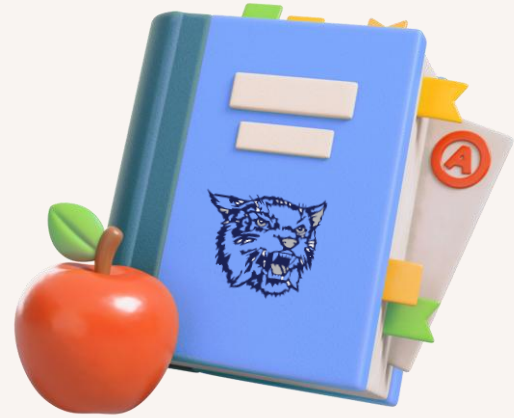


Celebrations & Pictures of Wildcat Scholars & the Dedicated Staff Who Serve Them

Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update




Friday, March 20, 2026



qe'ciyew'yew' Thank You!

On behalf of the students, staff, families, and trustees of the Lapwai School District, thank you Superintendent Critchfield for recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of our Wildcat Scholars and the dedicated staff and Nez Perce Tribal resources who support them!

*Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Debbie Critchfield*

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Lapwai School District is home to an elementary and middle/high school with the same name. Together, around 450 students are enrolled across grades K–12.

Both schools are classified as 'Goal Makers' by the Idaho Department of Education, meaning they continue to meet or exceed annual interim progress metrics. The five-year graduation rate at the high school exceeds the state-set target. Over 80% of the students here, in grades 7–12, are using the Idaho Advanced Opportunities program.

At the elementary school, growth toward mathematics proficiency has exploded and is surpassing state averages by nearly 10%.

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qe'ciyew'yew' DelRae Kipp!

A Wildcat thank you to the Idaho Office of Drug Policy for their award of a Substance Prevention & Treatment Block Grant. Their support provides recognition for community partners modeling the Wildcat Way who are substance free with respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. We were proud to honor DelRae Kipp of the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees! DelRae volunteers her time to the board, cheerleading, golf, basketball book, and served many years on the Lapwai School District Indian Parent Committee and Lapwai Community Coalition. We celebrated DelRae with a Wildcat Way medal and a life-size cardboard cutout for display in the district.

Please join us in thanking DelRae!



Thank you, Mr. Nellesen, Mr. Sobotta, and Mr. White Temple for supporting our students with a visit to Lewis-Clark State College during Native American Awareness Week! - qe'ciyew'yew'



*Nez Perce Cultural Principal
Experiential Learning*



qe'ciyew'yew' Mrs. Sliger's Class!

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Thank you for the warm welcome kindergarten!

*Nez Perce Cultural Principal
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Mrs. Sliger's Kindergarten Wildcat Scholars

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Mrs. Stamper's Kindergarten Wildcat Scholars

Mrs. Hillman's 2nd Grade Wildcat Engineers



Mrs. Hillman's Wildcat Engineers
created leprechaun traps!

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