

Site Report – Tanalian School – January 2025

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Photos & Description of Activities and Events

In the first week of December, the Lynx battled all other Alaska Volleyball teams at the State Championships. We had several come-from-behind wins and fought our way through the losers bracket to a rematch against the White Mountain team that had beat us earlier in the tournament... we were able to barely beat them 3-1 in a tightly contested match and then barely beat them in the IF game to 30 points. We are proud of the stamina, perseverance, coaching, and team workings that all had to come together in these LPSD/Lynx students to win this State Championship. Congratulations to Coach Glen Alsworth and these Lynx student-athletes: Teagann Smith, Jordan Alsworth, Mikiah Lorentzen, Rachel Opland, Hazel Metzgar, Jocelyn Oettinger, Noah Davis, Erik McGee, Noah Opland, Silas Smith, Warren Davis, and Ray Chmiel.



In December we also had our Christmas Program with skits and songs! Following the program we all filed into the gym for the annual community bazaar. The newly established Tanalian Lunch Bank had a table at the bazaar and, thanks to the supportive community, sold out of their sushi bowls!



January 6-12th both boys and girls basketball teams were on their third annual Road Trip - between Anchorage and Tri-Valley and then the Birchwood Tournament.

The next week Tanalian hosted a boys bball games against the Newhalen Malamutes, while the Lady Lynx played bball in Newhalen.

The following week both boys and girls went to the Sockeye Basketball Tournament in Bristol Bay.

For the final bball weekend of January we hosted a girls bball tournament, with Kalskag and Aniak joining us. The Lynx boys flew to Akiachak for games.

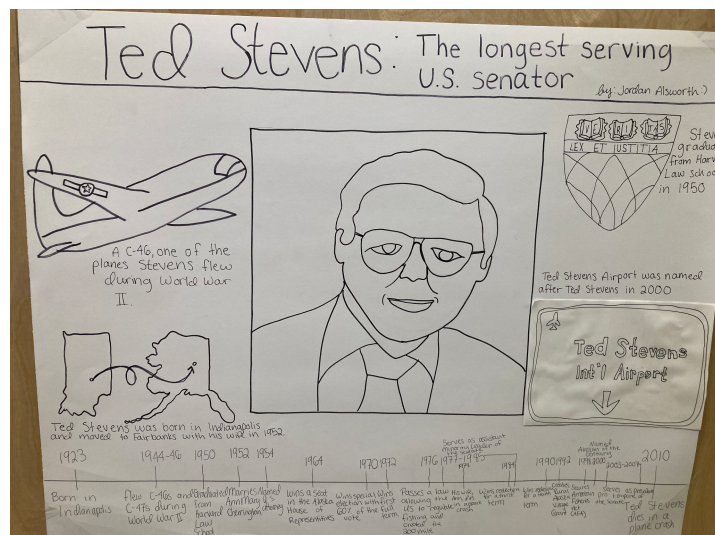
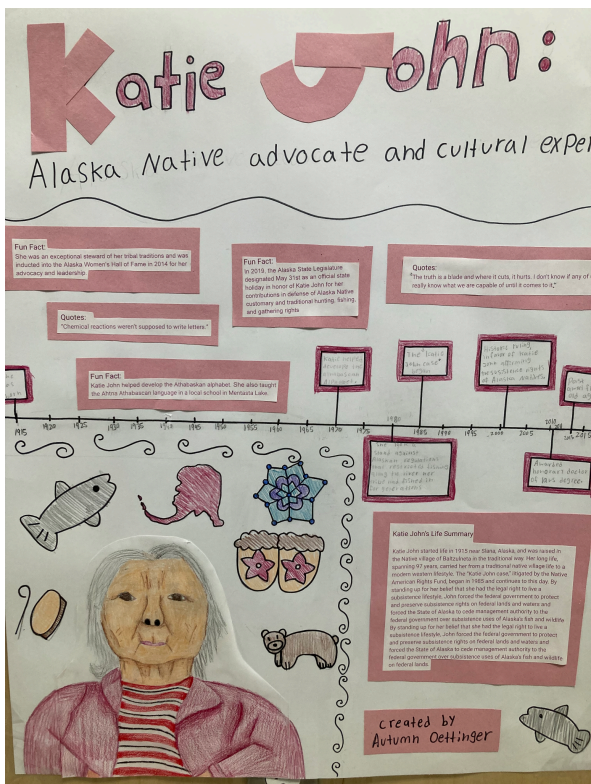
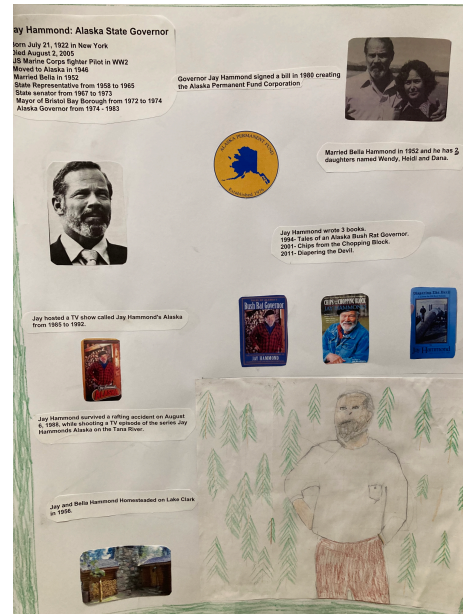
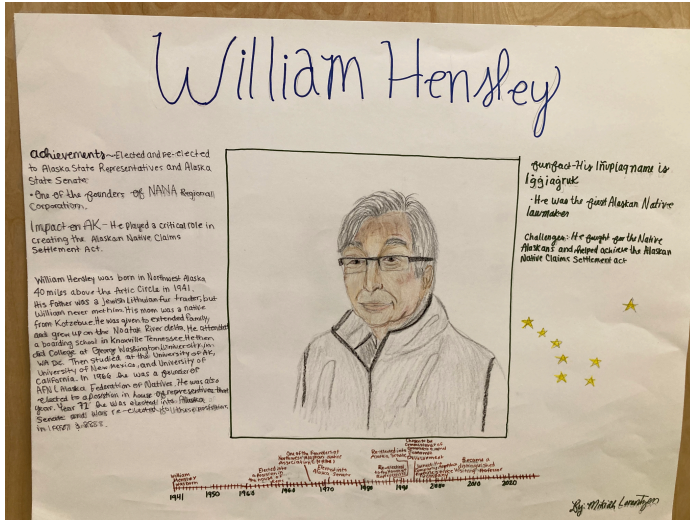
We held a Spelling Bee at the year's first LYNX CHAT with congratulations and first place going to 8th grader Autumn Oetttinger.

