

Tanalian School Site Report, April 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

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Outstanding Activities and Events



- Tanalian is proud to have two new National Honor Society inductees in our midst. Ellah & Daniel Wardell will be inducted into the NHS at SNAP Meet on the evening of April 14th.
 - For the first time ever, both the Tanalian Girls and Boys Basketball teams advanced to the ASAA State Championship Series. Our Girls' team placed 6th and the Boys' team fought hard throughout the entire tournament. We are so proud of all of our student athletes' hard work this school year.
 - April will be a busy month as we prepare for the end of the school year. Our students and staff are excited about the upcoming events:
 - Tanalian Science Fair - April 8th
 - SNAP Meet - April 11th-15th
 - Port Alsworth Art Contest & Tanalian Award Ceremony - April 26th
 - Graduation - April 24th
- Come one, come all to celebrate the class of 2022!

Left: Samuel Fowler flies mid-air against the Huskies at State Basketball in Anchorage. Below left: Tanalian Varsity Girls Team || Below right: Tanalian Varsity Boys Team



Personnel

- After 12 years we said a sad "see you soon" to Mr. Shane Mullins who has moved over to work for the National Park Service in Port Alsworth. We are all so grateful for his years of hard work and cheerful attitude, and will miss seeing him in the halls everyday.

- LPSD and Tanalian alum Mr. Sasha Alsworth is wrapping up his final weeks as the 3rd through 5th grade student teacher under Mrs. Brandey Voran. The students have loved having him back on campus and we are all excited to see where his career leads.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- Student government elections took place mid-March with Daniel Wardell as our new student body president, Ellah Wardell as vice-president, Noah Davis as secretary, and Mikiah Lorentzen and Jordan Alsworth as co-treasurers.
- Principal Intern Miss Leyba and Mrs. Patti Brock have hosted the NYO themed Tanalian Math Olympics throughout the last week of March and first week of April, helping to expose our Kindergarten through Second Grade students to NYO events while sharpening their math skills.
- Our students completed their third MAP benchmark testing in March and we are proud to continue to move more toward high growth, high achievement in math as a school— one of our 2021-2022 School Improvement Goals
- Team Math Musers (K-2nd) were awarded our bi-annual Iditamath champions with Teams Bunny Sparkles (Pre-K) and Togo (3rd-5th) hot on their tracks.
- Science and PE classes have begun to brave the slushy trails once again for class activities— a sure sign that summer is coming quickly!
- Our upperclassmen have been bringing back elementary electives throughout the Spring, starting with after school ballet.



Left: Several of the junior and senior high girls lounge in the library after a long day of school || Right: The junior high PE class adventures out for a quick hike.

Technology Progress

- Sadly our media center printer has once again broken down. We are hopeful that a solution can be found to remedy this year-long issue before school begins again next fall.

Facility Update

- A special thanks to Shadow Brock, Lisa Rivas, Riley Morigeau for stepping in to help fill custodial gaps these last few weeks.

LSAC Activity

- The final LSAC meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, April 12th at 7 pm in the school library.

Volunteer Report

- A continued thank you to Patty Alsworth for all of her hard work with the Tanalian choirs. We are all looking forward to seeing them showcase their talent at graduation.
- Thank you to Port Alsworth local Katherine Martin for her work this semester teaching art classes with all levels of our students.

Professional Development

- Our teachers participated in the April Late Start Monday discussion about the future of our science curriculum and programming. Thank you to our very own Branden Hummel, and all the members of the LPSD science committee for helping to make this a possibility.

Pupil Attendance



- March was full of sports / activities travel, and April is shaping up to be much the same. Regardless, students are working diligently to complete their standards before the end of the school year.
- Tanalian remained in the green throughout all of March with several of our students from fall semester rejoining us after extended trips to the Lower 48 throughout the winter.

Student and Staff Safety

- The Tanalian LSAC voted to retire our Covid Site Based Specific Safety Plan and instead intend to keep kids healthy by asking parents/ staff to keep kids/ staff home if they are sick, effective March 7th, 2022.

Subsistence Calendar

- PTA families are already gearing up for the upcoming spring bear hunting season, knowing that garden planting, fishing, and berry picking is hot on its heels.
- Miss Alison's Pre-K class has loved exploring subsistence culture in their daily lessons this spring. Thank you to the LPSD team for assembling subsistence culture kits for our students to explore.



Left: Pre-K students explore the cultural play set || Right: Pre-K pike fishing at its finest.

Other