

## Tanalian School Site Report, December 2021

**To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members**

**From: Nate Davis, Principal**

### Outstanding Activities and Events

- The Tanalian Lynx will be competing in the ASAA State Volleyball tournament this month! The team is striving for a 3rd State Championship but we are already encouraged by our students' perseverance and sportsmanship, both on and off the court.
- On November 19th, we hosted our annual Elocution Meet, allowing students who had received "Advanced" markings in their chosen class recitations to perform for the school and community.
- Community members Jon Burrows and Lyle Wilder won the title of "Principal for a Day" at the Student Government's Harvest Fest and had a blast welcoming students and participating in classroom activities. Mr. Wilder even served as the MC at the school's Elocution Meet that day.

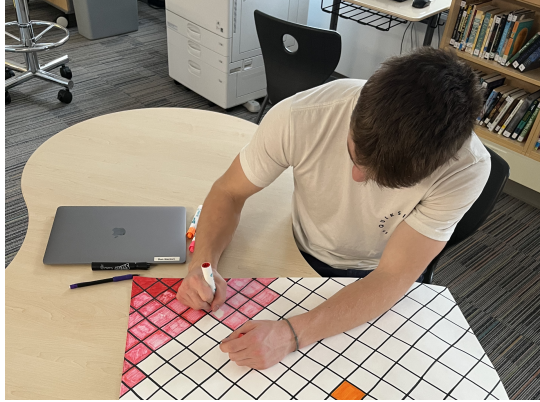


Left: Isaac Fowler spiking against Newhalen at our November home game || Right: Honorary Principal Mr. Wilder high-fives Kindergarten Elocution Meet 2nd place winner, Jeremiah Negaard

### Personnel

- With winter travel comes winter travel delays. We are grateful for our amazing community members who have quickly jumped into action and subbed throughout the school to ensure we don't miss a beat.
- We are excited to announce that our P.E. teacher, Mr. Riley Morigeau, has officially become our 2021-2022 Boys Basketball Coach! Go Lynx!

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress



Top left: Daniel Wardell coloring his tessellation project || Top right: The in-school garden table producing produce in the darkest of months  
Middle: Ray Chmiel chasing Noah Opland's plank record

- The “circle of life” is alive and well in Mr. Hummel’s science class as our school’s creepy crawly class pets (flesh-eating beetles) continue to devour this fall’s subsistence moose heads and multiply.
- We have also been ensuring to keep our Vitamin D intake up with regular walks past the in-school garden table situated in the junior high / high school wing.
- Noah Opland, grade 7, took Mrs. Metzger’s Plank Challenge to the next level last month, planking for **20 minutes!**
- Mrs. Voran’s Geometry class has been learning about tessellations and angles, and applying their knowledge in creative ways.

## Technology Progress

- After a bit of a wrestle, our staff is happy to report that we have a technician scheduled to come out and fix our media room copy machine later this month.

## Facility Update

- Our maintenance and facilities team have been working diligently to keep everything warm and operational during this winter’s exceptionally early cold snap. We enjoyed and appreciated the in-person maintenance visit from Tim and Carl, shaping up a few things as only they can do.



## LSAC Activity

- Port Alsworth voted in three new LSAC Members during November's election. Elisha Wegner, Eric Davidson, and Kacy Lou Leyba have joined Leo Fowler, Heidi Wilder, and Darcy Lorentzen on our LSAC.
- **The whole Tanalian community thanks Dennis Fowler, Sarah Wardell and Andrea McGee who recently rotated off of LSAC after a combined 35+ years of LSAC service!**

## Volunteer Report



Top: The Esteemed Judges of the Tanalian Elocution Meet

Left: Larry the Lynx visiting with some of his adoring fans || Right: Two of the preschool girls love volunteering to feed the flesh-eating beetles in Mr. Hummel's room

- Ms. Patty and the Tanalian Choir have been preparing for this winter's Christmas Concert. They are excited to share their performance pieces with the community later this month.

- Thank you to Jon Burrows, Benjamin Jammer, and Elisha Wegner for judging last month's Elocution Meet, to Kacy Leyba and Laura Wilder for organizing, and to ELA teachers and parents, who all helped students prepare.
- Shout out to Sonnet Smith and Salina Alsworth who have served as travel chaperones this volleyball season.
- Shout out to Mark McGee, Patti Brock, Andrea McGee, Madeline Thompson, Sherri Davis, and all the hospitality moms and dads, teachers and staff and students, who made our home VB Tournament run so smoothly!
- Larry the Lynx (and the student within) has made several appearances at home sports events this fall. It has been nice to have him and our spectators back with us after a year of closed-gym sporting events.

### **Professional Development**

- LPSD teachers enjoyed a fun few days of professional development and team building at Alyeska Resort last month. Thank you to Nicole Metzger, Kate Cornell, and all of the session facilitators who made this event a success!
- Our math teachers have spent this semester digging into professional development courses to strengthen their own foundations within our new Reveal Math and Everyday Math curriculums. Thank you to the LPSD curriculum team for supporting our classroom teachers as they learn alongside their students and help us progress toward several of our School-Wide Plan goals.

### **Pupil Attendance**

- We are grateful to say that we have been in the Green at Tanalian since returning from fall inservice! It has been a delight to be all back together in classrooms and our attendance has been consistent and strong.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

- Our TCAG (Tanalian Covid Advisory Group) members-- Matthew Grossman (teacher representative), Patty Bilbrey (clinic representative), Sonnet Smith (parent representative), and Luke Wegner (local church representative) -- continue to serve our community as needed in conjunction with our LSAC and the LPSD Covid Committee.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

- PTA teachers continue to deliver strong instruction whether in Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, or Subsistence!
- Mr. Hummel has started his annual trapping and winter survival skills units, preparing our Alaskan students for the unique wilderness we love living in.
- Even with the shortened subsistence calendar, PTA continues to graduate students on time or early (Nezzie Fowler graduated in September and Kaiden Fowler last December) and on PEAKS statewide testing, 65% of students are Proficient or Advanced in Math and 75% are Proficient or Advanced in Reading, compared to 40% and 34%, respectively, statewide.



**Other**