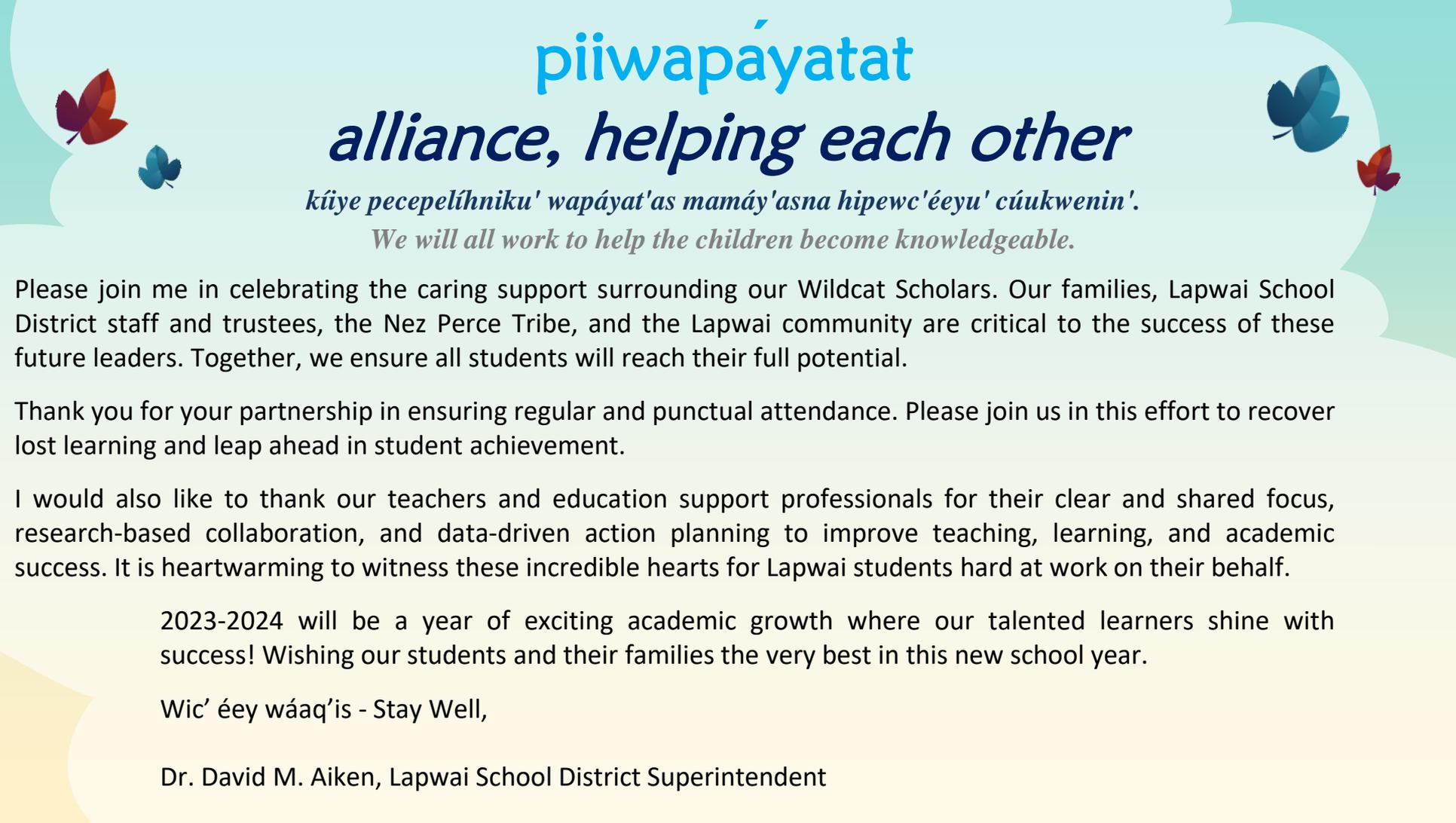


Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update

Friday, September 1, 2023



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



piiwapáyatat

alliance, helping each other

kíiye pecepelíhniku' wapáyat'as mamáy'asna hipewc'éeyu' cúukwenin'.

