



LPSD SHINING STARS, APRIL, 2026



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Ed Lester and Deano	Newhalen	I think Ed because he's so dedicated to the school and supports his teachers! One of the best to ever do it! Also Deano needs some love as well always willing to lend a hand and is constantly working to improve our school for the kids and staff! Those two are great for our community and who knows where we would be without them!	Roy Womak, Teacher
Sam Rigby	District-wide	I am thrilled to nominate Sam Rigby for the Shining Star Award. Working in IT is often a thankless job; when it is done well, the work is practically invisible to the rest of the team. Over the years, Sam has tirelessly built and maintained the technology infrastructure that keeps LPSD running every single day. He is deeply dedicated to supporting our staff and students, always striving to do the best job possible. On a personal level, Sam has been an absolute rock for me. He is someone I can always turn to for honest advice, and he constantly inspires, encourages, and pushes me to be the best I can be. Thank you Sam.	Schyler Rippie, IT Systems Administrator