

Tanalian School Site Report, March 2022

**To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members**

**From: Nate Davis, Principal
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Outstanding Activities and Events

- The Tanalian Girls' basketball team hosted their first and only home game of the season against the Dillingham Wolverines in the first few days of March. The Wolverines proved to be tough competition, matching our girls 1:1 throughout the weekend.
- Both our girls and our boys' basketball teams advanced to State this year! We are so excited to watch our students compete.



Left: Malachi Grossmann, Jordan Alsworth, and Ray Chmiel proudly display their ribbons after placing at the Tanalian Spelling Bee || Right: Alianna Voran sets up for a shot against the Dillingham Wolverines

- We hosted Tanalian's annual Spelling Bee at the end of February. Malachi Grossmann took first place, Jordan Alsworth took second, and Ray Chmiel came in third.
- Our annual Port Alsworth Art Contest was announced at the end of February and is scheduled for April 26th. Our local student artists have been hard at work between bird calendars, this art contest, and several other Alaskan / subsistence themed art projects in the region.
- Graduation is set for April 24th! Come one, come all to celebrate the class of 2022!

Personnel



- Tanalian proudly hosted many LPSD faces over the last month— Superintendent Luke, Bill Cornell, Rebecca Stenson with LPSD Child Find, school psychologist Vince Henry, and Tim and Carl of the LPSD maintenance team.
- We are grateful to all of our outstanding subs who stepped up without hesitation after an airplane accident affected everyone in our small community.
- Our K-2 student teacher, Miss Grace Kenna, moved on to her next placement at the beginning of March. Students and staff alike were sad to see her go.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- Students of all grades are making progress on their PEPS in creative ways: Teaching ballet to younger students, lining up summer job opportunities, entrepreneurship... The list is quite extensive and exciting.
- Tanalian will be holding its annual Student Government elections soon. Our current officers will have the incoming government shadow under them for one session, then stand beside their peers for another session as mentors before fully releasing them into office.
- Our principal intern has been working alongside Ms. Brock to complete her capstone project on place-based math instruction for our K-2nd graders in an attempt to boost AK Star math scores.
- You've heard of Iditaread, but our mushers are hard at work on Iditamath this spring sharpening their skills.
- All of our K-9th students completed their third MAP benchmark assessments in March. We are excited to announce a general trend toward high growth / high achievement as a school as compared to last Spring's testing.
- Tanalian's Student Government and Geometry class put on a Pi Day celebration for the whole school in which students learned about circumference and Pi, and ate a bit of pie as well... Mr. Shane Mullins ate his pie a bit more "creatively" as pi memorization winner, Augustine Metzger pie-d him in the face in front of the whole school.



Pictured above (top): Malachi Grossmann wins the school Spelling Bee and the crowd goes wild!

Technology Progress

- After several months of fighting technology, our Kindergarteners are finally able to access the online component of our new elementary math curriculum (RedBird).

Facility Update

- A special thanks to the LPSD maintenance department for traveling to our site to address a water heater issue earlier this month.

LSAC Activity

- Teagann Smith presented her "experiencing out" PowerPoint to our LSAC during their March 1st meeting.
- The new site schedule for the 2022-2023 school year was discussed at this last LSAC meeting as well and will be released soon.

Volunteer Report

- A continued thank you to Patty Alsworth for all of her hard work with the Tanalian choirs.
- Port Alsworth local, Katherine Martin, has resumed her Friday art classes with all levels of our students. Several are excitedly chipping away at projects to submit to the Port Alsworth Art Show later this quarter.
- A special thank you to all the community and parent volunteers who made sure we had another great year of home and away sports tournaments. From snacks to chaperones to referees to those who come out to cheer, we couldn't do what we do without you! Go Lynx!

Professional Development

- Mr. Davis hosted a site-based Growth Mindset inservice for our staff using the MindsetWorks curriculum in February. Our teachers are working to incorporate their learnings into their classroom curriculum regularly.
- March's all-district late start Monday gave our teachers an opportunity to provide feedback to the End of Level Exam adjustment councils.

Pupil Attendance

- Student attendance has improved significantly since mid-third quarter when our site was battling the waves of Covid.
- Despite the Southcentral Foundation Dental team being in town, Child Find, sports travel, and other slight interruptions to our daily schedule, our staff has been teaching like the flexible professionals they truly are.

Student and Staff Safety

- Our LSAC members and several parents have regularly attended LPSD Covid Council meetings and continued to "put in a bit of overtime" with safety and mitigation plan meetings throughout the last several months to ensure we are keeping healthy students in school as often as possible.

Subsistence Calendar

- PTA teachers continue to deliver strong instruction regardless of our health status. Now that the sun is out a bit more, we are all very excited for the upcoming hunting and gathering seasons with several community households applying for the Alaska Microgrants program!

Other