

Site Report – Tanalian – August/September

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis - Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

The school year got off to a great start! We currently have 40 students enrolled, with two students who transferred in from out of state: Corbyn from Idaho and Chandler from California. We are expecting two more students to enroll at Tanalian in the next few weeks.



Teacher Matthew Grossmann quickly got students working on a big science project: Building cardboard boats.



Our XC team is on the young side this year, but they seem enthused about running to the delight of Coach Heidi Wilder. We even have two homeschool students who are practicing. First race of the school year was Sept 8-9 in Palmer. Racers were Warren, Hazel, Ray, and Malachi.



Personnel

- Student Teacher McKenna Oesterle is working with Brandey Voran in the 3rd-5th classroom for the first half of the semester and will be switching to Patti Brock's K-2nd class around late Sept.
- Tanalian teachers have stretched and proven very flexible with can-do spirits as they were extremely creative to cover for the loss of one full time teacher. compared to last year.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Technology Progress

We are so grateful for the IT crew getting us up and running with devices, Internet, and protocols. Here in week three, nearly all of our students are up and running.

Facility Update
Carl stopped by and worked on multiple projects including changing the truck/van oil and clearing out one of the teacher's outside sewer pipe that had been filled with rocks. Shane did some welding to patch our Incinerator so we are burning trash for the first time since May.
LSAC Activity
Our first meeting of the school year was Sept 6! We were blessed with three outstanding Experiencing Out presentations and heard reports from teachers from all departments. Special emphasis was given to the Alaska Reads Act and how it will impact schools to grow LPSD readers in their achievement.
Volunteer Report
Several subs signed up to work this school year, and some have been put right to work already. We are so grateful for the wonderful people who choose to fill in the gaps that come up. Patty Alsworth has volunteered again to lead vocal music for one period a week- Music Mondays- for K-5 and 6-12.
Professional Development
Teacher Inservice provided a lot of information for teachers that they look forward to using.
Pupil Attendance
Students have been generally healthy and in school- so far so good after ten days of school.
Student and Staff Safety
Staff have been healthy and in school- so far so good- we have hired most of our pre-approved classified hires.
Subsistence Calendar
Principal Davis sent notice to parents to remind them that LPSD only offers 150 days of instruction to our students, compared to 170-200 days for the rest of the state and nation... asking them professionally to keep students in school as much as possible by scheduling vacations and appointments during the 4 months of summer, fall break, Christmas break, or other vacation days.
Other
It's great to be back in the swing of school, noting how the kids have grown, and enjoying their interactions together.