



# Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update



**June 4, 2025**

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

# Lapwai Middle-High School Career and Technical Education Center

*qe'ciyew'yew' to the Nez Perce Tribe, R & M Steel, and the Idaho State Department of Education!*



The design-build process is gaining momentum with groundbreaking now planned for August. Please join us in celebrating the support of the Nez Perce Tribe as our primary industry partners with \$20,000 in Local Education Program Fund assistance. This generosity is added to a state Idaho Career Ready Students award of \$1,278,843 and a building material donation from R & M Steel in Caldwell, Idaho totaling \$66,650. The facility will expand carpentry and fabrication instruction with a long-term goal of automotive technology. Welding will remain in the current agricultural building behind the high school.

# Lapwai Middle-High School Career and Technical Education Center



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College and career readiness, dual credit, advanced opportunities, and career paths are growing!

# Perfect Attendance!



Three Wildcat Scholars achieved perfect school attendance during the 2024-2025 school year:

Raquel Rickman, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reagan Speas, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Hudson Speas, 4<sup>th</sup>

Please join us in celebrating these students and their families for making regular and punctual school attendance a priority this year!

AMAZING!





# Book Giveaway Dedication for Richard Mark Ramsey Jr.

qe'ciyew'yew' Lisa Guzman & Bessie Walker



'Iceyéeeye káa 'apsiyáaya

Book Giveaway Dedication for:

Richard Mark Ramsey Jr.

For: Lapwai Middle/ High School students

Where: Lapwai High School

When: May 27th 2025,

before the Lapwai Senior Powwow



Artwork By: Nakia Cloud  
Original Story By: Sam Watters  
Recreated By: Hipeexnu & Nimiiputimt Language Colleagues

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This book is dedicated to:  
Richard Mark Ramsey Jr.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lapwai School District Pow Wow Honoring Graduates & Retirees

Ma7 27, 2025 Lapwai High School Gymnasium



This annual celebration is an action plan by the Lapwai Middle-High School Native Culture and Language Team facilitated by Alicia Wheeler and David Aiken with support from Joyce McFarland. We value our collaboration with the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP). A Wildcat thank you to the Lapwai School District Indian Education Department for providing honorariums and gifts for our drums, emcee, and elder. Please join us in honoring those involved:

**Drums:** Dancing Eagle and Lightening Creek

**Emcee:** Andre Picard

**Elder:** Mary Jane Miles





# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lapwai School District Pow Wow Honoring Graduates



May 27, 2025 **& Retirees** Lapwai High School Gymnasium



Congratulations  
Class of 2025!

Celebrating Mrs. Baldwin's  
36 Years of Service!





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# 2024-2025 Lapwai School District Superintendent's Student Cabinet



Grade 4	Rhoni Taylor
Grade 5	Liam Grassrope
Grade 6	Odin Henry
Grade 7	Ginna Wilson
Grade 8	Tyrell Johns
Grade 9	Kendyl Greene
Grade 10	Kiahna Padilla
Grade 11	Ivy Vrieling
Grade 12	Garrett Baumbaugh

These outstanding students were nominated for demonstrating the Wildcat Way with respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. The Student Cabinet join the Superintendent as his advisors. It was an incredible honor to collaborate with these leaders.

A Wildcat thank you to the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees for joining us during our annual luncheon honoring the Student Cabinet for their year of service - qe'ciyew'yew'

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Personal Sovereignty

# Excellence in Academic Achievement Presented to the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees



*From Left to Right:*

Saei Jamias-George, Early Graduate  
Andraeana Domebo, LCSC Associate of Arts Graduate  
Mackenna Baumbaugh, Salutatorian  
Faith Sobotta, Co-Valedictorian  
Amasone George, Co-Valedictorian

