

School Notes

Port Angeles School District

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RESOLUTION PASSED BY BOARD TO ENABLE BUDGET DECISIONS

The 2011-12 Reduced Educational Program Resolution passed at the April 25 School Board meeting authorizes Superintendent Jane Pryne to make reductions of up to 18 full time equivalent certificated and up to 22 full time equivalent classified staff members, and gives her authority to reorganize School District business services, the Parents As Partners home school program, transportation boundary areas, and individually assigned supplemental contract days in order to implement a reduction program necessitated by current fiscal challenges.

The School District has received information from the State regarding the potential for dramatic budget cuts resulting from the national and state financial crises. Prior to the legislature convening, Governor Gregoire proposed a 2011-13 state operating budget that anticipated a deficit projected to exceed \$4.7 billion. This shortfall has now risen to \$5.3 billion.

What this means for Port Angeles public schools is still uncertain, but several possibilities are driving the need for a reduced education program. The Legislature's elimination of K-4 funding (monies which enabled districts to maintain smaller class sizes) and the "drying up" of federal ARRA monies (funds which pay for School District extended day kindergarten and some teacher professional development) could mean a \$1 million loss in funding revenues.

Add in the School District's projected student enrollment decline, and its impact on revenue loss is estimated to exceed \$400,000 for the 2011-12 school year.

Calculating the elimination of K-4 and ARRA funding and the loss of funds generated by enrollment, the School District could stand to lose up to \$1.6 million in revenue.

For additional information on the School District's budget development, please visit *Budget News* on the home page at www.portangelesschools.org.

ENROLLMENT ABOVE BUDGET

The District's total enrollment for April 2011 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,590.30 FTE (Full Time Equivalent). This is 106.71 FTE fewer than last year at this time, but is 2.09 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year.

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR AUGUST 20 BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

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 in need and their families prepare for a great start to the 2011-12 school year! Call Parent Line at 360.452.5437 to learn how you or your business can help prepare Port Angeles students for school in the fall!

CELEBRATE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The Board of Directors proclaimed May 2 through 6, 2011 as *Teacher Appreciation Week* in the Port Angeles School District at its meeting April 25. Resolution 1011-06 "urges that all citizens observe this week by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of teachers."

"Teachers deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they do for this community and for the children enrolled in the Port Angeles School District," the board said in its resolution. "Teachers fill many roles: as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; these dedicated individuals continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories."

Accompanying photo shows Port Angeles School District teachers, left to right, Campbell Kirkman, Krista Winn, Terri Longin, Tim Winn, Lisa Lisk, Lisa Hitt, Tami Schmitt, Sarah Schaefermeyer and Tim Ochs.



May 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 – 6

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5

All-City String Revue

7:30 p.m.

PAHS Gymnasium

May 9

School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Central Services Bldg.

May 16

School Board Special Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Central Services Bldg.

May 17

KONP Radio 1450AM

1:05 p.m.

PASD Interview

Strategic Plan & Budget

May 17

66th Annual Scholarship Night

1:05 p.m.

PAHS Auditorium

May 23

Community Conversation

6:00 p.m.

Regular School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Port Angeles High School

May 26

Career Technical Education

Awards Night

7:00 p.m.

PAHS Auditorium

High School Graduations

Port Angeles High School

Friday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.

PAHS Auditorium

By Ticket Only

Lincoln High School

Thursday, June 17, 4:00 p.m.

Peninsula College

Little Theatre

YOU ARE INVITED SCHOOL CONCERTS!

Check out the 2010-11 School District Concert Schedule!

www.portangelesschools.org/calendar/schedule.htm

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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!

MAY IS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

The month of May has been designated as *Arts Education Month* in Washington State by proclamation of Governor Chris Gregoire. "We applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state," Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Jane Pryne said, "and we call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their commitment to provide arts education for 'Every Student in Every School.'"

Linda Crow, president of the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center Friends Board, and Board of Trustees Sarah Tucker and Vicci Rudin accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Center.

Tucker announced the upcoming annual student art show, *ArtPaths: Portfolio 2011* scheduled May 22 through July 3 at the Center located at 1203 East Lauridsen Boulevard.

Accompanying photo shows, left to right, Linda Crow, Vicci Rudin, and Sarah Tucker with Superintendent Jane Pryne.



LOCAL SAFEWAY MANAGERS THANKED BY STUDENTS

Jefferson Elementary staff and students enthusiastically welcomed two local Safeway managers to their March assembly to recognize them for their amazing work during the school's Safeway receipt collection. Jefferson volunteers collected just over \$3,500 in receipts as part of the Safeway receipt program. Third Street Branch Manager Michael LaGrange and Bay View Branch Manager Terry Payseno each received a thank you banner for their store, certificate, and Jefferson baseball cap.

Community members who would like to participate in Safeway's eScript program - in support of all Port Angeles schools - please visit www.escript.com/ to take a few minutes to learn more about this fundraising program.

Once you sign up, a percentage of your purchases can be automatically donated to your school of choice!



TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS

PATRICIA SOLF KAAS

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1948

Patricia Solf Kaas, graduate of Roosevelt High School's Class of 1948, considers herself a member of a Port Angeles pioneer family. "My paternal

and maternal grandparents are from Port Angeles and my mother graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1924, located in the same building I attended school in - it's now the Clallam County Health Department."

Solf Kaas attended Lincoln Elementary and fondly remembers a favorite second grade teacher, Helen Koster. "She would take us on trips to Sol Duc Hot Springs and Crescent Beach.... She kept close contact with me through the years. She attended every important event in my life - capping at Tacoma General Nursing School, graduations, family funerals..."

"I was very involved in school activities and outdoor activities in Port Angeles." As a student Solf Kaas was in band, a student council member, a cheerleader, and proudly, president of her junior class. "I was very athletic; I played soccer, basketball, and softball. I was on intramural teams, and as a freshman, I was on a basketball honor team."

During a Christmas spent with family in Port Townsend, Solf Kaas had an emergency appendectomy and was hospitalized for three weeks. "Every day this young, Catholic nun registered nurse cared for me - she was so wonderful and a lot of fun. I said when I grow up, I want to be a nurse. I was 11 years old. I knew it then and I never changed my mind. The best decision I ever made!"

Solf Kaas attended Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing, which was then affiliated with the College of Puget Sound. She graduated in September 1951 and on November 1 Olympic Memorial Hospital opened. "I went to work there the first day in the OB department."

After raising her two children, Greg and Heidi, Solf Kaas worked as a school nurse part time at Maywood Elementary in the Northshore School District for 21 years. "I went from elementary school to the senior center. I now volunteer one day each week as a registered nurse at Northshore Senior Center." *Solf Kaas is shown with her grandchildren - Lauren, a Port Angeles High School junior, and Alex, who's a student at Roosevelt Elementary.*

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