We will all work to help the children become knowledgeable.

Please join me in celebrating the caring support surrounding our Wildcat Scholars. Our families, Lapwai School District staff and trustees, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Lapwai community are critical to the success of these future leaders. Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring regular and punctual attendance. Please join us in this effort to recover lost learning and leap ahead in student achievement.

I would also like to thank our teachers and education support professionals for their clear and shared focus, research-based collaboration, and data-driven action planning to improve teaching, learning, and academic success. It is heartwarming to witness these incredible hearts for Lapwai students hard at work on their behalf.

2023-2024 will be a year of exciting academic growth where our talented learners shine with success! Wishing our students and their families the very best in this new school year.

Wic' éey wáaq'is - Stay Well,

Dr. David M. Aiken, Lapwai School District Superintendent



Qe'ciyew'yew' Nez Perce Tribe

On behalf of our students, staff, and the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees, please accept our gratitude for your continued support with Local Education Program Funds. These resources will make a lasting impact on student success and expand opportunities for our learners. We look forward to featuring these projects in our newsletters and social media, celebrating your support of our Wildcat Scholars.



Please join us in celebrating the generous support of the Nez Perce Tribe with Local Education Program Fund awards. Their caring assistance included \$81,004 in grant support for objectives with relevance to Nez Perce culture and history:

- \$10,000: Speech and Language Equipment
- \$10,000: Culturally Relevant Learning Experiences
- \$10,000: Attendance Incentives and Rewards
- \$10,000: Indigenous Pedagogy Hands-On Mathematics
- \$7,732: Native Arts
- \$10,000: Middle High School PBIS Incentives and Celebrations
- \$1,238: Social Studies Experiential Learning
- \$10,000: Wrestling
- \$9,058: STEM Experiential Learning
- \$2,976: Cheer





2023-2024 Regular & Punctual School Attendance Challenge



Weekly Drawings: Each week a student has perfect attendance and no tardies their name will automatically be entered into a drawing. Prizes include gift cards and passes from Happy Day Restaurants, Lewiston Village Centre Cinemas, Orchards Lanes, and Palouse Discovery Science Center. Winners will be featured in the Superintendent's Weekly Update, Lapwai School District Facebook page, and on our Main Street digital sign. If you miss a day of school, you have the following week to try again! Every week is a new chance to win!

Elementary Grade Level Challenge: The elementary grade level with the highest average daily attendance through Friday, November 3rd will earn a class field trip to the Palouse Discovery Science Center!

Middle-High Grade Level Challenge: The middle-high grade level with the highest average daily attendance through Friday, November 3rd will earn a class field trip to the Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park in Moscow!

Grand Prize Winners: Parents can win too! All students with perfect attendance the first 10 weeks of school through Friday, November 3rd will be automatically entered to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card for their family.

Special Honors: The Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet will be rewarding students with perfect attendance first semester through January 19th. We will also reward those who take a stand against bullying with Respectful, Responsible, and Safe behavior!

Learning Is Required
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Email ATTENDANCE@LAPWAI.ORG to request support with regular and punctual attendance.

Lapwai School District PowerSchool Mobile App

Download the PowerSchool Mobile app to keep informed regarding your child's progress at school. You will receive immediate attendance notifications, have access to schedules, and parents with students in grade 6-12 can monitor their student's grades and missing assignments. This new resource provides improved and timely communication with our Wildcat families. The app is free and easy to use.

Use the Lapwai School District Code **B R S B** with the same username and password created during the registration process. Please contact your child's school for assistance.

Please download the PowerSchool Mobile app in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year!



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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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.

Out-of-District Students: Open enrollment will be revoked if a student becomes chronically absent, missing 10% or more of school year.



Thank you for your partnership in ensuring regular and punctual attendance. Despite early release each Friday, these days will remain crucial to your child's education. Please join us in this effort to ensure all students reach their full potential.