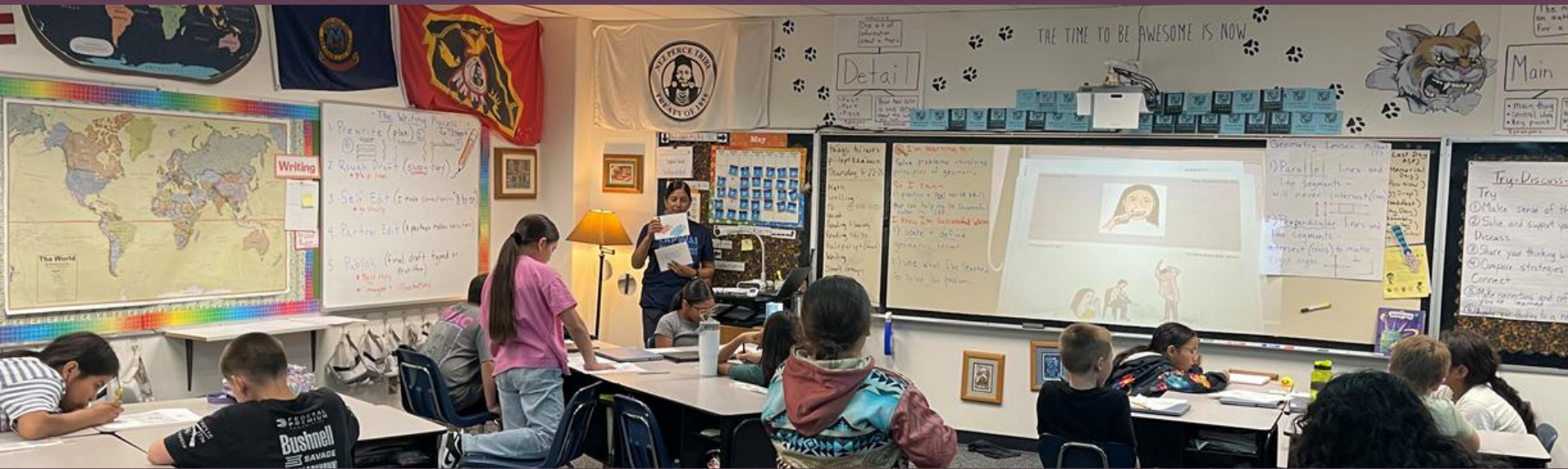
Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Evaluating Mastery

A Wildcat thank you to these Wildcat Scholars and their families for joining us at the May School Board meeting. College and career readiness and advanced opportunities are a priority at Lapwai Middle-High School.

# qe'ciyew'yew' sepehitemenew'éet Angel Sobotta

Nez Perce Language Instruction  
Elementary Afterschool Program  
Mr. Woodford's Class  
May 2025

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Teachers Are Guides



Nez Perce language is offered regularly at the elementary in kindergarten through 5th grade and the afterschool program. Nez Perce Language instruction is also offered for 6th-8th grade. Additional sections of introductory and advanced classes have been added for grades 7-12 with high school students earning four college credits. Two college-level courses are available through a partnership with Lewis-Clark State College.



# Wildcat Roar!



Congratulations to Mrs. Baldwin's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wildcat Scholars! Each day an elementary class has everyone in attendance and on time, they receive a Wildcat Roar Card. Once the class achieves 10 cards, they earn the celebration of their choice.

This new system of celebrating success is an action plan created by the Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet. This team benefits from the generous support of Local Education Program Funds from the Nez Perce Tribe. Please join us in thanking them for making these rewards possible! What gets recognized, gets repeated. What gets celebrated, becomes a habit.

Please also join us in celebrating Attendance Clerk, LaTasha Dishion, for coordinating these celebrations!

Mrs. Baldwin, thank you for your 36 years of service to Lapwai students!



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony



Please join us in a Wildcat thank you to those responsible for this celebration and family engagement activity:

Dr. D'Lisa Penney  
Ms. Micah Bisbee  
Ms. Ashlee Grunenfelder  
Mr. Matthew Morgan  
Mr. Greg Hansen  
Mr. Tony Wittman

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Evaluating Mastery

Monday, June 2, 2025

- ❖ I am proud to make my commitment to Lapwai High School. I am excited to begin this journey and ready for my next steps.
- ❖ I will attend school in the fall, work to my best ability, and successfully manage my educational plan as a Wildcat.
- ❖ I have completed all of the requirements to be a student at the next level. I have worked hard these past 3 years to ensure that I am ready for this next challenge.
- ❖ I am going to continue my commitment to myself and my loved ones during the next 4 years.
- ❖ I will ask for help when I need it from the skilled professionals at my school. I will lean on my teachers, family, and community for the solutions to any academic barriers during my journey.
- ❖ I will challenge myself academically, physically, and emotionally. I will overcome my academic weaknesses and continue to grow my strengths.
- ❖ I am a confident member of the Lapwai Middle School community and will continue to make our school proud and family proud.

