

# SCHOOL NOTES

APRIL 2008

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

## SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

### May 20 Technology Levy

The Port Angeles School District board of directors approved Resolution No. 078-11, 2008 Capital Levy for Technology, placing the four-year capital levy for technology on the ballot on May 20, 2008 to collect the following amounts of revenue: in 2009, \$1,635,700; in 2010, \$1,643,248; in 2011, \$1,643,171; and in 2012, \$1,642,972.

### What will the tech levy pay for?

- **Replace Computers:** Levy funds will enable a planned cycle of replacing aged computers throughout the district.
- **Replace Printers:** Replacing aged inkjet printers with stand-alone and networked laser printers will improve user access to printing services, resulting in lower operating budget costs over time.
- **Replace Furniture:** A small budget is planned to purchase furniture designed to be used with technology.
- **Server/Storage Replacement:** Levy funds will enable a planned cycle to replace servers and expand storage capacity to support the goal of providing networked storage for student work files, projects, and portfolios.
- **Proven Resource Security:** The current firewall is at the end of its useful life and does not provide adequate protection against potential threats to the security of the district network.
- **Expanded Wireless Access:** Improvements to wireless zones in school buildings will allow flexibility in the placement of technology and permit teachers to move out of the classroom yet still be able to access technology in alternative learning settings.
- **Train District Staff:** Training for teachers, para-educators, administrators, and support staff to more effectively use technology to support learning will leverage the district's investment in equipment, software and services.
- **Installation and Support:** Planned replacement of the aging technology infrastructure will require funding for installation and support.
- **Video Networking Equipment:** Collaboration with other educational professionals across the state and nation and beyond will be possible through digital video conferencing links.
- **Classroom Tools for Teachers:** Video projectors, document cameras, sound amplification systems, and video connections have become standard teaching tools in classrooms across America.



PACE Co-Chair Norm Schaaf speaks to the chamber membership about the school district tech levy. Others seated, left to right, are Superintendent Gary Cohn, George Khieraty, Theresa Rauch, School Board President Cindy Kelly and Chamber President Dave Neupert.

- **Classroom Tools for Students:** Interactive smart boards, classroom response systems, entry level tv-video production, podcasting, video-audio conferencing, net meetings, virtual reality, mobile presenters and smartpads, book readers, tablet kiosks (handhelds for note taking, test taking, smart phones, downloading assignments using wireless communication), computer monitoring with programs that allow teacher control of student machines for techtorials, as well as monitoring behavior, and sound enhancement systems are a few of the newly developing tools that are on the cutting edge of classroom technology innovation.
- **Career and Technical Education, Science, Math, Arts and Music Technology:** Students must have current technology that meets industry standards, fulfills articulation agreements, aligns with our program plans and meets Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and district requirements.
- **Libraries:** Levy funding will allow needed updates of library management software to provide access to school catalogs via the web, allowing staff and students the ability to find material and request it no matter where it might be housed in the district at a time and place tailored to their individual needs. It will also supply subscriptions to informational databases and e-books which support curriculum and supplement the current collection with up-to-date, authoritative information. In addition, levy funds will provide libraries with basic equipment to access the libraries' resources for on site and remote use and to loan classrooms equipment such as laptop computers, e-book readers, audio book players, sound systems, digital still and video cameras, and portable video and audio conferencing units.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 31-April 4**

*Spring Break*

**April 14**

*Regular School Board Meeting*

7:00 p.m.

Dry Creek Elementary

**May 8**

*All-City String Review*

7:30 p.m., PAHS Gym

Grades 4-12

**May 20**

*Technology Levy Vote*

**May 26**

*Memorial Day*

*Observance*

*School not in session*

**June 16**

*Last Day of School*

### LISTEN IN

Newsradio 1450 KONP broadcasts live interviews with Port Angeles District staff and students on the third Tuesdays of the month during the school year at 1:05 p.m. On April 15, host Todd Ortloff will speak with school district and community guests about the upcoming technology levy. *Listen Live*, or download the podcast from: [www.konp.com](http://www.konp.com)

### ELIST

You can sign up to receive school district news and updates via ELIST email newsletter by visiting the district's website: [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org). Look for "Mailing List" sign up instructions on the home page.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Due to one snow day this year, the last day of school will now be Monday, June 16 unless the district needs to call for additional weather related closures. High school graduations remain scheduled as planned.