Dr. Arthur Taylor, Jr. Culturally Responsive Teacher of the Year: Mr. Woodford

Mr. Woodford was honored by Nez Perce STEP as the Dr. Arthur Taylor Jr. Culturally-Responsive Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations Mr. Woodford and thank you for your big heart for Lapwai students! We would like to thank Joyce McFarland and Alicia Wheeler for joining us to honor this deserving teacher!

Congratulations Mr. Woodford!



Teacher Helper of the Year: Bonnita Smith

Bonnita Smith was honored by Nez Perce STEP as the Teacher Helper of the Year.

Congratulations Bonnita and thank you for your big heart for Lapwai students! We would like to thank Joyce McFarland and Alicia Wheeler for joining us to honor this deserving professional!

Congratulations Bonnita!





Wildcat Athletics



The Lapwai School District is extremely proud of their athletes. We regularly receive complements praising their good sportsmanship and respectful behavior. We encourage parents and fans to model respectful, responsible, and safe behavior for our students as well. Please bring positive and appropriate support for our student athletes when attending Wildcat athletic events. The attention during games should remain on the athletes and their hard work, leaving concerns for a more appropriate and professional time. Please feel free to contact our Athletic Coordinators to arrange a meeting. Coaches, Athletic Coordinators, and Administrators are willing to meet with you regarding your concerns and gather your input outside of athletic events. Dr. Penney and Dr. Aiken remain Administrators for the Athletic Direction Team. The Athletic Coordinators will keep us informed regarding your needs. Emails to Wildcats@Lapwai.org are automatically forwarded to all Administrators and Athletic Coordinators.

Please first direct middle school questions, concerns, and requests for support to:

Jene Ane Carlin
Middle-School Athletic Coordinator
JCarlin@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2241



Please first direct high school questions, concerns, and requests for support to:

Lori Lynn Picard
High-School Athletic Coordinator
LPicard@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2241



Qe'ciyew'yew' Lapwai Education Association

It takes big hearts to shape young minds - Qe'ciyew'yew'



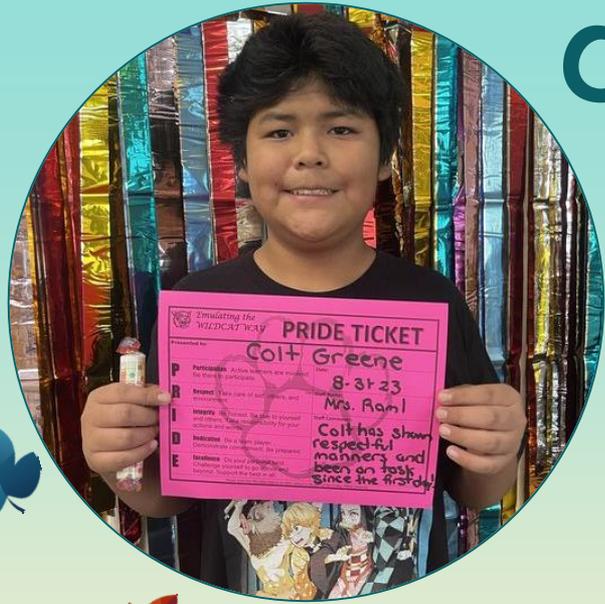
Annual Fall Districtwide Meeting - August 25, 2023



Qe'ciyew'yew' Alan White



Alan White was honored at the Annual Fall Districtwide meeting for his 24 years of service in Maintenance and Transportation.



Congratulations Colt Greene!

Congratulations to Wildcat Scholar Colt Greene! He earned the first PRIDE ticket for his school. Mrs. Raml recognized him for showing respect, manners, and on task learning focus this week. Thank you Colt for being an academic leader!

Participation
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Excellence

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:
Interpersonal Relationships

Be Respectful
qa'ánnó' 'ee

Be Responsible
timmíyunin'
'ee wic'éeyu'

Be Safe
'ee 'ima'íyano'

New Safety Tools Planned

Our highest priority is always the safety of our students. In addition to clear and practiced procedures in the event of an emergency, additional resources will be in place soon. Video intercom systems have been installed in all buildings. Perimeters will remain locked the majority of the school day. Guests will be requested to use the intercoms at entrances for school entry. Similar to a door bell, our offices will be alerted of your arrival. We will welcome visitors with the two-way intercom and open the door remotely. We would like to thank our families for their support with these additional safety measures.

