

## Site Report – Tanalian – March, 2025

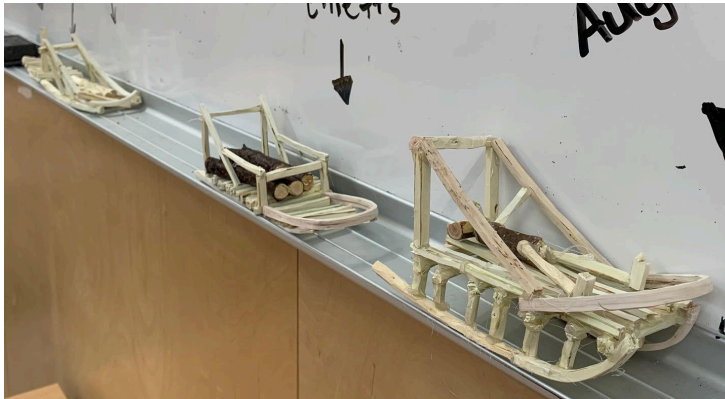
To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

### Photos & Description of Activities and Events

March 7- the Bird Calendar artwork and poems were mailed off - this seems to be a project that interests most of the 1st-8th graders, and many of the HS students as well.

*Middle school students were challenged to collect tree branches and whittle them into pieces they could build dog sleds out of. A couple went above and beyond to make malamutes and huskies!*



*Student Gov has done several fundraisers this year to earn enough to purchase some weight equipment. They also received some generous donations of workout gear.*

*The indoor garden is growing steadily*



### Personnel Update

Spring Break was March 20-21.

Our Ast. Cook, Janine Denny, resigned to move to Montana so our kitchen staff is down to just Lisa Rivas. Lisa Rivas - 15th year as Cook, Night Gym, Custodian

Riley Morigeau - 4th year as PE Aide, Custodian, 3rd year as Boys BB coach  
 Alison Fowler - 12th year as Pre-K Aide, previously a Class and Sped Aide  
 Patti Brock - 7th year as Tanalian K-2nd Teacher, Student Government Advisor, Apprentice Mentor  
 Brandey Voran - 7th year as Tanalian 3-5th Teacher, Algebra II teacher, Jr. VB coach  
 Nicole Metzgar - 10th year as Tanalian teacher, HS English/Writing teacher, 2nd year Girls BB coach, LPSD curriculum director  
 Cam Metzgar - 10th year as Tanalian teacher, Jr. Hi Teacher, Tanalian Tech Liaison  
 Sarah Wardell - 4th year as Tanalian Sped Teacher, previously a Sped Aide  
 Matthew Grossmann - 11th year PTA Teacher, Elementary/Jr. H./HS teacher for science, social studies, math  
 Kacy Leyba - 3rd year as LPSD counselor  
 Sherri Davis - 11th year as K-2nd Class aide  
 Jessyka Nahdee - Alumni, 8th year as Sped or Class Aide  
 Chloe Mullins - Alumni, 7th year as Class and Sped Aide  
 Darcy Lorentzen - 10th year as Sped Aide  
 Laura Wilder - Alumni, 6th year as Secretary  
 Nate Davis - 12th year as Tanalian Principal

Kim Phillips from Kokhanok stopped by to observe Nicole Metzgar's English class for a couple hours.

LPSD Maintenance Jake worked steadily for several days on maintenance punch list items.

Kacy Leyba was gone to MRI for BBRCTE the last 7 school days of March. Three Tanalian students were accepted into and attended courses: Landon Fowler: Aero Maintenance, Silas Smith: Village Maintenance, Ray Chmiel: Skiff Building.

Nate Felter- student-teacher  
 for Brandey Voran from Liberty U



*Mr. Felter as banker with the fake money for math*

Jared Wilcox- student-teacher  
 for Sarah Wardell from Cedarville U

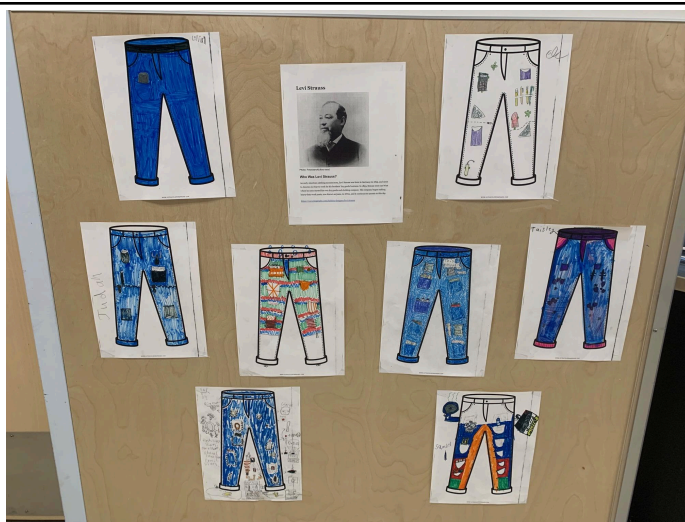


*Mr. Wilcox with children gathered round*

### **Classroom Highlights**

The 3-5th graders are learning about earth, space and famous inventors, and getting opportunities to put all their new found knowledge into beautiful creative art projects.





*HS Earth Science created Northern Hemispheres*

### **LSAC Activity**

- LSAC continues to meet regularly. Approved the FY26 calendar, then had a reconsideration meeting with teachers and approved a revision.
- LSAC submitted a letter to the Board, requesting that priority consideration be given for hiring for qualifications, first, followed by funding and local hire (or ability to live locally).

### **Community Engagement**

March 6-7: Parent-Teacher conferences were scheduled, advertised, and well attended.  
 March 6: In a community partnership, the Port Alsworth Improvement Corporation (PAIC) funded an Indian Taco fundraiser for the Lynx 50/50 Cafe to raise funds for the lunch program and student governments, and then had their board meeting following the meal. PAIC had earlier hosted a borough planning meeting at Tanalian School with a similar partnership.

### **Professional Development**

March 7: Inservice training for statewide testing and a variety of other topics + the first go at our 25-26 Master Teaching Schedule!

## Pupil % Attendance K-12

Sep-Mar Attendance: 90.9%

Mar Attendance: 90.8%

## Student and Staff Safety

LPSD is preparing the school district for Mt. Spur to potentially erupt - we received N95 masks and emergency procedures to follow from superintendent Kasie Luke.

## Other

The library printer is still having issues - it's now printing almost blank pages. Helpdesk said it may need to be replaced and has ordered a new printer. The office printer is newer and working pretty good, except pages copied through the scanner compartment show a line down the side.

*Tanalian students around town after school hours.*



*Gotta clean those icicle off!*



*Kids towing on the rare snow day 8" in March*