

Site Report – Tanalian School – February, 2026

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis, Principal

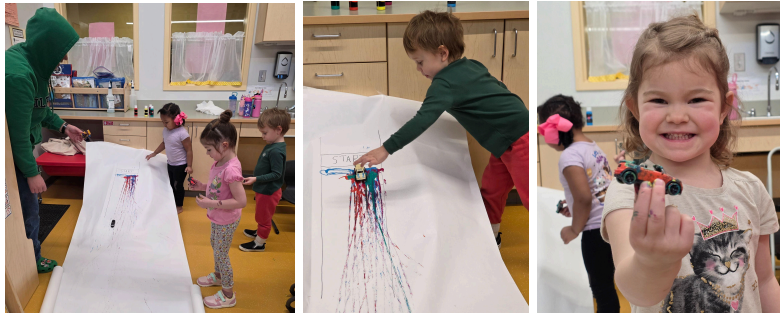
Photos & Description of Activities and Events

The Student Government hosted a Sweetheart Banquet on Feb 22, serving the much loved roast that Lisa Rivas makes. There was also dessert and dancing! The students did a beautiful job decorating for the event.

We had an incredible family engagement night with nearly fifty adults celebrating and twenty children fed and entertained in classrooms for parent convenience. At \$25 a plate, Student Government just barely broke even, but the goal was mostly to bless the parents and community.



The PreK class created a painting by using hot wheel car wheels dipped in paint!



The Tanalian Lynx basketball season ended at Regionals for the boys. And the girls didn't have enough healthy teammates to go to Regionals. There's been so many sicknesses going around this year, plus a stress fractured foot. Multiple games were cancelled or tournaments downsized this season so players ended up with only a few competitive games. We celebrated senior Mikiah at her last home game!



One junior student took the ACT Test on Feb 17.

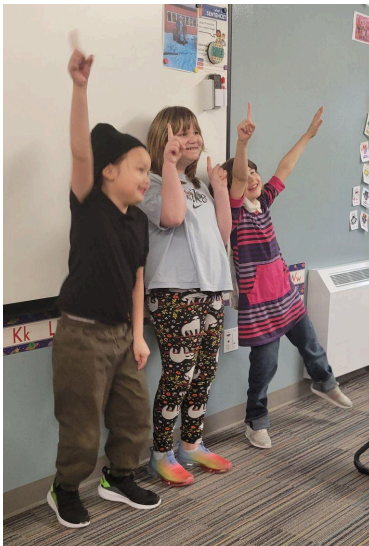
Personnel Update

Cam and Nicole Metzgar have decided to resign from LPSD. We so much appreciate their faithful longevity serving the students and families of LPSD in three different villages over the last twenty years. They will be moving to Juneau to be close to Cam's dad. We will miss Cam, Nicole, Hazel, Augustine, and Max, but wish them the best in their new adventure!

LPSD/Tanalian outstanding Alum Sasha Alsworth has been hired to replace Mr. Metzgar.

Classroom Highlights

Battle of the Books Regionals and State happened this month. Several groups of Lynx took first place at districts! The 5th/6th, 7th/8th, and High School groups all competed at state with 25-49 other teams at each level. The Lynx Battlers all made it through Round 1 at State and competed very well against the other top 11 teams in Round 2, but didn't quite make it to the Final Round- competitions were tough, and though they didn't win, the students put up a fierce fight with great "thank you for battling" attitudes!



Patti Brock's K-2nd class did a Valentine's card event - they advertised around the nation in an effort to get a valentine from all 50 states. They ended up gathering over 250 valentines coming from 41 states + the

Netherlands. A big thank you to student teacher, Mikayla, whose inspiration and hard work made it happen!



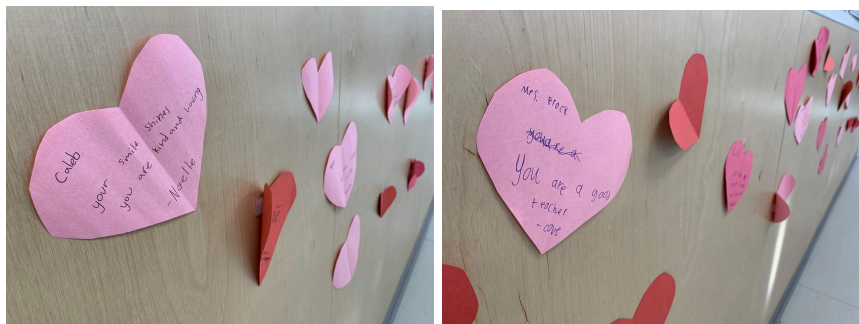
The K-2 class also celebrated their 100th day of school by sharing what they wish for by the time they're 100.



They also made special valentines for each student and staff in the school and hand delivered them! Laura Wilder, in the office, was so happy for the hugs that came with the bag of goodies!



Brandey Voran's class created heart valentines for each person in the school and taped them to the main hallway. They were so fun to read and really cheered up the school!



LSAC Activity

LSAC met on Feb 18 - highlights included discussing the school student cell phone policy and resulted in a parent survey to get feedback from other parents. The results of the survey will be discussed at the 3/4/26 LSAC Meeting.

Community Engagement

We had a great community turnout at the Valentine's Banquet sponsored by Student Government and Cook, Lisa Rivas, on February 22nd. Parents are bringing their pre-PreK kids to play in the gym several mornings each week! School is a great place for them to work out their energy, build social and relationship skills, and gain familiarity with the school building during the -20+ temps we've been at for quite awhile.

Professional Development

Teacher Inservice was Feb 2 and again March 6. Teacher meetings and staffing changes and pre-schedules for next year were the topics of the days among other things. On March 6, teachers met on next year's schedule and had time for grading and planning for the last quarter in the morning. In the afternoon, teachers finished their 2nd day of Parent Teacher Conferences.

Pupil % Attendance K-12

Whole year: 88.66% student attendance
2nd Semester: 83.81%

If we average 85% for the school year, then the average student would only receive 127 days of instruction on our 150-day subsistence calendar, which is only 75% of the education of a student on a standard calendar of 170 student days.

Student and Staff Safety

We battle the cold with warm weather gear and keeping students inside unless the temperature is 0 degrees or warmer, including wind chill. The growing daylight helps keep students safer to/from school than the darkest days of prior months.

Other

Practically triplets, at least with lunch and iPads!

