

Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, March 12, 2021

Celebrations & Pictures of Wildcat Scholars & the Dedicated Staff Who Serve Them

Mrs. Raml's Artist Spotlight





JIMrs. Shaffer's Music Spotlight 1 [14]

Students in Mrs. Shaffer's class have been engaged in online activities, creating presentations, and will soon be introduced to a digital program where they can create their own music. March is National Music in Our Schools Month. Nez Perce Standard

Experiential Learning

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 2020-2021 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 offered daily for grades 1st through 5th in the afterschool program. Additional sections of introductory and advanced classes have been added for grades 7-12 with high school students earning four college credits.



2. After School Programs

Elementary School: After school program includes grades 1-5, Monday through Thursday. Extended summer school is planned with additional details to follow.

Middle-High School: After school program includes grades 6-12, Monday through Thursday.

Native Arts: Native arts classes include grades 9-12, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



3. College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology

•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.

3. College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology

•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.

 Middle-high students are enrolled in advanced opportunity classes through Edmentum and Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

3. College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology

•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, virtual campus visits, and financial aid assistance.

•The middle-high includes a team of student support services working on a researchbased 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.

3. College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology

• There is a strong partnership with IDLA and LCSC to create a pathway for all 9th-12th grade students interested in the health field. The track for our future medical students begins with health in middle school, health occupations, medical terminology and access to become a certified nursing assistant in their junior or senior year.

•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.

- 3. College and Career Readiness, Advanced Uses of Technology
- •Advanced 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 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.

Lapwai School District Seeks Parent Input

If you are the parent of a currently enrolled student in the Lapwai School District, we are seeking your input by March 31st. Schools across the state are participating in a new parent engagement survey. This survey gives you the chance to share your input on several topics to help measure how our schools are doing in meeting your needs.

The survey only takes a few minutes and your responses are anonymous, but they will be critical in helping us identify opportunities to maximize satisfaction, engagement, and communication.

Parents of currently enrolled students can access the survey by March 31st at: Parent Survey Link: <u>https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/149869/p31461</u>

See "Parent Engagement Survey" at Lapwai.org