

## Tanalian School Site Report, February 2021

To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

- We are very grateful for in-person schooling! Teachers and students all doing well. Green since the beginning, except for a few days of Yellow and Red in early November.
- We are very grateful for Lynx basketball season. A huge thanks to Newhalen for the home/away, and to all the officials and cleaners on both ends who were testing, social distancing, and wearing masks.
- Tanalian hosted the 2021 Regional Basketball Tournament. Congratulations to Tanalian Boys and Newhalen Girls- Region Champs! The Tanalian Lynx went on to win a game at State and then lose by two points- finishing tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Malamutes are 2021 State Champions!



## Personnel

- Tanalian is happy to host UAS K-8 practicum student, Michael Dickerson, who is also a great musician and is giving above and beyond, by giving personal music lessons to students after hours, as well as preparing and delivering music and art in education professional development to teachers.
- Tanalian is happy to host Tutor Kacy Lou Leyba, who is doing a great job with a full schedule of students. Kacy is also helping out administratively, recently uploading multiple documents, answering questionnaires, and lots of other paper work to get us registered with NCAA Eligibility Center, which is required for D1 and D2 college athletes.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- Many students, especially seniors, are finishing up their standards and passing End Levels.
- Congratulations to these seniors who are on track to graduate: Kaiden Fowler, Caleb Alsworth, Alexa Chertkov, Julian Rice, Lexie Wolfson, Turner Taff, Malea Voran, Katie McGee, James Kasayulie, and Margaret Prokopiof-Tallekpalek



- 1) Encouraging Reading! Mr. Davis ran the snow-ball gauntlet on spirit day, so all the K-5<sup>th</sup> graders, winners of the Tanalian 2021 IditaRead, could pelt him with snowballs down and back! 2) Mr. Davis' 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Jamie Johnson, was born March 5- he already shows promise for loving snowballs and everything Alaskan!

## Technology Progress

- Students were thrilled to receive their brand-new laptops and accessories
- Congratulations to Shane Mullins for his endurance in setting up our new Pixelot sports camera. We will try it out for streaming our home volleyball game and graduation.

## Facility Update

- COVID adjustments: desks spaced out as far as possible, equilateral triangle seating at lunch, limited to 3 people per table, extra tables and chairs set up at lunch, 20 additional cleaning and disinfecting hours per week employed, spray bottles and wipes in every classroom, disinfectant gel available in several locations, almost all recesses outside with reduced numbers of students, smaller cohorts, and masks are recommended. Negative test required if travel out of village for more than 72 hours.
- Piles of snow surround our school wherever we do not have the snowguards to eliminate snowslides off the roof. Many hours and great job to Shane Mullins, maintenance, for his multiple snow-clearings around the building and parking lots.

## LSAC Activity

- Tanalian LSAC continues to have regular meeting, most recently April 6, with standard agenda items, but an emphasis on COVID-19 precautions. LSAC and parents are very thankful the Board and Covid Council allowed PTA to return to its Site-Specific Smart Start Covid Plan! Thank you for listening!

### **Volunteer Report**

- Katherine Martin- offers Art to several classrooms when Tanalian is in the Green
- Mark McGee, Bret Zimmerman, Patti Brock, Sherri Davis, Jordan Weber, Nicole Metzgar, Rachel Speranza- helping in their respective ways to pull off basketball games.
- Christy Zimmerman and Sherri Davis- working with Nicole Metzgar to guide the AK Studies students to build their own kuspuks.
- Jen Opland, PE Aide, volunteers even more time to keep our Library in order
- Heidi Wilder volunteers regularly in the pre-school room.

### **Professional Development**

- Recent PD time has largely been spent on PEAKS preparation.

### **Pupil Attendance**

- Attendance has been relatively good.



Reading cohort in the Library



Three HS girls share their love of ballet with the little ones

### **Student and Staff Safety**

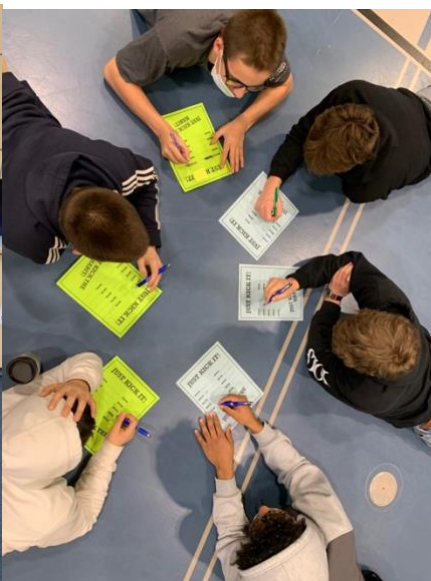
- This year has been all about COVID-19 precautions. We have been Green except for a few days last fall in the Yellow and Red.
- No cases of Covid-19 since December.
- Wash your hands, keep your distance, cover your cough, no symptoms in school- and Keep Living!

### **Subsistence Calendar**

- PTA teachers continue to deliver strong instruction whether in Green, Yellow, Red, or Subsistence!

### **Other**





- 1) First Grader, Bones, sports his spirit. 2) Two seniors, dreaming of the day. 3) Masked cohort fills out their Kick the Bad Habit sheets after a schoolwide assembly.