

## Site Report – Tanalian School @ Port Alsworth – February, 2020

To: Superintendent Ty Mase,  
LPSD School Board Members, and PTA LSAC

From: Nate Davis, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

1. Christmas Programs: Students wrote, directed, and performed many Christmas skits as well as performed music, practicing their servant leadership and community service to entertain the whole community. It was awesome to see so many students thrive in their individual gifts: writing, singing, public speaking, acting, set-making, art, leadership, and all kinds of creativity. Kudos to teacher Nicole Metzgar and Patty Alsworth for heading up the skits and music, respectively, and for all the help from other teachers, staff, and parents. It was a wonderful event.
2. Battle of the Books: District Champions and headed to State- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Team, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Team, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Team (in a sudden death tiebreaker!). Younger District Champions- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Kindergarten (tied with Newhalen). Thanks to all students and teachers around the district for battling. What a great event!



3. Lynx VB- Congratulations to the Lynx spikers and Coach Glen Alsworth as they repeated as State Champions in 2019. Proud of their sportsmanship and friendship and craftsmanship on and off the court. All-Tournament Players: Kaia Beebe and Caleb Alsworth. Defensive Player of the State: Katelyn Johnson. Server of the State: Kaia Beebe



4. Tanalian Basketball is off to a great start. The Lady Lynx have big wins against 2A teams in the Rally the Regions Tournament as well as many 1A wins on their Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula road trip.

The Men's Lynx also have a few big wins and a few close losses under their belt, though beset with sickness and injuries.

## Personnel

1. Proud to have hosted student-teachers, Leah Talley and Kaitlyn Moitoza last fall. Special thanks to Kathleen Van Dusen, Nicole Metzgar, and Patti Brock for acting as mentors and host teachers to these two.
2. A big welcome to student teacher Austin McCourt from Liberty University, VA, and tutor Stephanie Canning from Kutztown University, PA, who joined Tanalian in January to spur our students on to more excellence. Special thanks to Patti Brock who is the teacher host for Austin and to all teachers for drilling down on data to give Stephanie a productive tutoring schedule.



## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

1. Our math teachers have been meeting in committee for several weeks and have designed and are coordinating open-ended collaborative math events each Friday at the end of the day, with the goal to improve the math problem-solving culture at PTA to improve math achievement. Kudos to Branden Hummel, Matthew Grossmann, and Brandey Voran.
2. Several students finished their Consumer Math class in a semester and have picked up Construction Math or other classes for second semester. Kudos to Branden Hummel for working with Bill Cornell to create another worthy math class for students.
3. Several freshman students have really ramped up the pace in Technology, Employability, and Cultural Awareness, finishing all or most of Level 9 standards by January.
4. Kudos to Nicole Metzgar for offering a code.org class to PTA students who have received computer training that has been thus far unavailable to them.

## Technology Progress

1. PTA is in good shape with Technology. THANK YOU, Tech Team!

## Facility Update

1. We are requesting snow guards on the last section of our roof to prohibit tons of snow periodically sliding off the roof, endangering students, community members, and vehicles which might be underneath. We take precautions, but it cannot be monitored 24/7. The rest of the school roof has already had snow guards installed post-construction.

<b>LSAC Activity</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LSAC continues to meet regularly for reports and business and occasionally also hearing from Experiencing Out students. They just completed their annual Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser to help fund the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship. THANK YOU, LSAC!</li> </ol>
<b>Volunteer Report</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christy Zimmerman- hours and hours of Student Government advice and inspiration</li> <li>2. Lisa Rivas- hours and hours of driving and chaperone safety at Rally the Regions BB trip</li> <li>3. Erin Beebe- hours and hours of driving and chaperone safety for the basketball road trip</li> <li>4. Student Government- Malea Voran, Caleb Alsworth, Katie McGee, Kjersti Duerksen, Ellah Wardell, Isaac Fowler, Pasha Alsworth, Sam Fowler</li> <li>5. LSAC Members- Dennis Fowler, Sarah Wardell, Andrea McGee, Andy Smith, Darcy Lorentzen, Leo Fowler</li> </ol>
<b>Professional Development</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Branden Hummel and Nate Davis were able to attend the 2020 RTI/MTSS Conference in Anchorage with a team of other teachers/administrators from LPSD. We found the seminars very practical and helpful as they all drilled down to very specific classroom strategies to improve student achievement. We will pass on to PTA teachers as many strategies as we can over the next few weeks of Tuesday PD.</li> </ol>
<b>Pupil Attendance</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In general, we have good attendance, but a few students habitually miss many days due to family vacations, family businesses, subsistence, or medical appointments in ANC.</li> <li>2. PTA students and families have been hit hard with sickness since November: common colds, vomiting, and the actual influenza have all been passed around the community with too much generosity.</li> </ol>
<b>Student and Staff Safety</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With the darkness and cold, we have targeted messages toward vehicle, ATV, lake ice, darkness, and cold weather safety and we continue our monthly fire drills.</li> </ol>
<b>Subsistence Calendar</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continuing: The only concerns we hear voiced consistently are the speedy pace through curriculum during the school months and the lack of learning during the extended summer months. We really appreciate Ty's Summer Bridge program and any other LPSD support to assist summer learning.</li> </ol>
<b>Other</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> </ol>