

# Site Report – Tanalian School – NOV 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

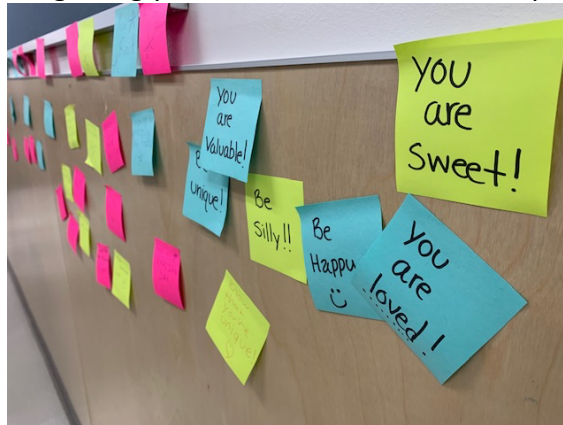
From: Nate Davis, Principal

## Outstanding Activities and Events

Harvest Fest was a ball! Stu Gov planned games, had a costume contest, and held the annual Chili Cookoff.



One afternoon we found a bulletin board in the hall covered in sticky notes with encouraging sayings on them. Thank you Brandey Voran for getting your students to do this kind project!



Student Gov has been opening the Lynx Latte quite regularly each school morning, which has increased their income of course. ☺ They are learning to plan ahead with ordering supplies for events and growing their customer service skills. Parents kindly donated homemade goods for the students to sell during volleyball tournaments too!



Tanalian Lynx VB players had the opportunity to fly to Yakutat for games the first weekend of the month! Along with games, they explored the town.

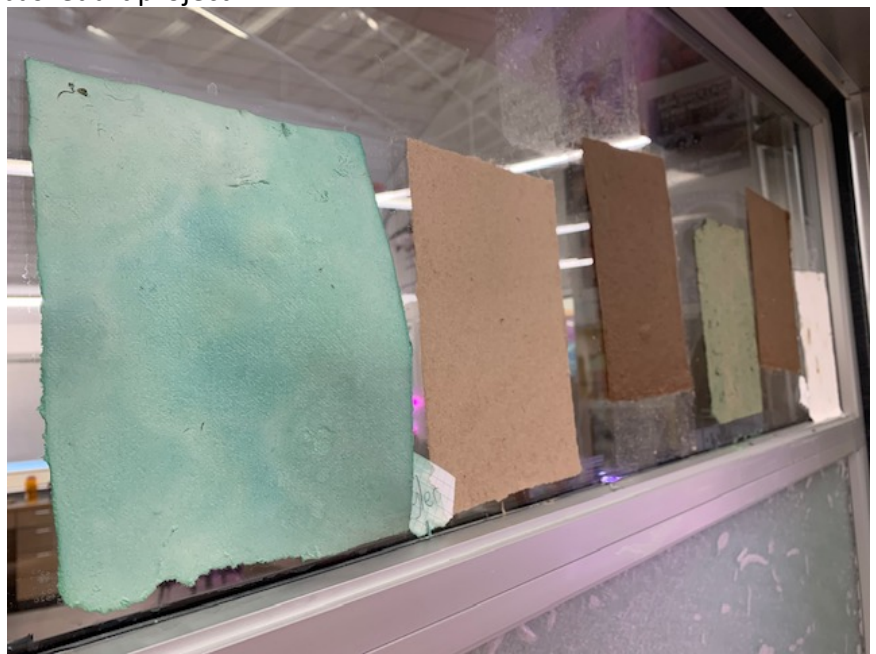


We hosted Regional Volleyball games Nov 16-19 and had a house full with 87 players and coaches! What a great bunch of students we have in LPSD! Newhalen took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mix-6, and Tanalian is headed to state next week! Plus Ali Voran and Daniel Wardell were All-Tourney players! Families generously donated snacks for the coach/volunteer corner, and a group from Tanalian Leadership Center popped in with card games, coloring pages, and art projects to entertain athletes, as well as a free drawing for t-shirts and hats.





Student teacher Jessica Schimek taught students how to make paper during an Art Monday lesson! And recently started a neat multi-week clay basket art project.





### **Personnel**

We hired a custodian, alumnus Nicole Smith, for 7.5 hours a week to help fill in the custodial gap.

### **Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress**

Almost all students continue to make annual yearly progress in their standards. Congratulations are in order for students, teachers, aides, and parents as we receive our results from statewide testing. Across the state of Alaska students averaged 30% Proficient or above in ELA and only 23% Proficient or above in Math.

AK STAR Results to Tanalian School: 75% Proficient or above in ELA and 60% Proficient or above in Math. We continue to explore and ponder the disparity between ELA and Math for our own students.

### **Technology Progress**

All students and teachers have devices in good working order. Bandwidth continues to be limited and constricts instructional resources. Perhaps Starlink or other LEO will soon make a difference.

### **Facility Update**

The school was blowing cold air during our Regional Volleyball games Nov 16-19. On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> the library was blowing warm air, the PreK class was hot, and the far end of the school was so chilly people had to wear their coats. Tim must have worked his magic because by the afternoon classrooms were getting back to comfortable temps.

### **LSAC Activity**

LSAC voted to switch their monthly Tuesday meeting time from 7pm to 6:30pm. This month was the first time and it seemed to go well, and it got people home to their families at a more preferred time.

### **Volunteer Report**

Several moms volunteered to put together 2 Booster Meals during Regional VB games and raised \$725! Thank you to Darcy Lorentzen for spearheading, and for all the Mom's who helped: Sarah Wardell, Jen Opland, Menda Fowler, and Lelya Alsworth. Parents like Sarah Hummel and Matthew & Rachel Grossmann helped by heating pizzas in their ovens, as did student Hazel Metzgar!

### **Professional Development**

Certified staff continue to be trained in Late Start Mondays, Tuesday Power Hour, and have recently been completing their mandatory statewide trainings online.

### **Pupil Attendance**

A cold sickness swept through the school the first week of November so several students stayed home for a day or two, but everyone seems to be doing great now.

- Tanalian students had 89.5% attendance in November.
- Tanalian students had 93.6% attendance this school year.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

We are grateful for the overall health and safety of students and staff, while supporting those who go through rough stretches.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

There is not much subsistence activity in November, but with our shortened school calendar, our educators are mindful of the loss of 20 days of school and so try to encourage 1) parents and students to be in school every day and to take family vacation and medical breaks during school breaks, 2) students to complete homework on time to the best of their ability, 3) teachers to stay focused on standards and avoid fluff activities and time-fillers, 4) Experiencing Out of levels with out-of-school authentic educational experiences, and 5) encourage reading, writing, and math during the summer months!

### **Other**

The Tanalian Lynx just returned from the Mix 6 State tournament as State Champions, successfully defending last year's championship.