## School Websites Introduced!

### Dry Creek:

[www.portangelesschools.org/drycreek](http://www.portangelesschools.org/drycreek)

### Franklin:

[www.portangelesschools.org/franklin](http://www.portangelesschools.org/franklin)

### Hamilton:

[www.portangelesschools.org/hamilton](http://www.portangelesschools.org/hamilton)

### Jefferson:

[www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson](http://www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson)

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### Roosevelt:

[www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt](http://www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt)

## WASL Testing Begins

The reading and writing portion of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) test began in March at all Washington State high schools, including Port Angeles High School and Lincoln High School.

Passing the reading and writing WASL is currently a graduation requirement for the class of 2008 and beyond.

The second round of WASL testing for high school students begins April 15 through 18, 2008.

The state's testing window for grades three through eight begins, Monday, April 14, and ends on Friday, May 2, 2008. Each school district decides when grades three through eight testing will occur during this time period.

The following grades will focus on noted subject areas during testing:

3rd: Reading, Math

4th: Reading, Writing, Math

5th: Reading, Math, Science

6th: Reading, Math

7th: Reading, Writing, Math

8th: Reading, Math, Science

For WASL information, visit the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction website at [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/default.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/default.aspx).

## What will the tech levy cost the taxpayer?

In 2009 the cost to the owner of a home of average value (\$215,222) in the Port Angeles School District is projected to be about \$99 per year. That is based on an initial tax rate of \$.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

*Levy 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.*

## 2008 Technology Levy Summary

| Collection Year | Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value | Estimated Tax on a Home of Median Value: \$215,222 | Annual Levy Amount |
|-----------------|--|--|--------------------|
| 2009            | \$.46  | \$99.49  | \$1,635,700        |
| 2010            | \$.44  | \$99.96  | \$1,643,248        |
| 2011            | \$.41  | \$99.97  | \$1,643,171        |
| 2012            | \$.39  | \$99.98  | \$1,642,972        |

## BOARD APPROVES HIGH SCHOOL TRACK REPAIRS

The Port Angeles School District board of directors approved \$198,857.97 in repair costs to the Port Angeles High School track at their Monday, March 24 meeting.

"This was a hard decision to allocate so many dollars in these difficult financial times," board member Patti Happe said. "However, this is a one time expense out of capital funds, not ongoing operations, which will last for twenty years. This is an investment for our community, and part of our ongoing efforts to try to keep up an infrastructure that is old and deteriorating. The expense not only supports the education of the children in the district, but also the larger community use of the school districts' facilities. In addition, we are striving to meet the intent of the interlocal agreement with the City of Port Angeles to support recreational activities for all the citizens of the community."

Track refurbishment was bid through KCD, the purchasing cooperative owned by Washington State Public School Districts which bids and awards supply and service contracts as prescribed by the laws of the State of Washington. Atlas Track and Tennis has been approved as contractor for the job, with Lakeside Industries as the sub-contractor for the removal and installation of the blacktop and curtain drain.

The track was evaluated for safety in the fall of 2007, and it became evident that several serious problems needed attention in order to continue the track and field program. The repair work should be completed sometime during the summer. Questions and comments may be sent to [info@portangelesschools.org](mailto:info@portangelesschools.org)



## CHLOE CARVER, CLASS OF 2005

"The small-town community of Port Angeles has strongly influenced and shaped who I have become today," says Carver, who graduated in 2005 from Port Angeles High School. "Having a network of family, friends, school, and sports to rely on was a great support system for facing the trials and tribulations of young adulthood."

Carver participated in varsity track and field for four years and also played varsity basketball during her freshman and sophomore years. Coach Bob Sheedy was a mentor during her time on the high school track team: "He never stopped believing in me or the team," explained Carver, "and continually pushed us to do our best. He taught me that success wouldn't come if someone else wants it for you. It only comes if you want it for yourself. Being able to be a part of the athletic programs in this community was instrumental to my success and satisfaction with school."

The Running Start program through Peninsula College gave Carver a jumpstart to her academic career. As a high school junior, she became part of a new network of friends, teachers, coaches and supporters. "Graduating from high school with my diploma, along with an Associates of Arts degree, is one of the things most memorable to me about growing up in Port Angeles."

Carver received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Western Washington University in 2007, and now lives in Hermosa Beach, California and works as a full time intern with the City of Torrance.

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