

# School Notes

Port Angeles School District

For Our Business Community

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Your presence is requested at the Port Angeles School District's *Community Forum for Strategic Planning* on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, 905 West 9th Street.

I realize this is a huge commitment of time, but your time will be well spent. It's time to create the "look of our schools" over the next five years. What do we want our schools to look like? How can we continue to provide a first rate education to our children? Are there new opportunities we can provide our community? How can we do this with the resources provided locally, and on the state and national levels?

The Forum is an important step in developing a five year "road map" for the future of our Port Angeles schools. Thank you for considering your involvement in this event. **An investment in your schools is an investment in your community.**

— Dr. Jane S. Pryne, Superintendent

## STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK

Forum participants will join Washington State School Directors' Association consultant Kenneth Jones as he guides them through a two-day process designed to discuss goals and collected data, analyze the information and formulate objectives. The Forum's findings will provide a base for the District Strategic Planning Steering Committee's work on the 2011-15 strategic plan.

Questions, comments and suggestions regarding the strategic planning process and its development may be sent via email to [info@portangelesschools.org](mailto:info@portangelesschools.org), or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent Jane Pryne, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

## RENEWAL LEVY: FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution on September 13 to place a maintenance and operations levy vote on the February 8, 2011 ballot. *The present four-year maintenance and operations levy, approved in February 2007, is set to expire December 31, 2011. This ballot item is a renewal of the existing levy.*

Left to right, Superintendent Jane Pryne, Board President Lonnie Linn, Mike Mudd, Don Droz, Jim Bissonette, Michael Rauch and Athletic Director Dwayne Johnson



Port Angeles Citizens for Education (PACE) 2007 levy co-chairs Rhonda Curry and Ray Gruver announced the new PACE co-chairs for the February 2011 election, Betsy Wharton and Steve Methner.

Visit Levy News online at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) for updated levy information. Questions, comments and suggestions may be sent to [levy@portangelesschools.org](mailto:levy@portangelesschools.org), or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

## HIRE THE PAHS CHOIR!

The Port Angeles High School Choir has big plans to travel to New York City for the Heritage Festival International Competition next spring. They'll be performing concerts at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Students have already been fundraising to pay for trip costs. You can help in their effort! Hire the Choir for your special event! Christmas party, business luncheon, open house – they do it all! You can hire the entire choir or smaller ensembles. Contact Choir Director Jolene Dalton Gailey at 360.565.1535 or email [jgailey@portangelesschools.org](mailto:jgailey@portangelesschools.org).

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

Representatives from three local businesses and organizations made donations in support of District and community athletic programs recently - Jim Bissonette from the Port Angeles Youth Basketball Board of Directors, Michael Rauch of Angeles Composite Technologies Inc. (ACTI), and Don Droz and Mike Mudd representing Swain's General Store.

The Port Angeles Youth Basketball Board of Directors donated shot clocks valued at \$3,323 to replace the aging ones in the Port Angeles High School Main Gym. ACTI donated \$5,000 toward the purchase of new scoreboards in the PAHS auxiliary gym, and Swain's General Store donated \$2,500 toward the purchase. *Thanks to these and the many other community organizations and businesses who support our schools and students!*

November 2010

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 11**  
Veterans' Day Holiday  
No School for Students

**November 12 & 15**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
No School for Students

**November 16**  
District KONP  
Radio 1450 Interview  
1:05 p.m.

**November 22**  
Regular School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Jefferson Elementary

**November 25 & 26**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
No School

**December 9**  
PAHS Holiday Concert  
All Choirs, Bands & Orchestras  
Open to the Public!

**December 13**  
Regular School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Lincoln High School

**December 20**  
Winter Break Begins

**January 3, 2011**  
School Resumes



## YOU'RE INVITED!

Community Forums  
District Strategic Planning

December 3 and 4  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

North Olympic Peninsula  
Skills Center

905 West 9th Street

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## SCHOOL WEBSITES

**Port Angeles High School**  
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## DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

www.portangelesschools.org  
Check for your school's Calendar  
and Events!

