

Site Report – Tanalian – October, 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

Mr. Grossmann, science teacher, had students group together and calculate, design, and build cardboard boats large enough to hold a person or two. Then they tested their sea worthiness by racing them in Hardenberg Bay. The community was invited and turned out to cheer the students on. Required life jackets, a safety patrol boat, shallow water, dock, and designated adults ensured safety. The students were very engaged in learning- check out designs- and several made the around-the-dock successfully.





In late September the Student Government hosted a Nacho Night with Brownie Sundae's for the community, and they also opened the Lynx Lair. It was a hit!



This year's Cross Country team is mostly Jr. High, with one H.S student. Four runners were able to go to Dillingham for Regionals at the end of September. They all got new personal records, but none were able to advance to State.

Music Mondays have started again, with community member Patty Alsworth back teaching!



Sped Teacher Sarah Wardell got two guinea pigs to add student accessibility and compassion to her classroom, and all the students like to pet and feed them veggies. Their names are Dozer and Biscuit.

We are several weeks into our IditaREAD 1049 Program for K-2/6-8 students on AK READS Wednesdays. Older students read with younger students, then they read independently, then play a reading game with their classmates and teacher, principal, or aide..



In mid-October Mr. Grossmann's Jr. High class hosted an International Food Festival for the community as part of their studies. Several families brought their own dishes to contribute to the buffet, and the Student Government opened the Lynx Lair during the event.

Students had 6 days off school Oct 16-23 for Teacher Inservice and a Work Day.

Volleyball is in full swing! The Lynx were able to travel to Newhalen, with the JV players, and Unalakleet this month. We will host our first games of the year Oct 27-28.

Teacher Brandey Voran is again running a four week Youth VB program for 5-8th graders. It started Oct 24.

PreK teacher Alison Fowler made a really cute kitty pumpkin with her students on Oct 24th!



We tried to administer the PSAT test on Oct 26, but there were technical difficulties for almost all the students. We will try again with remaining students on Oct 30.

Personnel

Student Teacher Mckenna Osterle finished her time in Brandey Voran's 3-5 grade classroom just before inservice, and started her time in Patti Brock's K-2 classroom on Oct 24th.

<p>Student Teacher John Speyer arrives Oct 26th and will be working in multiple classrooms through Dec 20th.</p> <p>Welcome to the team:</p> <p>We hired alumnus Savanna Lorentzen as part-time custodian.</p> <p>Longtime LPSD teacher, Cam Metzgar, recently signed on as our Tech Liaison.</p> <p>Part-time counselor Kacy Leyba increased her hours to .75 time in order to help meet the needs around our school district. She had also taken on the Tanalian CTE Liaison position.</p>
Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress
<p>Since we are not doing Late Start Mondays this year, the PreK class will be released at 12:15pm on the first Monday of each month for pre-school professional development.</p>
Technology Insights
<p>The Tanalian School Tech Liaison position is filled by Cam Metzgar. The Internet seems faster and more stable than ever. We have experienced lag time on laptop readiness early in the year and software updates for the PSAT.</p>
Facility Update
<p>We are starting to plug in vehicles now as the temperatures are starting to dip below 32.</p>
LSAC Activity
<p>The board is preparing for an election next month.</p>
Volunteer Report
<p>Thank you Patty Alsworth for Music Mondays!</p> <p>Thank you all LSAC members for your worthy and insightful service!</p> <p>Thank you to all of our student government volunteer leaders who have made our school year start a great adventure!</p>
Professional Development
<p>Staff joined the Professional Boundaries Zoom meeting late September. Mid-October there was Teacher Inservice and a Teacher Work Day immediately following.</p> <p>We just finished the Principals Conference PD and the October Teachers' Inservice PD.</p>
Pupil Attendance
<p>We had five students travel to BBRCTE courses the first week of October. They studied Aviation, Welding, Visual Storytelling, Construction, and Fisheries. Great opportunities for our youth!</p> <p>Sterling (6th grade) and Riley (4th grade) last day of school was Oct 13. They moved to Nondalton and we really miss them!</p>
Student and Staff Safety
<p>We have notified parents via email: There have been 6 bears seen roaming the village, eating people's chickens, overturning burn barrels, and digging in gardens. Time to rest, big bears.</p>
Subsistence Calendar
<p>Several people got a moose this fall and there was plenty to share! Gardens harvested. Salmon, cranberries, and blueberries have been picked and are in people's freezers and jars. Yum!</p>
Other

