

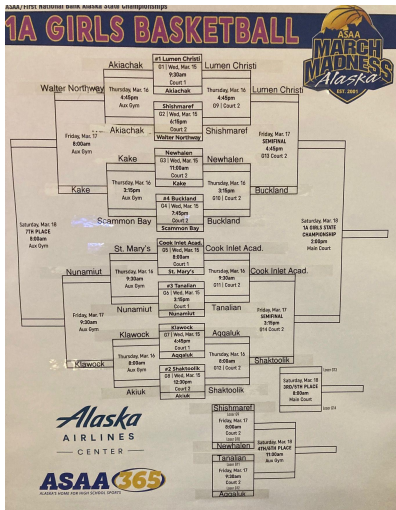
# Site Report – Tanalian – March 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal  
(as prepared by Laura Wilder)

## Outstanding Activities and Events

- ❖ The community came together to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of a sweet former Tanalian student Alexia Wolfson. She died at the end of February. Steven Fink came by for a few days to help Kacy Leyba carry the load of grief counseling. And Jim Henkleman flew in from Anchorage to do the same.
- ❖ Lady Lynx are Region Champions in Basketball! We had a Senior Girls Basketball Night celebration with all school families. The following week the Lady Lynx flew to Anchorage to play at State - they were seeded 3rd and played their hearts out! The upper end of Lake Clark did not fully freeze this winter as seen here on the flight back to Port Alsworth after the Lynx came in 6th place.



- ❖ The SouthCentral Dental team stopped by while our girls basketball team was playing at state, but they were still able to see quite a few students and community members. We are so thankful for their visits here!

- ❖ Over Spring Break, 11th grader Brielle Lorentzen represented Tanalian School at Poetry Out Loud in Juneau, where she was introduced on the Senate Floor. This is her second year going to state! Here she is (on the right) along with her coach.



- ❖ PE Teacher Riley Morigeau ran a K-12 Pickleball tournament. 2nd grader Noelle created a banner and trophy to celebrate her K-2 class's winners, Sadie and Lillian. The whole class hopped in the photo!



- ❖ Most students participated in the 2024 Bird Calendar by creating art and poetry to send off. We have so many artistic students here!
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences were the second week of March. We tried to make the most of the in-school parent presence by having laptops and computers available for people to pause and take the SCCS surveys as they were coming or going.



- ❖ Student Government has met regularly this year and is currently working on an end of the year plan to host a party, they are hoping to sell out of their Lynx Lair and Lynx Wear inventory.



## Personnel

- ❖ Tutor Sasha Alsworth traveled to Georgia early March to be with extended family, then unexpectedly had to stay due to his second child being born early. The last week of March he was able to start tutoring via zoom with his students here at Tanalian. We set up a table and chair outside the school office for students to meet with him, and so far it is working well.



- ❖ Our Winter student teacher Sydney Boone's last day was March 17. She made herself at home here and we all miss her sweet smile and willingness to fill in wherever.
- ❖ Teacher Mr. Grossmann is able to engage his students in learning anytime, anyplace!



- ❖ Becca Stenson was here the second week to do Child Find screenings with our students. We sure appreciate her kindness and efficiency!

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Staff are preparing for the upcoming AK Star testing next month. There is lots of training and paperwork to go over.

## Technology Progress

Tech Sam Rigby stopped by the second week to get us all up to speed with StarLink, as well as work out other kinks we had come across on various tech equipment. StarLink is pretty good for everything except Zoom. Helpdesk cheerfully gave us an option to return to DRS wifi when Zooming, which has helped.

## Facility Update

- ❖ The second week of March two fire inspectors flew in from Anchorage to look over the school and make sure we were in tip top shape.
- ❖ Students are really enjoying the new books in our library as well the comfy recliner by the windows. The recliner is a gift from last year's seniors, given in memory of their lost classmate, Zach Blom.



## LSAC Activity

- ❖ Tanalian LSAC continues to meet monthly. They recently approved two letters to be sent to the school board. One was regarding the subsistence calendar (to add 5 student days and 5 teacher training days) and the other was asking that Late Start Monday be moved to Friday Early Release for next year for professional development.

## Volunteer Report

- ❖ Katherine Martin has been a huge help as a volunteer art teacher for Monday afternoons!
- ❖ Emily Taff has kindly volunteered to teach a few Art Mondays to finish off the school year as Mrs. Martin gets into her busier season!





## Professional Development

- ❖ PD in March has been targeted to statewide testing training as well as to working on next year's districtwide PD priorities and scheduling. This includes scheduling an additional 5 days for teacher inservice in the 23-24 school year.
- ❖ Tenured teachers continue independent study and action plans to improve education via their respective Professional Growth Plans.

## Pupil Attendance

Here is a very happy homeschooler Cub after a successful ice fishing trip! On the right there are two Tanalian students (Noah and Noah) and one homeschool student (Warren) practicing their remote control planes as a Supercub does a fly-by near sunset on the brandnew ice. We live in the most beautiful place!



## Student and Staff Safety

- ❖ No new initiatives in March.

## Subsistence Calendar

- ❖ Tanalian LSAC wrote a letter in support of the Subsistence Calendar as well as recommending we add 5 student days and 5 teacher training days.

## Other

We're starting to think about next fall, and who might be a future Lynx in the coming year.



