

School Notes

Port Angeles School District

For Our Business Community

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

With an estimated reduction of 137 students this coming school year, coupled with the current State budget crisis, the District could face a now estimated \$2.5 million in cuts from its 2010-11 budget. In order to reduce District expenditures nearer to the level of reasonably anticipated revenues, it is necessary to make certain reductions in the District's educational program for the 2010-11 school year. The District's Fiscal Advisory Committee with members from the School Board, unions, principals, parents and students has been studying the budget and finding ways to cut costs.

An unranked list of budget suggestions was released Tuesday, March 30 to the public, and now is posted to the District website. Look for Budget News at www.portangelesschools.org. Committee members will make tough recommendations to the Superintendent and Board of Directors, presenting a ranked list of budget cuts, at a scheduled Board meeting on Monday, April 12 to be held at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, 905 West 9th Street. The Board will make its Reduced Educational Program decisions at a School Board Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building, 216 East Fourth Street.

On a lighter note, as I continue my trek around the District, I am now visiting Hamilton Elementary School where again great things are happening for students. I was able to "catch" students meeting their goals for reading, writing and math. I observed kindergartners reviewing their calendars, the weather, numbers, and following directions. I also listened to *Kermit the Hermit* being read to another group of kindergartners. It is so encouraging to see our soon-to-be six-year olds so excited about learning! I have now visited 178 classrooms this year, with one more round to go at Hamilton and then on to Stevens Middle School.

We appreciate your support of our Port Angeles students and schools. It's less than three months to graduation for our high school seniors! *It takes a community to raise a Port Angeles graduate!*

— Dr. Jane S. Pryne, Superintendent

YOUR INPUT STILL NEEDED

The Fiscal Advisory Committee has been, and still is, seeking input from all staff, students, and community members regarding future budget cuts. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please send

an email to budget@portangelesschools.org or a comment by mail to: Fiscal Advisory Committee, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Check **Budget News** on the District website at www.portangelesschools.org for budget updates.

MARCH ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK

The District's total enrollment for March 2010 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,700.79 FTE. This is 75.20 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 22.56 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year.

FAMILIES, PLAN FOR COLLEGE

The Peninsula is College Bound! Attend the College Bound Scholarship event at Peninsula College on Saturday, April 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m. to learn more about the College Bound Scholarship. Sign up your 7th and 8th grade student for the program. Eligible students could receive college tuition for up to four years, or if your 7th-10th grade student is already signed up, learn more about support services and preparing to access the scholarship. For more information, email Alyson at arotter@collegesuccessfoundation.org or call 360.405.5807.

NO SNOW, NO SCHOOL

Extra days were built in to the school calendar this year to accommodate possible Snow Days, school closure days due to inclement weather. Since there wasn't a need for closures, there is no school on Friday, May 14 for students.



April 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5-9
Spring Break

April 12
School Board Meeting:
7:00 p.m.
North Olympic Peninsula
Skills Center

April 19
Special School Board Meeting:
6:00 p.m.
Central Services Building

April 20
KONP Radio 1450
District Interview
1:05 p.m.

April 24
College Bound Event
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Peninsula College

April 26
School Board Meeting:
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Building

May 10
School Board Meeting:
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Building

May 14
Snow Day Not Needed!
No School for Students

May 18
KONP Radio 1450
District Interview
1:05 p.m.

May 24
Community Conversation
6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting:
7:00 p.m.
PAHS Library

May 25
PAHS Concert: Bands
7:30 p.m. Free
PAHS Performing Arts Center

May 27
PAHS Concert: Orchestras
7:30 p.m. Free
PAHS Performing Arts Center

High School Graduations
Port Angeles High School
Friday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.
PAHS Auditorium

Lincoln High School
Thursday, June 17, 4:00 p.m.
Peninsula College Little Theatre

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SCHOOL WEBSITES

Port Angeles High School

www.portangelesschools.org/pahs/

Lincoln High School

www.portangelesschools.org/lincoln/

Stevens Middle School

www.pasd.wednet.edu/school/sms/index.htm

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DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

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

TEACHERS SHARE KONP HONORS

KONP Radio's Todd Ortloff announced Cindy Bradford and Mickey Branham are KONP Teachers of the Month for March in the station's recognition program begun this year. Bradford teaches kindergarten and Branham teaches first grade, both at Dry Creek Elementary.