Personnel Update

Two student teachers arrived on Jan 10 - Jared Wilcox from Cedarville who's working with Sarah Wardell in the SPED department, and Nate Felter from Liberty working with Brandey Voran in her 3rd-5th grade class.

Classroom Highlights

Teachers and students continue to work at a good pace in standards, with high school students finishing up AK History and now launching into US Government in second semester. Mrs. Metzgar assigned her Alaska History class students a Bio and Poster assignment where they researched and presented on a famous Alaskan. Samples below:



LSAC Activity
LSAC meeting was Jan 15.
Community Engagement
The Port Alsworth Improvement Corp. asked to do a fundraising dinner with us at school to help publicize PAIC mission, vision, and projects. They will buy the food and then our Lunch and Student Government crew will prep and serve food for a fundraiser for Lunch and SG through our Lynx 50/50 Cafe'. Win-win-win.
Professional Development
Inservice was Jan 24 and 27, giving teachers some training opportunities.
Pupil % Attendance K-12
Tanalian School Attendance from Sep to Present: about 90% (.8966)
Student and Staff Safety
We had a brief three days of sub zero temps the last week of January. And a touch of snow. Looked and felt like winter there for a minute. The big lake has two inches of ice today. A huge ice-skating party happened on Sunday on the thicker ice on the Bay.
Other
Eligibility communication: We have all high school students take and discuss a Handbook Quiz each September. Many of the questions are related to eligibility and then the classroom discussions surrounding those questions cover even more. Throughout the year, the principal and coaches emphasize what it takes to maintain eligibility and the principal also tries to remind parents by email at least annually what it takes for eligibility.