and proceeding with loss of credit in grades 9-12.

Community Resource Specialist & Truancy Interventionist

A new position has been created to support students and their families in removing barriers to regular and punctual attendance. Shawna Leighton will be the district Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist. Shawna can connect families with tribal, county, and state resources. She will act as a mentor for students who struggle with school attendance and support their academic success. This role has been graciously supported by Local Education Funds from the Nez Perce Tribe.

Shawna Leighton

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(208) 843-2241



Two missed days a month adds up to being a half a year behind by the time your child reaches 4th grade.

Proof of Residency

Incoming kindergarteners and transfer students from another school district will require proof of residency during the registration process. Students residing with a parent or legal guardian within district boundaries will automatically be accepted. Students residing outside of district boundaries or living in a household without their parent or legal guardian will be required to complete an Open Enrollment Application for consideration.

Incoming kindergarten students with Lapwai Head Start records reflecting an in-district physical address from will not be required to submit proof of residency unless requested.

Proof of residency must be 1 of the following showing parent/guardian name with current physical address and proof must be dated no more than 30 days prior:

- Rental/Lease/Home Agreement
- Utility Bill
- Cable Bill
- Homeowners/Renters Insurance

If you are unable to provide one proof of residency from the first list, you must then provide 3 proofs of residency from the following list below and be dated no more than 30 days prior:

- Driver's License or State ID
- Auto Insurance
- Paycheck Stub
- Bank Statement
- Credit Card Statement
- Letter or Document from a Tribal/Federal/State Agency



Out-of-District Students

Acceptance of out-of-district students is a program that spans one school year at a time. **Parents/guardians must reapply each spring for the following school year.** Please complete an Open Enrollment application at the Lapwai School District Office **prior to registration August 15th and 16th.** We are located in back of the gymnasium lobby at 404 S. Main Street in Lapwai. **Idaho Code also requires districts to charge tuition for out of state students, please contact the district office for additional information.** Actual student enrollment may be considered before approving an out-of-district enrollment request.

Staff Qualifications

Federal law requires that each school district receiving Title I funds notify parents of each student attending any school receiving these funds that information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) may be requested.

As a parent of a student attending a school receiving federal program funds, you have the right to know:

- Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades and subject(s) assigned?
- Is my child's teacher teaching with a provisional license, meaning the state has waived requirements for my child's teacher?
- What is the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degree or degrees does my child's teacher hold?

To request the state qualifications for your child's teacher or instructional aide, please contact David Aiken at (208) 843-2622 ext 202. If you would like more information about your child's school, please feel free to contact the principals:

Teri Wagner, Lapwai Elementary: (208) 843-2960

D'Lisa Penney-Pinkham, Lapwai Middle-High: (208) 843-2241