The KONP Teacher of the Month program is sponsored by KONP with the help of local students, staff and community members. Nominations for featured teachers in the Port Angeles, Sequim and Crescent School Districts, plus Queen of Angels and Olympic Christian Schools, were solicited during November and December last year. Nominations are now closed for the 2009-10 school year, and awards will be presented monthly through June.

Port Angeles High School science teacher John Gallagher was KONP Teacher of the Month for January. Tim Rooney, a fifth grade teacher at Crescent Elementary School, was February's Teacher of the Month.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn announced two Port Angeles schools, Lincoln High School and Stevens Middle School, are among the 174 schools receiving 2009 Washington Achievement Awards.

In a congratulatory letter to Stevens Principal Chuck Lisk and Lincoln Principal Cindy Crumb, Dorn wrote, "The Washington Achievement Award was created by my office and the State Board of Education to celebrate our top-performing schools and to recognize achievement in multiple categories ... The selection process for the Washington Achievement Award is very rigorous," he added, "and your staff, students, parents, and community can take real pride in being part of this elite group."

"We are absolutely thrilled that Stevens Middle School and Lincoln High School have been recognized by State Superintendent Dorn," Superintendent Jane Pryne said. "All of our schools have been working very hard on behalf of student achievement and success. This is a huge honor that validates our staffs' continued exemplary work on behalf of students. Congratulations to Stevens and Lincoln staff and students!" Visit the District website, www.portangelesschools.org, to view the full media release.

MUSIC ASSOCIATION HONORS EDUCATORS

Two Port Angeles High School music teachers, Doug Gailey and Jolene Dalton Gailey, and Dewey Ehling, conductor of the Peninsula Singers and musical director and conductor for the Port Townsend Community Orchestra, were honored by the Washington Music Educator Association (WMEA) at its biennial conference.

"We are extremely proud of our music educators and music program," Superintendent Jane Pryne said. "Doug and Jolene Gailey are key elements to our successful programs and students."

Doug Gailey, director of the Port Angeles High School Band Program, was selected as the WMEA's 2010 High School Outstanding Music Educator of the Year. Jolene Dalton Gailey, director of Port Angeles High School Choirs and Rider Angels Dance Team, received the WMEA North Olympic Region Outstanding Music Educator Award. A WMEA regional Friend of Music award was given to Dewey Ehling, also a former music educator.

TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS

RAY PRITCHARD, PAHS CLASS OF 2001

"I really think that growing up in Port Angeles gave me a very good view of the world," says Port Angeles High School graduate Ray Pritchard. "Although many people see PA as a small town, it truly does have a diverse population, culturally and economically. Both the timber industry and all things marine have had their ups and downs, especially in the last decade. Even during the worst of times, I was fortunate enough to witness people in our wonderful community pulling together and surviving."

"The schools did a great job," Pritchard adds, "at exposing me to new ideas or different cultural values. That is something I think a lot of people in other parts of the country may miss out on." Pritchard still values the opinions of several former teachers. "But the most influential was Doug Gailey, my high school band director. His commitment in excellence to everything he did, as well as everything he had us do, was beyond compare. Many times it was his trust in me that made me truly believe that I could accomplish the task at hand. To this day I still do everything I can to live up the standards that he set for us in our band classes."

"I am now in my second year as the instructor for Acting at Washington State University. I also teach Stage Makeup, Script Analysis, Movement for the Stage, Stage Speech, History of Film, and Acting 1, 2 and 3."

Pritchard graduated from WSU in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts and Drama and was named Outstanding Graduating Senior by the Theatre Department. Photo taken with the prop skeleton "Barney" during Pritchard's direction of Dracula in October 2009.



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