

Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, February 28, 2020



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

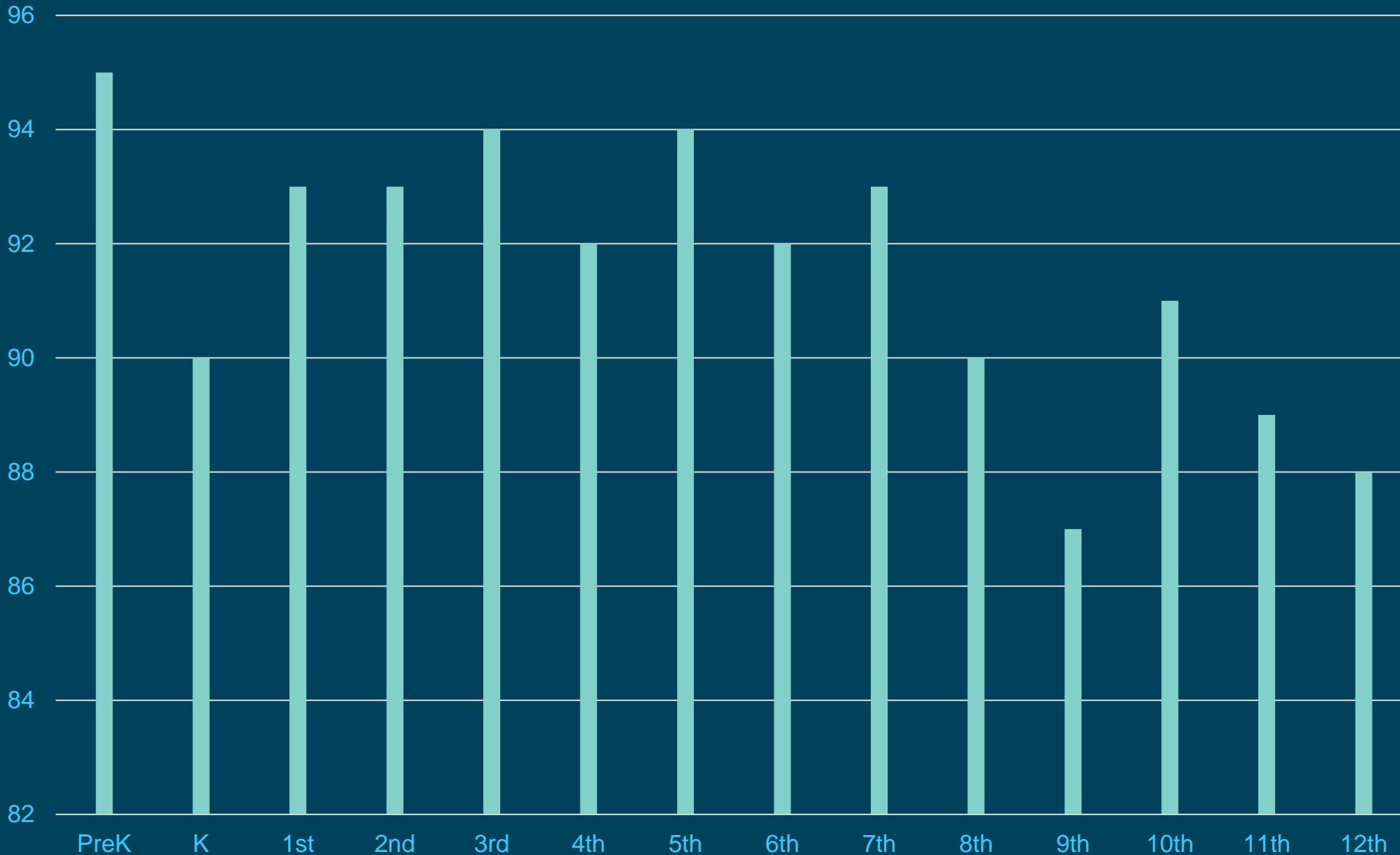


Congratulations
Class 1A Division I
Idaho High School
Girls Basketball
State Champions!



Average Daily Attendance: August 28th to February 27th

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute
in School Counts 



Elementary:
93%

Middle-High:
90%

Average Daily Attendance
During Girls State Basketball

Elementary
2-20: 83%
2-21: 79%

Middle-High
2-20: 82%
2-21: 78%

Justin Rabago-Johnson
Valedictorian

Julia Gould
Salutatorian



Class of 2020 Valedictorian &
Salutatorian Present to the Lapwai
School District Board of Trustees

Building Strong Partnerships



Qe'ciyew'yew' Lori Ravet, Special Education Director, Dr. D'Lisa Penney, Principal, Mrs. Johnson, High School Special Education, and 6th Grade Teachers Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Kinnick

A team from Lapwai Middle-High School attended the Building Strong Partnerships conference in Moscow this week sponsored by Idaho Special Education and Technical Assistance (SESTA).

The training was designed to empower special educators and general educators to work together in effectively supporting students with disabilities.

Topics included: effective communication strategies, problem-solving to improve student outcomes, collaborative planning to ensure access to the general education standards, identifying standards-based IEP goals, and development of meaningful accommodations.