Questions can be directed to Superintendent Aiken at (208) 843-2622, daiken@Lapwai.org.

Our families can expect additional information prior to deployment of these new safety resources in the Lapwai School District.





Staff Qualifications

School districts receiving Title I funds are required to notify parents they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s). We are prepared to celebrate our highly qualified staff and share their accomplishments with you on request.

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 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?

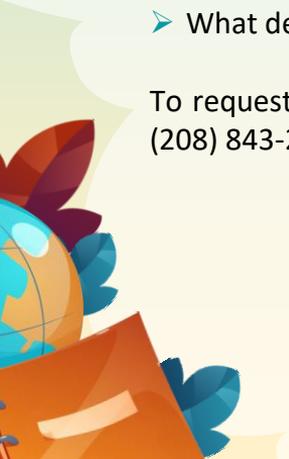
To request the state qualifications for your child's teacher or instructional aide, please contact David Aiken, Superintendent, at (208) 843-2622. If you would like more information about your child's school, please feel free to contact our dedicated principals:

Teri Wagner, Lapwai Elementary School:

(208) 843-2960

Dr. D'Lisa Penney, Lapwai Middle-High School:

(208) 843-2241



Lapawai School District Family Resources

Homeless Education Liaison

David Aiken
daiken@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2622

Foster Care Liaison School Psychologist

Lori Ravet
lravet@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2960

Community Resource Specialist and Truancy Interventionist

Shawna Leighton
sleighton@lapwai.org
(208) 843-2241



Certified Prevention Specialist

Kiri Brown
kbrown@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2241

Elementary School Counselor

Kristen Bateman
kbateman@Lapwai.org
(208) 843-2960

Academic Guidance Counselor

Josh Nellesen
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(208) 843-2241

Lapwai School District Attendance Committee (LSDAC): A team has been formed to surround our families with resources and support. Those who need assistance to removing barriers to regular and punctual attendance are welcome and encouraged to contact us. Please contact your child's school to access LSDAC resources or email Attendance@Lapwai.org

Congratulations Lapwai Middle-High School Wildcat Scholars!



During the 2022-2023 school year, Lapwai Middle-High School achieved the highest pass rate in the state for advanced coursework through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy!



Nez Perce Cultural Principle:
Evaluating Mastery



Native Youth Community Project Grant

Lapwai Schools

Community
Partners

Nimiipuu Health
Circle of Elders
Nez Perce Tribe
University of Idaho
Northwest Indian College
Lewis Clark State College
Community Programs
INTERNSHIPS

CTE Careers Pathway

Medical Careers Pathway

Educational Careers Pathway



CTE Careers Pathway 

Medical Careers Pathway 

Educational Careers Pathway 

Literacy @ Home



Smarty
Ants



Storyline Online

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Oxford Owl

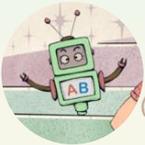


Brightly

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Free
Children's
Stories



Reading
Buddies



Parent
Portal
Lapwai.org



Kid Lit TV



Story Time
From Space



PBS Kids
Reading



Mathematics @ Home

See the Parent Portal at
Lapwai.org



Parent
Portal
Lapwai.org



Cool Math
4 Kids



Math at
Home



Math
Playground



Math Play



PBS Kids
Math



Math Game
Time



Splash
Learn

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Nez Perce Language



The Lapwai Middle-High School Native Culture and Language Team is excited to share the attached resource for teachers. This instructional tool includes common classroom words and phrases with QR codes leading to the pronunciation.

A Wildcat thank you to Tatlo Gregory for lending the team his knowledge and expertise!

The tool is also featured in the [Parent Portal](#) section of the Lapwai School District website as a resource for learning at home.

www.Lapwai.org

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:
Oral History