*qe'ciyew'yew' to all those attended to celebrate this milestone in their academic journey!*



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Experiential Learning



5th Grade Wildcat Scholars attended the Farm and Forest Fair hosted by the North Central Idaho University of Idaho Extension. They met educators and industry representatives at learning stations featuring key aspects of farming and forestry.

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Experiential Learning



# Forest and Fire Management

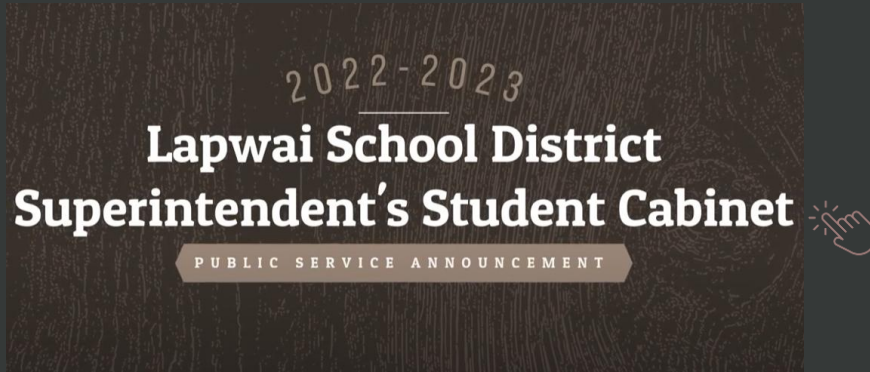


Wildcat Scientists joined Mr. Sidener is a visit to the Wolf Education and Research Center and spent the day with the Nez Perce Tribe Forestry and Fire Management Division. Students experienced a controlled burn and learned about Forest and Fire Management duties.

qe'ciyew'yew' Mr. Sidener for sharing pictures and your dedication to experiential learning.

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:  
Experiential Learning

# Respectful, Responsible, and Safe



Students districtwide were honored this week during student success assemblies for respectful, responsible, and safe behavior.

The Lapwai School District has a surprise in store for the 2025-2026 academic year! The celebrations for modeling the Wildcat Way will be even **BIGGER!** Stay tuned!

What Gets **Recognized** Gets **Repeated**  
What Gets **Celebrated** Becomes a **Habit**



Be Respectful  
**qa'anno' 'ee**

Be Responsible  
**timmíyunin' 'ee wic'éeyu'**

Be Safe  
**'ee 'ima'íyano'**



# 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341  
2025-2026

July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
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Key Dates:

- First Day of School: August 18
- End of Summer Vacation: August 17
- End of August Vacation: August 31
- End of September Vacation: September 30
- End of October Vacation: October 31
- End of November Vacation: November 30
- End of December Vacation: December 31
- End of January Vacation: January 31
- End of February Vacation: February 28
- End of March Vacation: March 31
- End of April Vacation: April 30
- End of May Vacation: May 31
- End of June Vacation: June 30

Free Day: Every Monday (including 12:00pm)

Dismissal: 1:30pm

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# ***PARTY INVITATION***



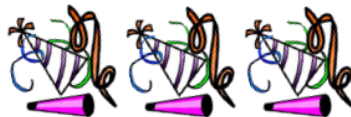
PLEASE JOIN LAPWAI ELEMENTARY

AS WE HONOR

THE 36-YEAR TEACHING CAREER OF

*MRS. CARLEEN BALDWIN*

**This celebration will be held  
Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.  
in the Lapwai Elementary Gym**



**Light refreshments will be served.**