

School Notes

Port Angeles School District

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RENEWAL LEVY: FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Next February 8 voters in the Port Angeles School District will be asked to renew the current four-year year maintenance and operations levy — approved in February 2007 and set to expire December 31, 2011 — for four more years, 2012 through 2015.

Levy Quick Facts

- The February 8, 2011 levy is for a fixed amount - \$8,178,067 for 2012; \$8,300,738 for 2013; \$8,425,249 for 2014; and \$8,551,628 for 2015. State law provides that no more than the requested amount can be collected. Taxes collected by the School District do **not** increase after they are set in place, regardless of changes in assessed property value.
- The **estimated** tax rate for the new levy is \$2.65 per \$1,000 - for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Actual tax rates are set by Clallam County and may fluctuate.
- To **estimate** how much you'd pay a year, first find your assessed property value. Divide your assessment by 1,000. Next multiply by \$2.65. This will be your **estimated** maintenance and operations levy payment.
- Public school districts in Washington State receive the majority of their annual operating funds from the state. However, the legislature only provides approximately 65% of what it costs to provide a student's public education. The balance of the money needed is expected to come from the federal government, grants and local levies.
- A school maintenance and operations levy is the local community's share of the cost of providing a quality education for its children. The Washington State legislature authorizes maintenance and operations levy requests for up to 28% of a district's budget. In Port Angeles the levy currently provides almost 20% of the total School District budget.

- The maintenance and operations levy helps support staffing, student transportation, athletics, music programs and student activities, equipment, vocational education and maintenance. The levy supports the day-to-day operation of public schools and programs not funded, or not fully funded, by Washington State.
- An exemption is available for qualifying seniors and low-income homeowners. Those interested should contact the County Assessor's office by phone at 360.417.2000 or email: assessor@co.clallam.wa.us.
- Voters have supported the Port Angeles School District maintenance and operations levy since 1969.

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

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER

School closure information is broadcast throughout the day on Radio KONP 1450 AM, and on most Seattle area TV (Channels 4, 5, 7 and 13). This information is also available on the School District website at www.portangelesschools.org.

On days of inclement weather, there is the possibility of starting school two hours late, and in the event of a rapidly declining weather situation, ending school early rather than just closing school. By doing this, it makes for much safer travel as it allows Clallam County and Washington State road crews more time to clear roads. It also gives students walking to and from bus stops and schools better daylight to walk in, therefore improving their safety.

Depending on weather conditions, decisions to close school or start late are usually made by 5:00 a.m., and generally out to the news media by 5:30 a.m.



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December 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3 & 4
Strategic Planning
Education Summit
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

December 6
Special School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Central Services Bldg.

December 9
PAHS Holiday Concert
All Choirs, Bands & Orchestras
7:30 pm
PAHS Auditorium

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

December 20
Winter Break Begins

January 3, 2011
School Resumes



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

All Port Angeles High School bands, choirs and orchestras will perform in the 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 event showcasing Port Angeles High School musicians!

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SCHOOL WEBSITES

Port Angeles High School

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Lincoln High School

www.portangelesschools.org/lincoln/

Stevens Middle School

www.portangelesschools.org/stevens/

Dry Creek Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/drycreek/

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Roosevelt Elementary

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Parents As Partners

www.portangelesschools.org/parents-as-partners/

DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

www.portangelesschools.org

Check for your school's Calendar and Events!

ENROLLMENT ABOVE BUDGET, STILL LESS THAN LAST YEAR

The District's total enrollment for November 2010 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,641.02 full time equivalent (FTE). This is 89.28 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 52.76 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year.

If the month-by-month enrollment trends from the past five years continue, it is projected that the average enrollment for the 2010-11 school year will be 3,603.83 FTE or 15.57 students more than budgeted. For additional information, visit www.portangelesschools.org. See ADMINISTRATION, then ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK.

MACHINE SHOP STUDENTS WORK WITH LOCAL GUITAR MAKER

Port Angeles High School seniors Michael Steele and Thomas Williams have worked the past month helping Sequim guitar maker Pete Barthell bring his machine design to fruition. The two helped design and build a machine for Barthell that will cut slots for frets on a finger board for guitars built by Barthell.

Steele and Williams worked with Barthell in their PAHS machine tools class taught by instructor Mike Frick. Barthell started making classical guitars, also known as Spanish guitars, as a hobby in 1975 after a forty year career as a mechanical engineer.



FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL: WE NEED YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS!

Lincoln High School, the Port Angeles School District's alternative high school, is asking for your used books! Instructor Susan MacDonald is trying to beef up the books in the current LHS Library – give her a call or send an email (smacdonald@portangelesschools.org or 565.1884). You can also take your used books to Odyssey Bookshop in Port Angeles and ask staff to add them to the "Lincoln High School" card. *Thank you for your help as we help our school!*

FOOTBALL COACH RECEIVES HONOR

Tom Wahl, football coach of the Port Angeles High School Roughriders, was named "NFL High School Coach of the Week" by the Seattle Seahawks in November. Wahl shared honors with Steve Kizer from Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington.

"Tom Wahl has done an outstanding job with our student athletes and our Port Angeles Roughrider community," Athletic Director Dwayne Johnson said. "His dedication and exhaustive efforts have truly inspired his coaching staff and players. This demonstration of work ethic and holding student athletes accountable for toeing the line has been exemplar. Congratulations, Coach Tom Wahl, the Seattle Seahawks have taken notice too!"

POWDER PUFF GAME RAISES FUNDS FOR CANCER

The Port Angeles High School Roughriders Cheer Squad faced off against the School District staff in a powder puff football game to raise funds for Operation Uplift and breast cancer research. The two teams and their supporters raised \$1,250 during the fundraising event at Civic Field. *The Staff Team, comprised of teachers, staff and administrators — all females — won the game 35 to 7! Thanks, PAHS Roughrider Cheer Squad, Staff Team, and the Port Angeles community for your support!*

TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS JOYCE WALTERS – PAHS Class of 1976

Growing up in Port Angeles was a great experience. Because the schools were pretty small, I had a chance to take on leadership roles that might have been more difficult in a large high school. I learned to step up and volunteer and I still do! That has served me well in my work and personal life.

When I was attending Roosevelt Junior High School, my home economics teacher suggested I run for Miss Washington Teenager. She convinced three girls to participate and we had to write an essay, get sponsors and go to Spokane for the pageant. She taught us visualization and meditation to help us in the competition. When I have a big speech or important meeting, I use the techniques she taught us that Saturday afternoon. I picture myself walking into the room confident, prepared and relaxed. And it works! I also sang in choirs in elementary, middle and high school. I find that my love for music helps me relax. I'm not sure how I could manage flying as much as I do without my fully loaded iPhone.

I have been at Boeing for 23 years and I love it! I have worked in several positions at the company, and am now the director of education and workforce initiatives. I have oversight responsibility for the company's investments in early learning programs and primary and secondary education. I also co-lead a company-wide team focused on aligning our charitable and business investments in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. My work is challenging, rewarding and I learn something new almost every day!



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