

Tanalian School Site Report, October 2021

**To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members**

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

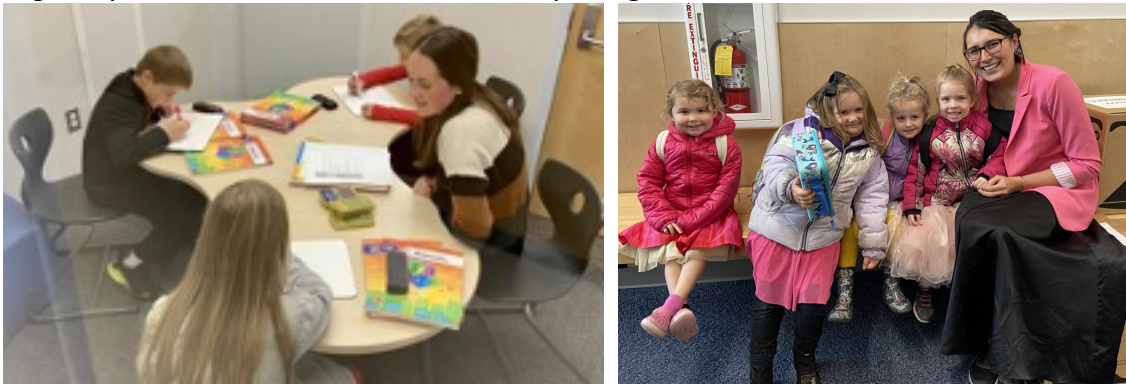
- Three varsity runners will be heading to State for cross-country after running qualifying times in Igiugig on October 3rd. Both of our 8th grade runners who traveled to this meet were awarded ribbons for placing in the top three. Thank you to our Coach, Heidi Wilder, for all her hard work and effort in making this season memorable for our students. Good luck at State, Lynx!
- Lynx volleyball is looking forward to games starting this month. Our first opponent will be the Newhalen Malamutes on October 15th and 16th.
- Tanalian's 4th and 8th graders were chosen to be a part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress once again. These exams will take place in February.



Our varsity Lynx (left) and junior high boys (right) receiving their ribbons at the LPSD Regionals XC meet.

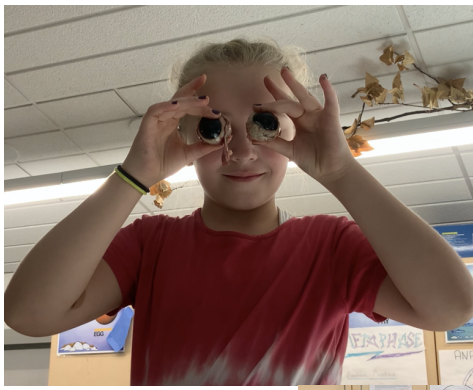
Personnel

- Our two student teachers and principal intern have integrated into our school well and are busily working away with students and teachers, sharpening their skills and those of all of us around them.



(Left) 3rd-5th grade student teacher, Katie, teaching 3rd grade math. || (Right) Principal practicum student, Kacy Lou, celebrates Red Carpet Day with our littlest Lynx.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress



- Our science teacher Mr. Hummel was able to mix subsistence living with life science last month, bringing in his very own moose head for students to explore. Thank you to the other local hunters who jumped in and also lent their moose racks for the sake of science.
- One upperclassman presented her PEP “Experiencing Out” presentation at our October LSAC meeting, proving her growth in technology and employability from her job at Lake & Peninsula Airlines over the summer.
- Our students participated in the first of four MAPS testing sessions mid-September and we were thrilled to see the ways our students continue to excel, even with summer vacation. Shout out to all of our students and parents who worked diligently to complete the LPSD Summer Bridge books! Your hard work and effort is evident.
- Our sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT along with the rest of the country on October 13th.

Technology Progress

- Our students are continuing to enjoy their new laptops and iPads purchased last school year.

Facility Update

- Tanalian School continues to love our new library. Our team got creative with our old library books last month, having students work on team building and communication skills by building book towers as tall as they could be and weaving a “domino” chain through the gym.



LSAC Activity

- Tanalian LSAC continues to have regular meetings, most recently on October 5th, with standard agenda items, but an emphasis on COVID-19 precautions. LSAC and parents are very thankful the Board and Covid Council continue to allow PTA to execute its Site-Specific Smart Start Covid Plan.
- November 2nd will be the election for the 4 open LSAC seats in PTA.

Volunteer Report

- Our students have loved having Patty Alsworth back in the building for Music Mondays.
- Thank you to Liz Davidson for coming in and teaching us all about beekeeping!

Professional Development

- Tanalian teachers continue to meet once a week to participate in a review of Robert Marzano and John Hattie's keys to successful instruction and learning.

- A big thank you to Moon McCarley who led LPSD teachers in a professional development session last month on analyzing MAPS Growth Reports.

Pupil Attendance

- Our school's attendance has been good overall. We have enjoyed gathering together on Tuesday mornings for a 10 minute meeting complete with activities, riddles, and a quick lesson on developing a growth mindset.



Students sharpen their volleyball skills and learn what it means to "Try, try again" in order to reach their goal of as many successive hits as possible.

- Our Lynx enjoyed celebrating Spirit Week the week before State Cross-Country.



A literal interpretation of "Red Carpet Day".

Student and Staff Safety

- Tanalian is grateful to be in the green re: Covid!

- A big thanks to the members of our newly formed TCAG (Tanalian Covid Advisory Group)-- Matthew Grossman (teacher representative), Dennis Fowler (LSAC president), Patty Bilbrey (clinic representative), Sonnet Smith (parent representative), and Luke Wegner (local church representative).
- TCAG recently revised our site's Covid color system to include an orange level, and thus better serve the unique needs of our community.

Subsistence Calendar

- PTA teachers continue to deliver strong instruction whether in Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, or Subsistence!
- Many PTA families had a successful moose season and are grateful for the provision of full freezers of meat and berries to share with neighbors.

Other