

Site Report – Tanalian – September 2024

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

All six of our Cross-country runners PR'd this year, and four of them finished in the top ten at regionals to qualify to run at State on Oct 5th at Bartlett HS in Anchorage! Sophomore Erik McGee was the region champion this year, followed by Warren Davis in 6th place and Noah Davis in 8th place in a brother-duel, PRs for both. Sophomore Kaydi Sanford finished in 8th place with a PR. Freshmen Hazel Metzgar and Malachi Grossmann had a great season, slicing 3-4 minutes off of their initial 5K times. The high schoolers were followed daily in practice by about 10 younger students who enjoyed the sprints, hills, trail runs, and icy baths in Dry Creek.



K-6 Students turned in their Summer Bridge Books and Treasure Hunter Books to celebrate all their logged summer learning activities and won thrilling prizes!



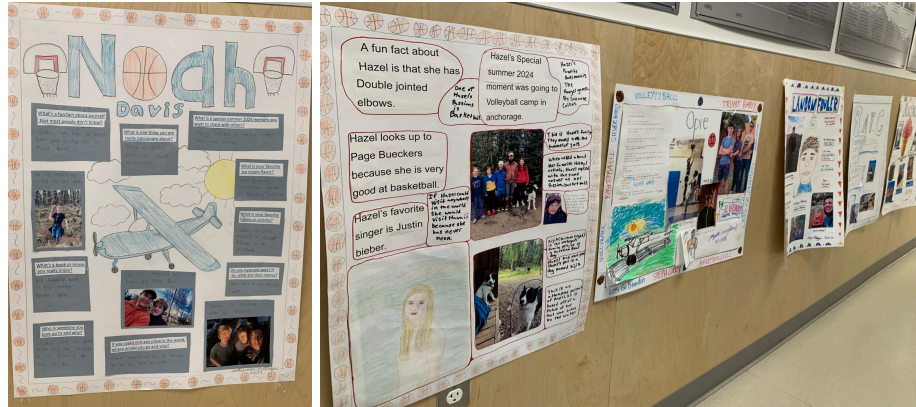
Personnel Update

- Thea Miller, our student teacher is doing great - connecting with staff and students- but unfortunately leaves us in a week to work in her next placement so she can graduate in December. Thank you, Thea!
- All of our teachers and staff from last year returned for the 24-25 school year!
- Hours were reduced at Tanalian School in some positions due to budget constraints and lower enrollment.

- We are short a local maintenance expert, but happy to have Carl Adams in the building for a few days, splicing together a few projects... and we recently re-established a local on-call maintenance man for smaller projects or emergencies.

Classroom Highlights

- To start the school year Mrs. Metzgar had her students do interviews, make creative posters with the info, and then practice their public speaking by speaking about “their person” to their classmates.



Mr. Grossmann's students harvested birch bark and made baskets and other items (hats, words, bows...).



Mrs. Brock's K-2 class completed their annual farming expedition to the Davis garden to learn about roots and plants and veggies from potatoes, carrots, peas, cabbages, onions, kale, lettuces, broccoli, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, and cauliflower... while the 3rd-12th grade students hiked to Kontrashibuna Lake to pick berries with their birch bark baskets.

LSAC Activity
Our LSAC has been meeting monthly, receiving teacher and principal reports and helping us brainstorm about our Lunch Bank program. This week two students presented to LSAC for credits in Experiencing Out: one for dozens of hours of lodge work and hospitality and the other for dozens of hours commercial fishing in Egegik.
Community Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanalian Lunch Bank: We have organized our Lunch efforts with a loose committee including the cook, two volunteer parent shoppers, the school secretary, and the principal. We have asked lodges and camps for any extra summer food and have received food donations. We have also asked the community for moose and salmon and have received donations. • The Lunch Bank plans to host a dinner a month at the Lynx 50/50 Cafe' for a fundraiser where the profits will be split 50/50 between the Lunch Bank and Student Government, who will do the set up, serving, and cleanup and occasional child care.
Professional Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers have been engaged in our Monday Inservices throughout September. It has been a good way to start our school year, allowing families some subsistence time while our teachers get more and more prepared at a digestible learning pace for a great school year. • Kudos to our very own, Nicole Metzgar, who, as the LPSD Curriculum Director, organized, facilitated, and managed all of our Inservices for the whole district- Great job! • Our Sped Aides have been doing their required training. • Principals just returned from the 58th Annual Alaska Principals Conference, inspired by the latest in AI assistance, training, and guidelines as well as best practices for principal leadership in the building.
Pupil % Attendance K-12
Cannot yet find school attendance under the new PowerSchool platform. A couple students transferred from Nondalton for a few weeks in Sept. Tanalian started school with 2 pre-schoolers and 40 K-12 students.
Student and Staff Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lake Clark Wellness Center (SCF) hosted an ATV safety seminar, complete with small ATVs and a driving course. Participants received a free helmet and ATV driving gloves. • We sent out the annual "it's getting dark and bears are out" warning to parents.
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