

Site Report – Tanalian Lynx – March, 2018

**To: Superintendent Ty Mase
LPSD School Board Members**

From: Nate Davis, Principal

Outstanding Activities and Events

- Congratulations to Zoe Smith as reigning Spelling Bee Champion, and to runner-up Ray Chmiel who will represent Tanalian at State. Daniel Wardell is our Nat'l Geo champ and qualified for State.
- In a partnership with Lake Clark National Park and construction percent for art, our newly designed history wall has been installed. Next up are old-time canvas-framed photos.
- Basketball: Our Lynx Ladies ended up with the #2 seed and our men are #5 going into Regionals.
- A huge Thank You! to all of our Banners for Kids sponsors who paid for a great year of competition for Tanalian Lynx with extra good seasons in XC Running, Volleyball, and Basketball.
- Our Battle of the Books Junior High Team took 15th at State, just missing the next round.



Personnel

- We celebrate two great teacher hires: Patti Brock will come to us from King Cove and Texas to teach our K-2 students with 30+ years experience teaching K-College students. She has about ten years experience in 2nd grade and several years experience at pre-school. Our very own Brandey Voran will take our 3rd-5th grade students, after proving herself well-loved and effective for many years as a math, Special Ed, PE, and classroom aide.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- Our teachers worked extra hard this year to ensure that all groups are standards-based. We are taking particular notice to increase our PEAKs proficient levels from about 50% to about 65%.

Technology Progress

- Port Alsworth is in good shape with Internet access and laptops for students. We are now able to livestream sports and events to the Internet. As our next technology advancement, we hope to activate our card-reader to simplify point of sale transactions.

Facility Update

- Our new teacher housing duplex is complete except for summer grading and cleanup. Tanalian Electric Coop has completed their new generator house and plant and have switched over from the old generator... the rumbling noise is new and bothersome to nearby teacher housing, but exterior mufflers have been ordered and will hopefully improve the situation. Shane installed great-looking log cabin bumpers as curbing around the school. We hope to really clean up the site this summer

after four years of construction improvements: abandonment of the village electrical generators, the new school, new 3 bedroom duplex, and new 2 bedroom duplex.

LSAC Activity

- PTA LSAC continues to meet monthly and remains supportive of school programs. See LSAC minutes for full detail.

Volunteer Report

- We appreciate our Booster Club volunteers and younger students always helping. It's all hands-on-deck with many helpers at each home game. Thank you!
- Thank you to all our Box Tops volunteer! Because of your diligence we just made an \$80 donation to LSAC for their projects to help students.

Professional Development

- Professional Development Tuesdays, led by LPSD, have been beneficial to our staff. Onsite days were used to best group students, aides, and teachers according to student needs demonstrated by data. Teachers still need more training to make PowerSchool efficient for them.
- Our teachers and aides enjoyed a great day of CPI training with our enthusiastic and effective instructor, Paulene Manning!



Pupil Attendance

- PTA just earned the #1 spot in our Attendance Challenge, hitting 97.5% in the last cycle. Student Council threw a great Krispy Kreme donut party for all students K-12 to celebrate great attendance. They leveraged their \$250 gift from DO to be able to throw a root beer float party next week to keep enthusiasm going.

Student and Staff Safety

- We continue to warn and instruct students to wear reflectors when traveling to/from school. At least twice a year we review all of our school safety drills in addition to our monthly Fire Drill. We reviewed a couple tabs in our Crisis Planning handbook at our March LSAC meeting.

Subsistence Calendar

- Students, teachers, and parents remain enthusiastic and supportive of our Subsistence Calendar.

Other

