

# Tanalian School Site Report, February 2022

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

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## Outstanding Activities and Events

- The Tanalian Lynx hosted several basketball teams in mid-January for our first at-home tournament of the year.
- Youth basketball has also begun on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 to help our younger players begin to sharpen their skills.
- Tanalian was once again chosen to represent the state of Alaska in the National Assessment of Educational Progress testing in February. Shout out to our 4th and 8th graders for doing their best on this testing and contributing to the nation's overall educational "report card".



Left: Tanalian Youth Basketball scrimmage at half-time during the recent varsity tournament || Right: Tanalian's NAEP certificate of appreciation

- So proud of Tanalian's 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and middle school teams all advancing to State for Battle of the Books at the beginning of February.



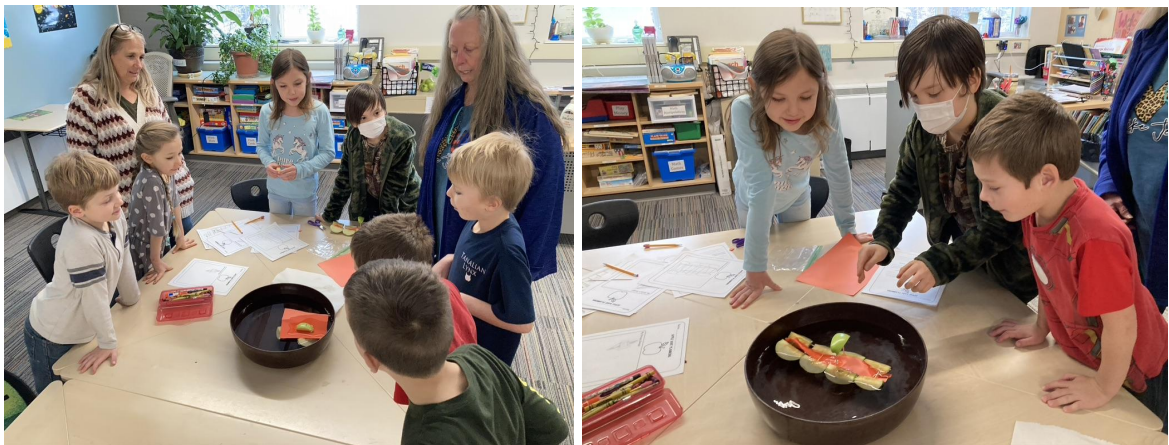
- So proud of our boys basketball team for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the big Sockeye tournament in Dillingham as well as the 2nd Place Trophy! Daniel Wardell and Isaac Fowler were named as all-tournament players.

## Personnel

- Our student teachers hit the ground running by starting to teach small groups and class cohorts early in the semester. And, when Covid took out our classroom teachers they went solo as substitutes. Well done, Mr. Sasha Alsworth and Ms. Grace Kenna!
- Mr. Alsworth and his wife, Kris, also recently welcomed a new baby girl. Willow Alsworth is among the tiniest Lynx fans and is looking forward to cheering on her friends and family at future sporting events.
- Very grateful to Kacy Lou Leyba, Principal Intern, for all her work on this Report and NAEP and all other ways she makes us better!
- We are extremely grateful to our subs, aides, and student teachers for stepping up and helping our school to run smoothly throughout our recent wave of Covid. A special shout out to our administrative assistant, Laura Wilder, for ensuring sub coverage was appropriately scheduled for all levels and aspects of our school.
- We are grateful that though this last Covid spread like wildfire, most people had only mild symptoms and there have been no known hospitalizations.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- Our staff engaged in the January LPSD “Power Hour” to discuss potential adjustments to the district End of Level assessments. Shout out to Nicole Metzgar, Tanalian ELA teacher and district curriculum co-director, for all of her hard work on these adjustments.
- Our students and staff persevered through a lot of individualized and at-home learning in January, but are excited to be back together for class projects and hands-on learning.
- Tanalian’s Student Government has been active, selling Valentines Day gifts, refreshments, and school swag from our Lynx Lair.
- Our teachers continue to provide amazing opportunities for you students to learn. See STEM activity below where the K-2 class created “boats” with apple slices, paper, and toothpicks.



## Technology Progress

- The long-awaited technician was able to make it to Port Alsworth and fix our media center copy machine!

## Facility Update

- The camera in our gym is back up and running thanks to our maintenance and technology teams! Tanalian home games can once again be streamed on NFHSnetwork.com. Support your local Lynx near or far.

## LSAC Activity

- Our LSAC is continuing to meet regularly on the first Tuesday evening of each month. They have been in regular communication with Rick Luthi and the larger LPSD Covid Council seeking to revise our site's safety plan to best fit our unique community and are constantly seeking ways to invite more stakeholder feedback from our school's parents and community.
- LSAC also hosted their annual Super Bowl / Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser this month! Our total profit is still being calculated, but the community purchased 115 pizzas in support of our school's LSAC and the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- Tanalian's LSAC passed a resolution at their February meeting standing in unanimous support of co-op basketball and volleyball teams for small schools across the district who are unable to gather a 5/6 man team, so long as this is done in an economically feasible and responsible way.

## 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 scheduled to resume her Friday art classes with all levels of our students.
- A special thank you to all the community and parent volunteers who always jump in to make sure hosting volleyball/basketball tournaments go smoothly here at Tanalian. From snacks to referees to those who come out to cheer, we couldn't do what we do without you! Go Lynx!

## Professional Development

- Many staff members participated in the Alaska RTI Virtual Conference 2022 at the end of January.
- Our administrative team is continuing to research "growth mindset" professional development opportunities and curriculum for our staff to participate in and implement throughout this semester. We are excited about this movement toward fulfilling one of our 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan goals.
- Sarah Wardell was able to attend the state special education conference at the beginning of February and was grateful for the opportunity to network with other educators and learn new tools and interventions to better support our students.

## Pupil Attendance

- January was a rough month for attendance as a wave of Covid worked its way through our community. However, students and families did a great job at staying on top of school work and attending remote learning opportunities when at all possible.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

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

### **Subsistence Calendar**

- PTA teachers continue to deliver strong instruction whether in Green, Yellow, or Red!

### **Other**