## TEACHER OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS OPEN

"Let's honor our teachers! Send KONP Radio 1450 your recommendation for *Teacher of the Month*. Someone who is teaching in our local schools right now. Your teacher. Your child's teacher or a teacher you've admired in your school!

Send us his or her name, the school he or she teaches at, what grade or subject taught. Tell us in 100 words or less (we know this will be difficult!) why this teacher should be honored as *Teacher of the Month*. Include your name and phone number!

Mail your entry: *KONP Teacher of the Month*, 721 E. 1st Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362, or drop off entries during business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *KONP Radio will honor teachers each month during the 2010-11 school year. Entries extended through November 2010!*

## NEW ROUGHRIDER TICKET PRICES

Athletic Director Dwayne Johnson has announced new ticket prices for entry to Port Angeles High School regular season athletic events. Football, volleyball, wrestling and basketball are the only sports that require entry fees. Prices have not risen since September 2002.

*Per game costs are:* Adult, \$6; Students without ASB Card, \$6; Visiting Team Students, \$4; Middle School Students, \$4; Adults 60 years and over, \$2; Elementary Students, \$2.

PAHS students with an ASB card or children age four and under have free entry to events.

A Family Pass (two adults, plus students or one adult plus two or more students) can be purchased for \$12 per event. Sports Passes, either a 10-Punch Pass for \$45 or Family District Pass (for District employees), may be purchased for \$60. *Support your Roughriders!*

## ED FOUNDATION RECEIVES GENEROUS BEQUEATH

The Port Angeles Education Foundation received a generous bequest in early October of over \$500,000 from the estate of former Port Angeles resident and Foundation board member Jane Floyd. Mrs. Floyd directed that her gift become part of the Foundation's General Endowment, the income from which funds the Foundation's mission of providing school and teacher grants, scholarships, and incentives for excellence in the Port Angeles public schools. "We were surprised by the news and astounded at the generosity Mrs. Floyd showed in making us part of her legacy," said Foundation President Steve Charno. *For information on how you can donate to the Foundation, please visit [www.portangeleseducationfoundation.org](http://www.portangeleseducationfoundation.org).*

## COMMUNITY INVITED TO ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

All Port Angeles High School bands, choirs and orchestras will perform in the school's *Annual Holiday Concert* on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's Performing Arts Center, 304 East Park Avenue. The concert is open to the public and free of charge. *Arrive early for this popular annual event showcasing our student musicians!*

Stevens students Blake Meldrum, Tyib Shore and Michael Helwick celebrate Math Olympiad success.



## TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS KALLI MAE KONOPASKI, PAHS Class of 2003

Attending PAHS influenced the person I am by defining the importance of "team spirit." Being isolated geographically, we as PAHS students had to stick together and support each other on the field and in the classroom, which lent to a real sense of camaraderie.

The teacher I would most consider a mentor is Mr. John Gallagher, for 2 reasons. First, his vibrant love and passion for his field inspired me as a young student to engross myself in a study and not simply "just get by." He gave me the confidence to debate, protest and clarify scientific theory in the classroom. It was there that my love for science blossomed.

I took up cheerleading over some previously played sports in high school and to my surprise, loved it. There's no greater feeling of team spirit than having a thousand kids scream back at you in unison at a football or basketball game for their team, "When I say Rough, you say Riders. Rough-!" "Riders!" "Rough-!" "RIDERS!!!" We have to have had the best cheering section in all of Washington State.

Cheerleading, tennis, summer league fastpitch, clubs, and activities with Queen of Angels Church and Dry Creek Grange all helped teach me punctuality, teamwork, integrity, and respect.

I currently work as a PNP (pediatric nurse practitioner) in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and absolutely love what I do. I plan to come back home in 2-5 years and work, start a family, and settle down in Port Angeles.

I graduated *Suma Cum Laude* from Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2007 and from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville with a Master of Science in Nursing in 2009.



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