



# Lapwai Elementary School Parent Newsletter

# December 2020

Parent  
Corner

Pandemic

Online classes

Homework packets

no food

Unsupervised kids at home

STRESS!

## One Nimiipuu mama's TOP 10 distance learning HACKS!

1. **Make contact with each kid's main teacher.** Sounds easy, feels awkward. I wanted to avoid it, and often did, but it matters to their teacher. It gets communication started. A quick email is plenty. They need to hear from me.
2. **Get a post-it and tape it to the bottom right keyboard space.** Write down all your log-ins and passwords (and come up with creative passwords that your kids will remember), or you will spend hours digging through your email inbox.
3. **Checklists!** Color code by child, or by activity, use the "tasks" widget on your phone and keep it on your main screen, write on the bathroom mirror, or keep a list on the fridge. It will help keep your focus! (Plus, checking everything off makes me feel like I accomplished something!)
4. **Check email in the morning AND evening!** I can't rely on my kids to make me aware of something they didn't turn in or that they didn't log in. I stay on track by checking 2-3 times a day, and email the teacher whenever there is a question.
5. **Start a family calendar.** Buy one, make one, but map out the month with sports schedules, family events/visits, test deadlines, appointments. Kids do much better when they are not caught off guard.
6. **On-line school = Regular school.** Wake up at normal school time, sit at your learning area until homework is finished. Nobody stays in bed, no social media.
7. **Keep the regular bedtime schedule.** Enforcing bedtimes will keep them on a schedule. Nothing worse than sleepy kids trying to do school work!
8. **Rewards.** I tried punishment, taking things away, threats, whoopings. It didn't work. I felt like a bad mom with kids that wouldn't listen. One day, at the dr, I was given a sticker for my son. I said, "If you sit and read your book, you can have this sticker." His face lit up like I just challenged him, and he did it. It worked! Don't go broke trying to reward - Dollar Store candy and toys work for everything! I let them choose something after each class/homework/chore/etc. Don't give a reward when they don't earn it—keep the expectations consistent, and encourage them to keep working!
9. **Go outside.** Kids won't bounce off the walls when there are no walls! Go for walks, do "recess", get some fresh air. Make it mandatory. Always fun and costs ZERO dollars.
10. **Make it Native.** We see that the history being taught to our kids isn't always accurate. This is an opportunity to teach our kids what we want them to know, to integrate who we really are, who we've always been, teachers of the earth around us. Tell stories about old ways; relate everything back to being Nimiipuu—we've already been doing our part since a long, long time ago!

**BONUS: Don't forget the fun!** Be kind to yourself and each other.  
Celebrate small and big victories! ~mother of mini-tribe



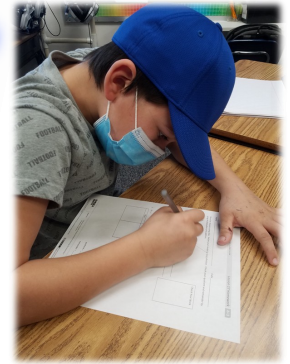
2nd grade artists

# November Student Awards

Watch the awards video here:

<https://youtu.be/dGf7y7znEDE>

Hard at work in 4th grade!



Celebrate  
SUCCESS

Grade	teacher	student of the month	most improved
K	Mrs. Sliger	Colt Loe	Quannah Wheeler
K	Mrs. Hays	Rhoni Taylor	Glyn Stewart
1st	Mrs. Arthur	- - -	- - -
1st	Mrs. Hartwig	Zoey Brown	Cordell Dave
2nd	Mrs. Hillman	Roman Lawrence	Kamai Cash
2nd	Mrs. Hewett	Rossi Curry	Shyne Bronson
3rd	Mrs. Stamper	Jerron Axtell/Jessa Meshell	- - -
3rd	Mrs. Beckman	Mattesun Lange	Elyden Jackson
4th	Mr. Blyleven	Dawson Whitman/Tearra Brown	- - -
4th	Mr. Woodford	- - -	- - -
5th	Mrs. Baldwin	Joslyn McCormack-Marks	Aiden Pielstick
5th	Mr. Morgan	Phoenyx Post	Lewis Allen

Watch the October awards video here:

[https://youtu.be/OJv\\_mCI4bs](https://youtu.be/OJv_mCI4bs)

## Let's talk about 2020 Parent/Teacher Conferences:

**PARENT:** I would like to thank the Lapwai 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher Mrs. Stamper and the Lapwai Elementary Staff who teach my son. I had a conference with Mrs. Stamper & Mrs. Cooley and appreciated the social distance meeting to get better insight on his progress and tips to better his grades for the year. Later I met with them again via virtual zoom meeting. This helped for my busy schedule with work, as well as theirs. It was a lot more convenient and safer due to the current restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate the Lapwai Elementary taking safe protocols for my son. I hope everyone is taking their safety precautions for the sake of our community. ~Charlotte Ellenwood

**TEACHER:** This year's Fall P/T conferences were very different from the norm but, in a strange turn of events for 2020, were very successful! We had a higher turnout than we've had in years past. I got the absolute pleasure to be able to meet with all of my families! I believe this year was successful because we opened up the opportunity to phone and video conferences, as well as making our environment safe for in-person meetings. Parents who could not normally make it into conferences due to their work or home schedules were able to call and chat with me on their lunches and breaks. I, for one, will push for those options to continue to be available in future Parent/Teacher conferences so that I get the chance to meet with everyone.

~Mrs. Stamper



## Winter Break

Dec. 21 through Jan. 1  
(School resumes on  
Monday, Jan. 4th)



*'Kiiye pecepelihniku' wapáyat'as mamáy'asna  
hipewc'éeyu' cúukwenin'.*

“Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.”

More 2nd grade art

## Family Learning Series

virtual Workshop

Hosted by the

Lapwai Elementary School

Family Engagement Team

Parents and Families - **register today**

by emailing Tess Greene at

[julyw@nezperce.org](mailto:julyw@nezperce.org)

**Tues & Wed.**

**Dec. 8-9 and Dec. 15-16**

**from 12pm – 1pm**

- ★ Learn new ways to support your child's education
- ★ Reading at Home includes activities for the whole family
- ★ Appropriate for all K-5 students and their families
- ★ Storytelling, family reading activities, interactive reading, methods for reading to learn
- ★ Free training, free books!
- ★ Win a gift basket!

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