Site Report - Tanalian - Feb 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke and LPSD School Board Members From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

Our boys and girls Basketball teams are nearing the end of the season after having games every weekend this month. They finished their Road Trip the first week, then everyone went to Newhalen for the Sockeye, followed by the Boys going to the Kalskag Klassic, while the Lady Lynx's last home tournament fell apart when no team was able to fly in for games. And finally, the last weekend of Feb the Tanalian girls went to Aniak for the North-South tournament while the boys hosted their last home games with Newhalen, Bristol Bay, Aniak, Akiak attending. We were able to have Senior Night for Sam Fowler and Daniel Wardell.

Tanalian Lady Lynx made history, earning the Aleutian Chain Conference crown for the first time... and

heading to the state tournament for the 2nd year in a row.



Teacher Brandey Voran ran the Scripps Spelling Bee and Hazel Metzgar won for Tanalian School! Great job!



A team from the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service flew to Port Alsworth to talk to the students about 2024 Bird Calendar entries. They also handed out prizes to State poster winner Hazel Metzgar (7th grade), and Regional winners Mikiah Lorentzen (9th grade) who was away on a basketball trip, and Nolan Nahdee (5th grade).



School counselor Kacy Leyba did a great job leading school staff in CPI Training during our Feb 17 Inservice.



Our Middle Schoolers fought hard and eventually won State in Battle of the Books this year! Congratulations to Coach Cam Metzgar, Landon Fowler, Noah Opland, Erik McGee, Hazel Metzgar, Malachi Grossmann, and Jordan Alsworth!



Personnel

- Sydney Boone from the State University of New York has been investing in our children as a student-teacher with Mr. Hummel in high school science. She brings a smile and energy to the job every day.
- Sasha Alsworth has been a Tutor for Spring Semester. He has been booked all day with interventions and is doing a very nice job with 1:1 and small groups.
- Last month, we received a resignation letter from our dear friend and teacher, Branden Hummel. He and his whole family have been blessing us for these eight years. We will miss Branden as math and science teacher, Tech Liaison, and youth sports activator. We will miss Sarah Hummel as our Lady Lynx and Little Lynx Basketball coach, regular sub, and each of their children in our classes as they have helped set the tone of hard work, friends to many, and loving life to the full.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Teachers and students continue to progress on standards. Basketball eligibility was a good tool to keep some students working. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 9-10, to review standards progress with parents.

Technology Progress

Sam Rigby spent a couple days at Tanalian School the first week of March. He now has Tanalian School set up with Starlink as our primary internet with DRS as a backup. Thank you, Sam!

Facility Update

The facility is in good shape and repair. Two fire inspectors inspected us on March 8 and noted no significant findings. Snow removal has been necessary, but timely. We still need snow-guards on some of our roofs.

LSAC Activity

Our LSAC continues to meet with good attendance. They recently made comment via letter on the Subsistence Calendar and on Late Start Mondays.

Volunteer Report

One more round of applause! To all the staff and volunteers who make HS sports possible: cooks, booster club chefs and servers, scorebook, scoreboard, referees, custodians, Lynx Lair helpers and purchasers, coaches, and Banners for Kids sponsors!!

Professional Development

We had teachers attend the RTI Conference, the Sped Conference, and of course, Late Start Mondays and Power Hours. Tenured teachers continue working their respective Professional Growth Plans. In addition, Kacy Lou, now a certified trainer for CPI has trained nearly our whole staff in CPI/de-escalation strategies.

Pupil Attendance

Student and Staff Safety

We would really like to see snow-guards on the remainder of our roofs. The tons of snow sliding off at unpredictable times is still a real hazard for student and staff safety.

Subsistence Calendar

Teachers and students continue to teach and learn as fast as possible under our reduced number of learning days, making the most of each day.

Other