Site Report – Tanalian School – October 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members	From: Matthew Grossmann, Head Teacher Laura Wilder, Administrative Assistant

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

Students, staff, and community members gathered in the library to watch and cheer on the Lynx at their first tournament of the year - in Unalakleet.



We hosted a volleyball tournament Oct 15-17. Newhalen, Ankiak, and Akiak visited. There were yummy Booster meals to support the athletes' travels - many many thanks to the amazing Booter parents!!

The Student Government hosted Harvest Fest on Oct 26th. The 2026 Chili cook-off champion was Aimee Johnson, who took home the traveling golden trophy! Prizes were also given to different age groups for best costume, the cake walk, and at all the game booths. A big thanks to the many thoughtful basket auction donations, which raised a good chunk of change for Student Government.



















Oct 29-31 was our Big Mountain Lynx Tournament. Teams flew in from Newhalen, Nuiqsut, Unalakleet, Kokhanok, Igiugig, and Whittier! Girls got the classrooms, boys took over the gym. There were yummy Booster meals, Lynx Lair goodies, Hospitality corner donations, lots of great teamwork on the court, community involvement, and tons of loud cheering… It was a great event! The Lynx were the Champions!



Mark McGee did a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card
and a couple Lynx Lair gift certificates for the line judges!
Inspiring them to be their best!

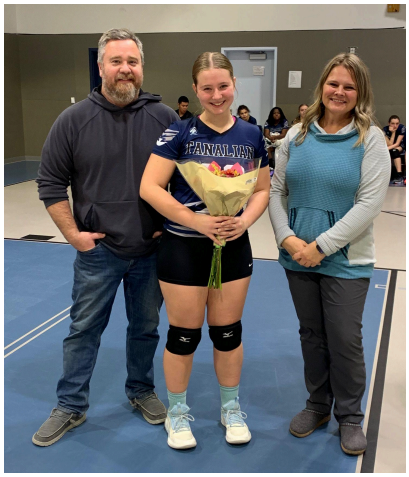


Kokhonok vs. Igiugig!



We also had Sr Night for Erik, Jordan, Noah, and Jocelyn.





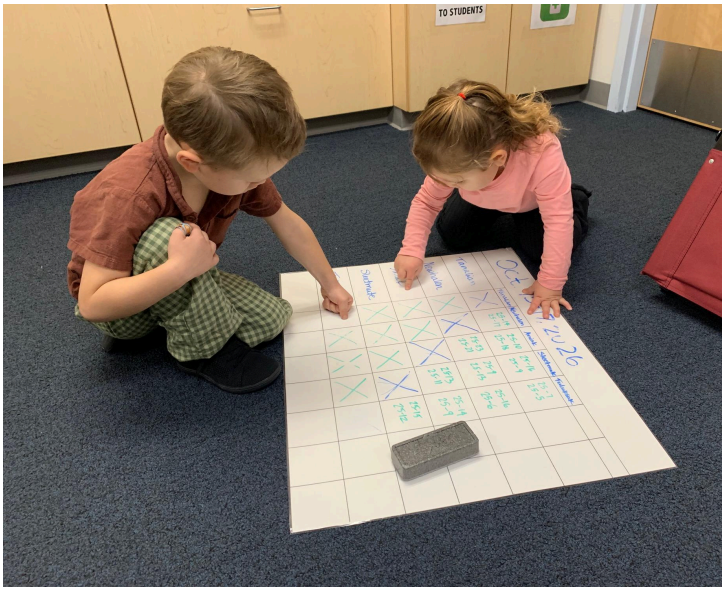




Eating in the library is a fun treat for the younger students.



A couple PreK students helped clean a bracket.



The Lynx Lair has some amazing young and very capable workers! And awesome Mom's who pop in to assist!





Ninja Warrior Nate (VB coach from Unalakleet) brought his team to the Big Mountain Lynx Tournament and between games he popped into classes to talk about what it's like to be a Ninja Warrior and inspire the students. Here he is in Mrs. Alison's pre-K class.






Personnel Update

Student teachers Jasmine Tiedeman and Alli Reed left on Oct 13.

Oct 27-30 LPSD Staff Spirit Week. Here's a couple of our team dressed as students, and in our own costumes.





Classroom Highlights

Marshmallow Towers in Patti Brock's class!



Mrs. Alison is cultivating serious readers in PreK!

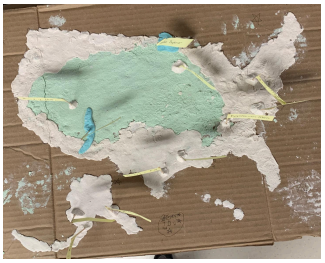


Teachers Mr. Grossmann, Brandey Voran, and Mrs. Brock took their students outside to collect pieces of nature, and then they created scenes with the items they found.



Brandy's class made salt maps of the USA.






Two students who regularly join us the first six weeks of school each year returned to their winter home in Texas. Then two new students joined us in October: an 8th grader from the Kenai Peninsula and a 9th grader from Dillingham. And on Nov 2 three more students moved to Port Alsworth from Chignik Lagoon. Enrollment is 48 for Prek-12th.

LSAC Activity

LSAC had their first meeting of the school year on Oct 7.

Community Engagement

Oct 26 - The annual Harvest Fest was hosted by the amazing student government and they did a great job! Chili cook-off, Basket auction, Cake walk, Carnival games, Costume contest… the Lynx Lair was open and the community came out to make this fall event a fun celebration.
Student Government is selling 2025-26 yearbooks that they made

Professional Development

October Inservice was in-person in King Salmon this year - it's a first in several years to get people together!

Pupil % Attendance K-12

88.98% for the year.

Student and Staff Safety

We gave out reflectors at the beginning of October to help with the dark mornings and evenings to come.

There were bear sightings for most of Oct - moose meat and burn barrels were targeted. And the bears continue to hang around as they find trash that's not burned.

Other



The BEST of buddies!