

Site Report – Tanalian – November, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

Parent-Teacher Conferences started out the month with great parent participation.

We had three weekends of hosting VB Tournaments in a row. Over 100 games were played in 2 days during our Mix-3/Mix-6 Scramble Tournament with other schools in our district! The Big Mountain Tournament brought in 5 northern schools to play: Aniak, Kalskag, Shaktoolik, Nunamiut, and Newhalen. The competition kept everyone on their toes as the Lynx squeaked out a first place finish over Shaktoolik. Fun games to watch! Moms prepared a few yummy Booster meals and the Lynx Lair was open too. Busy and fun weekends.



Luke Wegner volunteered to teach art for two Mondays and did a couple fun projects with the students!



Mr. Grossmann facilitated an online Chess Tournament for 6-8th graders on a Saturday. Nolan Nahdee, a 6th grader, got 3rd place out of all the students who played across the state!

We got a dump of perfect snowman snow, so the kids worked to build the biggest snowballs they could.



After Regional VB in Newhalen (where our players won the championship and are headed once again to state!), the Student Government hosted a Harvest Fest for the community. There was the annual Chili cookoff that Eric Davidson won again, 18 Auction baskets, Costume contests for all ages, Carnival Games, a Dessert Walk, and the LSAC elections. It was a lot of fun and the Student Government raised a lot of money!



The PreK-2 graders put on a Thanksgiving Program for their parents in the school gym. Cute, and hilarious.



Girls and Boys Basketball practice starts Nov 29, and VB players leave for state VB that day too.
Personnel
We are happy to host Mr. John Speyer to student-teach with us this 2nd half of the semester in secondary social studies, using most of our teachers to help host. We continue to enjoy Ms. McKenna Oesterle for a full semester of student-teaching in K-6 grades.
Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress
Technology Insights
Facility Update
Kudos to our custodial team, Riley, Lisa, and Savannah who were able to keep up on the facility, even with 70-ish visiting teams and another 100 or so spectators for our big VB tourney weekends.
LSAC Activity
Elections were held November 18 during Harvestfest. LSAC decided they wanted to improve voter turnout for LSAC elections and so set up their voting station at the big Harvestfest community gathering! Great idea and great voter turnout!
Volunteer Report
Thank you to Patty Alsworth, our volunteer music teacher. Thank you to Luke Wegner who stepped in to fill our music class for two weeks while Miss Patty was gone. Many thanks to Patti Brock, Sherri Davis, Teagann Smith, Nikki Thurkow and many others for scoring VB. Many thanks to Mark McGee, Evan Wardell, Caleb Alsworth, Sasha Alsworth and many other line judges for officiating VB games. Many thanks to all the booster moms and dads who bought supplies, cooked them up, and served many booster club meals...and for being flexible when stormy weather canceled many flights and some orders did not make it in time for the meals!
Professional Development
October, of course, was our annual fall districtwide teacher training. This year it was all virtual, but we were able to host teachers from another site and send a mentor teacher to another site. Principal Davis attended the Annual Alaska Principal's Conference with other LPSD principals.
Pupil Attendance
October showed 83% attendance for Tanalian.
Student and Staff Safety
We seem to have made it through bear season safely. Many bear sightings, chickens eaten, and at least one bear shooting at Port Alsworth, but the bears seemed to have gone to sleep.
Subsistence Calendar
Other