

## Site Report – Tanalian – April 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

Most of the HS and JrHi students traveled to Newhalen for the SNAP Meet- and they had a great time! A huge thank you to Newhalen for hosting each year and for doing such a great job of organizing all the details! The younger kids had full reign of the school at home and seemed to enjoy it.



Mrs. Metzgar started a daily 10,000 step challenge for the last 3 weeks of school as a way of encouraging students and staff to keep moving. It was a hit! Staff took photos of students on the move, and students really enjoyed making footprint artwork to run along the wall. The person who had the most 10,000 step days won a prize:



After lunch there are usually students reading up a storm in the library. We're so grateful for how cozy it is.



AK Star Testing went pretty smoothly for us with good attendance and completion.

We held a small awards event the last week of school. Students received a variety of awards: Character, Battle of the Books, Bird calendar, Cross Country Running, and Basketball. Our JrHi students spent several weeks creating a couple videos for the student body to enjoy.



Pre-K's last day of school was April 28. School cook Lisa Rivas made them a yummy charcuterie board!



Our Student Government planned a few fun games on the last day of school for everyone to enjoy before they all go their separate ways for the summer - and come back taller in the fall!

## Personnel

- Sydney Boone, our spring HS student teacher, left us, but we were all excited that she accepted a job in Newhalen starting this fall! Great to see her in the district!
- We will miss the Hummels severely as they move on after eight years with us, but we wish them the best in their next family chapter. We know it will be full of adventure.
- A big thank you to our Tutor, Sasha Alsworth... he did such a great job in-person... and then continued online when due to unforeseen circumstances he could not be at Port Alsworth. We appreciate his expertise, compassion to children, and perseverance to finish strong.
- A big thank you to Nicole Metzgar, Matthew Grossmann, Riley Morigeau, and Kacy Leyba who traveled and supervised at SNAP Meet- we couldn't do it without you!
- A big thank you to Matthew Grossmann who traveled to Pilot Point during testing week to provide PIP homeschool students the opportunity to take the AK STAR assessment.

- Mr. Davis has been trying to help the recruiting team and in April visited Liberty, Vanderbilt, Lipscomb, and Belmont, picking up a couple interviews and some interested parties.

### **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

There was the annual big flurry of students finishing standards and levels in April. We are proud of the progress of our students in general... and have ideas to improve for next year.

### **Technology Progress**

We finished in good shape with technology. On our last workday, the staff brainstormed a list to improve for next year to give to helpdesk. We appreciate our IT team's year-long support!

### **Facility Update**

After eight years of use, our building and equipment is in good shape. We brainstormed the snow-guards and a few minor wear and tear items to forward to maintenance.

### **LSAC Activity**

Tanalian LSAC has had regular meetings all year and we appreciate their support. They are in full support of HB 105, creating a stronger partnership between schools and parents. They have growing concerns about the values agenda becoming more apparent by the books chosen to be in the Battle of the Books. They love the BOB academic competition, but are cautious about what books they will allow their children to read.

### **Volunteer Report**

Katherine Martin and Emily Taff again took turns teaching art to the students this month! The students loved the great ideas they brought, and the staff really appreciated their hearts for creativity and serving this way. We are so thankful for all the volunteers who have helped all year long.

### **Professional Development**

Our PD leadership team, Kate and Nicole, has been very good about asking teachers what they need for PD, and then providing PD in those priority areas. Thank you for a great year of PD.

### **Pupil Attendance**

PTA ended the school year with 91.25% school wide attendance rate.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

April was a good month for student and staff safety, though some school-related families have been going through some tough times.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

Our teachers and staff remain cautiously in support of the Subsistence Calendar. Teachers feel the pinch of time to work through standards, but achievement and growth scores remain higher than most other districts that even have more days in school.

### **Other**

We had a blizzard on May 2 with huge snowflakes and it kindly gave us several inches of snow!