

School Notes

Port Angeles School District

For Our Business Community

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to spring! It's a very busy time in our schools – assessment testing, concerts, athletic competitions, science fairs, school special events, and more! Our Board of Directors, staff and community participants have been working hard on the development of the new Strategic Plan, and we're keeping a close eye on Washington State budget developments. We're unsure at this time the extent which the State's financial uncertainty will impact our schools, but we will use the resources we do have to support maximum student learning.

Thanks for your support of our teachers, support staff and our schools! It takes a community to raise a Port Angeles graduate! ~Dr. Jane Pryne, Superintendent

STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED BY BOARD

The School Board approved its Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 at its March 28 meeting. The plan, a working document for the next five years, will ensure the vision and the mission of the District remain the guiding force of our work to educate students. The plan contains District goals and objectives, and also includes action plans, some of which will begin immediately.

You can view the Strategic Plan, and current action items, on the District website: www.portangelesschools.org/parents/improving-our-schools.html. If you'd like to receive a copy, please call the Central Services Building staff at 360.457.8575.

ENROLLMENT ABOVE BUDGET

The District's total enrollment for March 2011 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,598.65 FTE (Full Time Equivalent). This is 102.14 FTE fewer than last year at this

time but is 10.41 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year.

APRIL CAREER FAIR 2011

Port Angeles High School and the Port Angeles Kiwanis Club will host Career Fair 2011 on Tuesday, April 26 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on the PAHS campus. Organizers expect over 80 community speakers representing approximately 60 careers. Speakers will describe their careers and discuss a typical day, educational requirements, employment projections, personal qualities needed, work environment, and other relevant topics.

The Kiwanis and PAHS Guidance Department staff may still be actively looking for speakers for the event. If you have a career skill you wish to share, please contact the PAHS Guidance Department at 360.452.0250.

SCHOOL BOARD HONORS CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Port Angeles School District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No.1011-04 in honor of Governor Chris Gregoire's proclamation of Classified School Employee Week in March. The District has approximately 200 classified school employees who work in support of our teachers, students and families.

"We are proud to recognize the important contributions of our classified employees to Port Angeles schools and our community," said Superintendent Jane Pryne. "Their daily support is very important! Thank you to all of our classified employees for their outstanding work on behalf of our schools and student learning."

Accompanying photo shows, left to right, Board President Cindy Kelly, Communications Specialist Tina Smith-O'Hara, Business Office Secretary Wendy Brown, PAHS ASB Bookkeeper Diana Tschimperle, PAHS Attendance Supervisor Marielle Eykemans, Hamilton Paraeducator Kathy Daugaard, Maintenance Lead Chris Baker, Dry Creek Native American Interventionist Jessica Elofson, and Superintendent Jane Pryne as all classified staff were recognized by the School Board.



April 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-8
Spring Break

April 11
School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Building

April 25
Regular School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Dry Creek Elementary

YOU ARE INVITED!

Check out the 2010-11 School District Concert Schedule! Community members can attend School District concerts! www.portangelesschools.org/calendar/schedule.htm

BUDGET QUESTIONS

Visit our website - www.portangelesschools.org/administration/budget.html or send an email to budget@portangelesschools.org

RECEIVE SCHOOL NEWS BY EMAIL

Sign up on the School District's web home page at www.portangelesschools.org to receive monthly school updates!

The Back to School Committee is already hard at work planning for the August 20 event at Jefferson Elementary for Port Angeles School District students! We plan to help kindergarten through 12th grade students and families in need prepare for a great start to the 2011-12 school year! Stay tuned for how you or your business can help!

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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

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Roosevelt Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt/

Parents As Partners

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

DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

www.portangelesschools.org

Check for your school's Calendar and Events!

DECA HOSTS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Port Angeles High School's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) will host its Third Annual SkyRidge/DECA Golf Scramble fundraiser Saturday, April 23 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Sequim's SkyRidge Golf Course, 7015 Old Olympic Highway.

Fees are \$200 for a four-person team or \$50 per individual. The fee is \$20 for high school students with an Associated Student Body card. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward traveling competition expenses for PAHS DECA students.

Tournament fees include 18 holes of golf, range balls, prizes from local businesses, lunch, and a mulligan table. Golf carts are also available for purchase for \$12. To play, call SkyRidge Golf Course & Driving Range at 360.683.3673. If you can't attend, but would like to donate to DECA, contact Lora Brabant, PAHS DECA advisor and marketing teacher at lbrabant@portangelesschools.org

SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDED BICYCLE AND SAFETY GRANT

Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Jane Pryne announced the School District has been awarded a grant for \$25,000 from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to provide bicycle and safety education to students in the fifth through eighth grades. The program will include training, curriculum, educational materials, evaluation, and support administered by OSPI and the Bicycle Alliance of Washington.

Scheduled to be kicked off at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year, the program will be modeled after the Safe Routes to School Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education Program project. The District's Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee will serve in an oversight role for the grant's implementation, which will continue throughout the 2011-12 school year.

Funds will enable up to 10 physical education teachers to attend a two-day training session with the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and Feet First to learn about curriculum resources. Other expenses include: the purchase of bicycles, a trailer for bicycle storage and transport, helmets, and essential services and equipment related to the program.

WEATHER-RELATED MAKE UP DAYS – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE 21

The last day of school will be Tuesday, June 21. Graduations will remain as scheduled – Port Angeles High School on Friday, June 17, 8:00 p.m. at the PAHS Auditorium (entrance by ticket only) and Lincoln High School on Monday, June 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Peninsula College Little Theatre.

In planning for the 2010-11 school year, the School District built two snow make-up days in to the school calendar, but we have two additional days now added to the school calendar due to weather-related school closures or delays.

The 2010-11 school calendar is posted on the School District website. View "Calendar of Events" at www.portangelesschools.org.

TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS CONOR HAGGARTY – PAHS CLASS OF 2003

As I met other people my freshman year at the University of Washington and exchanged stories about high school and hometowns, I began to realize how fortunate I was to have grown up with the Olympic Mountains, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, as well as a very diverse set of professional and blue collar workers within my community. This understanding of the natural world, its importance for a small local economy, and the diverse set of players that make that economy turn made me feel well rounded and fortunate.

It was this respect and interest for the natural world that inspired my studies and ultimately my profession. I studied Community Environment and Planning in the College of the Built Environment (formerly College of Architecture) to learn about how to design growth and make responsible long-lasting decisions for communities. I found myself learning about forestland conversion and its effects on our waterways and rural communities.

Now as an arborist I have the opportunity to help landowners make educated decisions about their trees and forests. My profession leverages the skills I learned in college and the respect for the land and community that I gained from growing up in the town of Port Angeles. I also feel a sense of responsibility to the Port Angeles community — to make educated decisions and use thorough planning — in order to shape the natural landscape in a way that it will continue to be a benefit.

I own and operate Sitkum Tree Service LLC. Serving the Greater Seattle Area and the North Olympic Peninsula, I offer clients professional services that include single tree evaluation, consultation, pruning, removal, and timber stand management. To learn more about Conor Haggarty and his vision, visit www.sitkumtree.com and *Tracking Student Success* on the School District website – www.portangelesschools.org.



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