

Site Report – Tanalian – February 2024

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

District Battle Of The Books happened and Tanalian has 3/4th & 5/6th & 7/8th going to state! Here's our 3/4th graders during their battle - love their team name: Nose in the Books. The 1st and 2nd graders went three rounds of ties before the Sudden Death tiebreakers- to 13 questions! Tyler Smith was a one man HS team!

The **100th Day of School** was celebrated by the K-2 class on Feb 19!



Other events... We had 4 students take the **ACT test** on Feb 13. Spring **Parent-Teacher Conferences** were held on our schoolwide Feb 16 Inservice day. PreK also had Inservice Feb 19-20, and hosted a **Family Literacy Event** on Feb 22. **Pewee Basketball** is going strong on Saturday afternoons. K-12 students worked on their **Bird Calendar** submissions this month and produced some creative and beautiful artwork!

Mr. Grossmann presented the classic science project The Egg Drop challenge to his students. The whole school gathered in the gym to watch. Each student presented their contraption and explained how they protected their raw egg, then they climbed the ladder and dropped it. After all students had dropped their egg from the ladder, Mr. Grossmann went up in the lift to the gym ceiling and re-dropped them all.



The Lynx Bball players headed to Newhalen for the Roadhouse Rumble. It was over the Winter Carnival weekend! Our HS student teacher was able to tag along, and some PTA folks made it down to cheer on the teams. Feb 15-17 we hosted a Basketball tournament! Newhalen and Dillingham sent their boys and girls

teams! And on Feb 22 our boys and girls teams took off for the North/South Games: Boys to Akiachak and Girls to Bristol Bay. And on Feb 28 they head to Regionals: Boys to New Stuyahok and girls to Bristol Bay.

Girls 1st Place at North-South in a 3-way tiebreaker with Newhalen and Bristol Bay



Hazel Metzgar, an 8th grader, wrote an essay and won the Scholastic Scope “Code Talkers” Contest! Her prize was the book Code Talkers by Joseph Bruchac. Congratulations Hazel!

Personnel

Student teacher, Emily Pugliese, from Pennsylvania has been doing a nice job in secondary English and Social Studies. We appreciate her and her mentor teachers, Cam and Nicole Metzgar, as she finishes up her one quarter with us before heading to her next placement back in PA.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Now, is the time when teachers and students are really feeling the shorter school calendar as we lesson plan to the end of the year and realize it is only a few weeks away: finish teaching the standards, prepare students for the End Levels, while racing to the first week of May, while we finish up basketball (absences), plan for a week of AK STAR and a week of SNAP Meet. Here we go!

Technology Progress

We appreciate the new printer from Tech Dept. as we have been struggling to keep the old one going with clear copies for student support and achievement.

Facility Update

A couple clogged toilets, a scoreboard repair, an old incinerator, and a very slippery parking lot kept everyone on their toes this month.

LSAC Activity

LSAC met on Feb 7 with several people attending in person, and a few through zoom. Next meeting is March 6, as normally scheduled the first Wednesday of each month.

Volunteer Report

A huge thanks goes out to all our volunteers and officials who made our Valentines Basketball Tournament a success as we hosted Newhalen and Dillingham boys and girls teams: scorekeepers, scoreboard operators, referees, booster club chefs and servers, Lynx Lair operators, custodians, office support, and cooks... plus all

the ones I forgot! Because of you, it was a great community event and great camaraderie and sportsmanship between all the teams and coaches.

Professional Development

Tenured teachers continue to make progress on their Professional Growth Plans, each individualized to their own teaching assignments and growth areas to improve student achievement.

Pupil Attendance

Tanalian had about 92% attendance in the last month, experiencing a few illnesses and family vacations.

Student and Staff Safety

The water on ice and 40 degree temperatures hung around for a couple weeks, making stepping out of any building or vehicle a dangerous endeavor. We had vehicles immobilized for hours at a time on our nearly flat school parking lot due to slippery conditions, but no incidents, other than falling down, were reported. We had one employee injury due to an incinerator accident. D.O. is looking for a better solution for our waste management, since there is no landfill in Port Alsworth.

Subsistence Calendar

As noted in the Standards Based System update, above, teachers and students are racing the clock to finish up the quickly vanishing school year.

Other