



# Lapwai Elementary School Family Newsletter

**April May**  
**Qaqit'áal 'Apa'áal**  
**2025**

## What was a book you remember as a child?

I liked reading *The Box Car Kids*. We use to have a mobile library back in my elementary school days.  
~Arleen Henry

The books I remember are *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
~Jonelle Yearout

I loved *Junie B Jones* books.  
~Chantal Ellenwood

I liked *SLAM MAGAZINE*  
~Harry Taylor

Growing up I learned to read with the Dick and Jane series. I would read the books over and over again. ~Sheila Hewett

## How do you encourage reading with your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews?

Find what interests them and by age. It's ok to be silly, rhyme, imagine, talk about feelings, and explore different topics. ~Jonelle Yearout

Reading to Dion and younger children, it is important to read the books with expression and my hope is to capture the same feeling I always got when Mrs. Ankney (my favorite teacher of all time), and others read to us. The challenge today is our kids are distracted with 100 times more technology and electronics than we ever had. It is important for us to have that ability to shut down everything and have a quiet time to just read. Allow them to explore books in their own without interruption. It's the most important thing for our children to do, to read and comprehend. This helps them be able to live and thrive the rest of their lives. ~Rebecca Miles

I encourage reading with my children by creating books with my kids. ~Chantal Ellenwood

I tell my grandkids you will always need to know how to read so pick a book out and read and when you're done reading I want you to tell me what you read and be able to ask you questions to make sure you understand what you read.  
~Arleen Henry



In the classroom and with my grandchildren I loved reading the Junie B. Jones series. I had fun making her character come to life with her silly antics.  
~Sheila Hewett

Purchasing my kids their own SLAM MAGAZINE subscription  
~Harry Taylor

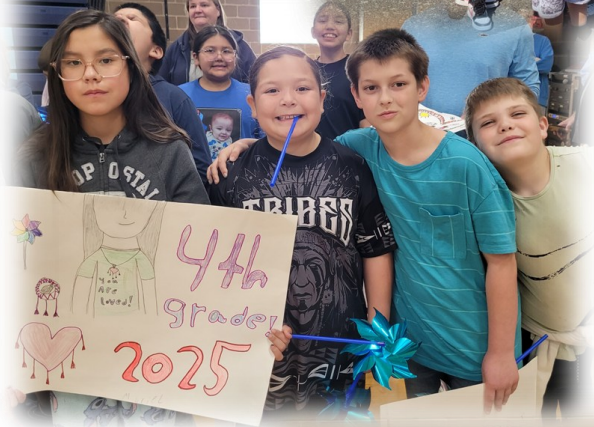
Books were such a major part of our lives growing up. My mom invested in good book collections for us and obviously throughout school I loved so many. *Frog and Toad* stay with me in kindergarten and so many more books, but it was when we got older, those books had a long lasting impact on me. I think we all loved Mrs. Presnell reading us "*Where the Red Fern Grows*". It never got old to me. I had read it before but the treasure of that time was being read to, an entire book! You didn't want to miss a day of school and I can recall laying on my desk just sinking myself into the story. Those were great memories.  
~Rebecca Miles

I did not have a favorite book growing up. My parents didn't make reading a priority. The joy of reading is something I learned later as an adult, but I struggled greatly my entire school career. I promised myself that my children would receive the gift of books and reading. The results and benefits are too great to ignore. The bonding that occurs while reading a book to my child, the rich vocabulary they developed, and in general how understanding things comes easier because they love to read is very important.  
~Bahiyiyh Hansen



April 25th  
Pinwheel Parade

# CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Fri. May 2**

K-2 student success  
assembly 10:50am  
3-5 student success  
assembly 11:30am

**Tues. May 10**

Mobile Food Pantry,  
10am HS Gym Pkg  
Lot

**Mon. May 12**

Cultural Awareness  
Day, no school

**Thurs. May 15**

Environmental  
Education and Cultural  
Knowledge Day  
Agency grounds lawn  
(starts at 8:30am)

**Thurs. May 22**

Last day of After  
School Program

**Mon. May 26**

Memorial Day, no  
school

**Tues. May 27**

District Pow-Wow  
1:30pm HS Gym

**Fri. May 30**

Lapwai High School  
Graduation 6pm

**Wed. Jun 4**

Last day of school, ear-  
ly release, 1:05pm

**Mon. Jun 9**

Summer School begins  
M-Th, 8am-2pm  
(ends June 26)

*'Kúye pecepelíhniku' wapáyat'as mamáy'asna  
hipewc'éeyu' cúukwenin'.*

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