Artist Spotlight

Sage LoneBear
8th Grade Artist
Pastel Paintings
Mrs. Raml's Art Class

Nez Perce Education Standard:
Experiential Learning

Annual Impact Aid Questionnaire Results Summary

A questionnaire is distributed annually in an effort to hear the voices of our parents, community members, and Nez Perce Tribal leaders in the planning and development of our educational programs. After reviewing the results of the 2019-2020 Impact Aid Questionnaire, three learning needs emerged as the highest priorities. Current efforts to address these priorities in the Lapwai School District include:

1) Nez Perce Language Recovery

Nez Perce language is scheduled weekly in grades kindergarten through 6th grade. Additional sections of introductory and advanced classes have been added for grades 7-12 with high school students earning four college credits. Nez Perce language is also offered daily for grades 1st through 5th in the afterschool program.

2. Enhanced whole child educational Pre-K-12 programs that develop positive human relations, self-discipline, good citizenship, self-esteem and success.

The Lapwai School District is currently implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.). P.B.I.S. is a best-practice framework for improving academic and behavioral outcomes for all students. The purpose of this program is to increase academic time-on-task by reducing problem behaviors. The students are explicitly taught how to be respectful, responsible, and safe in all locations on the school grounds. Our goal with PBIS and bullying prevention is to create a safe environment to maximize learning for all students. The elementary is also implementing the P.A.T.H.S. curriculum (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies), which encourages the development of strong social skills, problem solving, positive character traits, and bullying prevention, all which support academics. These research-based tools for teachers minimize learning interruptions and prevent bullying and other behaviors with strategic procedures and prevention techniques. Positive character traits and citizenship are also recognized in both schools with rewards, celebrations, and assemblies.

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There are growing resources within the district to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment which include:

Lori Ravet: Special Education Director and School Psychologist

Kristen Bateman: Elementary Counselor

Josh Nellesen: Middle-High Academic Guidance Counselor

Shawna Leighton: Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist

Julie Clark: Elementary PBIS Coordinator

Iris Chimburas: Middle-High Dean of Students

Heather Foster: Nimiipuu Behavioral Health, LMSW

Lapwai School District Attendance Committee

Qe'ciyew'yew' to the Nez Perce Tribe for your support with these crucial resources.

3. More academic challenges and competitions or advanced coursework. More real world experience in and out of school and advanced use of technology. More exposure to career awareness and work experience.

- The elementary afterschool program includes a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics focus with engaging activities and family engagement events. The program continues to introduce students to drone technology.
- The middle-high school has a very strong partnership with the Nez Perce Tribe. 100% of high school seniors have access and support with college applications, FAFSA, scholarship applications, access to dual college credit in high school, and college transition activities. There is continued collaboration with community based programs such as Educational Talent Search, Team Works, Students for Success, Nez Perce Tribe Education, Upward Bound, and Gear Up. Students have access to customized learning plans based on the need for advanced opportunity, dual college credit, and credit recovery. At-risk 8th-12th grade students are enrolled in custom courses in Edmentum and Idaho Digital Learning Academy to ensure that they are eligible for graduation.

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- Seniors benefit from math and English-language arts tutoring and college advising. Students have access to instructional support in the classroom and after school hours including ACT preparation. All seniors are eligible for a 5 year renewable scholarship to attend Idaho institutions. All seniors participated in FAFSA, Idaho College Application Week, and toured at least two college campuses.
- BPA (Business Professionals of America) and FFA (Future Farmers of America) provide career awareness, work experience, and professional-technical opportunities for our students.
- BPA, FFA, and Nez Perce Language students are also participating in academic competitions with great success.
- University of Idaho Upward Bound has an office at the high school including a full time dedicated staff member. Their college preparation services include ACT assistance, dual enrollment opportunities, campus visits, and financial aid assistance.

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- The middle-high has a College and Career Readiness Professional Learning Community working on a research-based approach to preparing students for graduation and the requirements and challenges after high school.
- Dual credit opportunities through LCSC for high school students currently include: Public Speaking, Nez Perce Language, College Writing, Native American History, Math, College and Career Readiness, and Idaho Digital Learning Academy online dual credit.
- Environmental Science has introduced and implemented advanced technology within the classroom specifically related to drones, Adobe and Microsoft certifications, machining, and engineering. These programs are made possible by the collaboration with the University of Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe Natural Resources, and Career Technical Education with the state of Idaho. Lapwai students participate in dual credit drone camp, internships with the Tribe and access to advanced technology.

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- College-level human biology joins physics and chemistry as high school course offerings this year.
- All middle school students are enrolled in health and speech.
- The middle-high was awarded a Native Youth Community Project grant which provides a full time College and Career Readiness Teacher, technology, assessment materials, college visits and other advanced opportunities for students in grades 6-12.
- Lapwai middle-high is involved in the Create Idaho and Imagine Academy programs. These projects bring updated technologies into school through a partnership with Adobe and Microsoft. Both of which provide access to the most updated versions of the software, a curriculum specifically made for these projects, and a national certification process.
- Middle-high students are enrolled in advanced opportunity classes through Edmentum and Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

Glory Sobotta
Lewiston Tribune
Prep Athlete of
the Week



Glory & Grace Sobotta
KLEW PIFCU
Prep Athletes of the Week

