

SCHOOL NOTES

JUNE 2008

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

DISTRICT UPDATES

Thank You for Your Support!

What an amazing year it has been! We appreciate your support of our schools, staff, teachers and students as we complete the 2007-08 school year! It's hard to believe that this time last year we were planning for school and bridge closures and transitioning students and staff to new buildings. Thank you for your continued support as we face new challenges in the years ahead!

Technology Levy Does Not Pass

Clallam County Auditor Patty Rosand reported on May 23 that the May 20, 2008 Technology Levy was not passing by a margin of nearly 10%. With 8,311 votes cast, the "Yes" percentage equaled 45.73%, and the "No" percentage, 54.27%. The counts were 3,801 voting "Yes" and 4,510 voting "No," a difference of 709 votes.

"Many people worked very hard on this election," Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Gary Cohn said. "Co-chairs Theresa Rauch and Norm Schaaf, school staff, parents, students and many community members deserve our heartfelt thanks for their investments of time, energy, and money in this election. We have a very supportive community enduring difficult economic times. I'm very thankful for what we have, and will continue to work toward a better future for our students and our schools. Thank you to our community for its continued support!"

Board Acts on District Fiscal Committee Proposed Cuts to 2008-09 Budget

The Port Angeles School District's Fiscal Advisory Committee made its recommendations for 2008-09 budget cuts to the board of directors at the May 6 school board meeting. The board had previously announced possible cuts for the 2008-09 school year.

"The district is projecting about a half a million dollars will need to be cut from the 2008-09 budget even after our enrollment formula-based reductions," Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Gary Cohn said. "We're estimating another drop in student enrollment by approximately 100 students next year, followed by an additional 120 students in 2009-2010. Student enrollment decline, the reduction of the levy equalization funds from the state, increased transportation costs, and staff cost of living adjustments partially unfunded by the state all add up together to cause the budget situation."



PAHS graduation is on June 13; Lincoln High School graduation is June 16.

Visit PARENTS & COMMUNITY/COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES/FISCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the district's website, www.portangelesschools.org, to view the committee's full report.

Graduating Seniors Receive Over 1.2 Million in Scholarships

Port Angeles High School staff recognized 130 graduating high school seniors at Scholarship Recognition Night on May 22 in the high school's auditorium. Community donors, 135 in total, gave \$323,254 in award money, which combined with college awards yielded over \$1.2 million for Port Angeles students. Donors review student scholarship notebooks and make the scholarship recommendations and choices. The Peninsula Daily News will publish an insert in June listing all scholarships and recipients.

Congratulations to all students who received scholarship awards! A round of applause to community groups and individuals for their contributions on behalf of our students!

Local Media Specialists Recognized

Paige Dickerson, *Peninsula Daily News* education writer, and Todd Ortloff, co-owner of Radio Pacific, Inc. and general manager for KONP-AM, were both presented with Community Leadership Awards from the Washington Association of School Administrators. These awards are presented to community members in honor of their outstanding community work on behalf of students and education.

"Because of the absolute necessity of continuing communications between our school district and the Port Angeles community, its families and students," Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Gary Cohn said, "we rely on Paige and Todd, now more than ever, particularly in these tough economic times, to tell the real story of our schools and our students."

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5

*PAHS Concert:
Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m.
School Performing Arts
Center*

June 9

*Regular School Board
Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Building*

June 13

*PAHS Graduation
8:00 p.m.
PAHS Main Gymnasium*

June 16

*Lincoln High School
Graduation
3:00 p.m.
North Olympic Peninsula
Skills Center*

June 16

Last Day of School

June 23

*Regular School Board
Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Building*

September 2

*2008-09 School Year
Begins*

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 June 10, host Todd Ortloff will review the 2007-08 school year and the future of our schools with district staff. Listen Live, or download the podcast from: www.konp.com

ELIST

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

Skills Center Open Enrollment

Enrollment in summer programs at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center (NOPSC), located at The Lincoln Center, 905 West 9th Street, is now open. Classes will be offered in applied math, cosmetology, culinary arts, custom painting, DigiPen-3D Animation, DigiPen-Programming and digital media technology. To register, students must be entering ninth through twelfth grades in the fall and be 14 through 21 years old. Call 565.1533 for more info and to inquire about space availability.

College Scholarships Available to 7th and 8th Graders!

A new state program can help 7th and 8th grade students plan for college. "The College Bound Scholarship is a financial aid program for students who are eligible to participate in the free and reduced-price lunch program," said Ann Daley, Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. "It is designed to inspire students to begin making their college and career plans without worrying about the cost of attending college."

For eligibility requirements and to apply online, go to: www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound. Assistance is available from the Stevens Middle School counselors. Call Stevens Middle School, 360.452.5590. Current eighth graders, apply NOW!

STUDENTS ADVANCE TO SECOND PHASE OF WASHINGTON AEROSPACE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Port Angeles High School juniors, Kara Hatfield and Rebecca Jones, have advanced to the second phase of the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) Program. As part of phase one, they had to complete several projects, quizzes, math solutions, essays and graphics concerning the history of space exploration, the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, the Moon and Mars. These results were then compared to other students from across Washington State and the top 160 students were selected for Phase Two, a six-day summer residency experience. Participants will plan a mission to Mars with support from professionals. For more information on the WAS program, visit: www.museumofflight.org/Display.asp?Page=washingtonaerospacescholars.

POLLANZ SCHOLARSHIPS "PROMISED" TO TWO STUDENTS

Two Port Angeles students were awarded the 2008 Gladys Christopher Pollanz Promise Scholarships. Stevens Middle School eighth graders, Kiana Andrus and Katie Wallace, received the promise of a \$24,000 college scholarship each, \$6,000 per year for four years, providing that they meet scholarship criteria and graduate from Port Angeles or Lincoln High School.

Finalists from Stevens for the 2008 Promise Scholarship were Ezra Blayrock, Mia Piper, Savannah Abbott and Kacee Garner.

The Promise Scholarship was started in 2005 by the family of Gladys Christopher Pollanz, and is awarded yearly with the help of the Port Angeles Education Foundation and the staff of Stevens Middle School and previously, Roosevelt Middle School. The goal of this program is to help students focus early on being successful high school students, while knowing in advance that they have an opportunity to attend college. For more information about the Promise Scholarship, call 360.457.8575.



Promise Scholar finalists from Stevens Middle School, left to right, Ezra Blayrock, Kiana Andrus (recipient), Mia Piper, Savannah Abbott, Kacee Garner and Katie Wallace (recipient).

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES GIRLS B-BALL COACH

Port Angeles High School Interim Girls' Basketball Coach Mike Knowles was selected as the head coach for the program by a district hiring committee in late May.

Knowles took over the head coach position in December of last year after the sudden unexpected resignation of Kevin Ruble and led the Roughriders to a share of the league championship with co-champions Olympic High School.

From 1997 to 2002, Knowles held the head girls' coach position, and over the six year period led the team to five league championships (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002), four consecutive appearances at the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) State Tournament (1999-2002, earning a 5th place trophy in 2001), and a West Central District Championship in 1999, while amassing a cumulative win/loss record of 126-27.

District Athletic Director Jeff Clark said that the girls' program has a bright future under Knowles's guidance. "Mike has a track record of success with the program. The committee recognized his experience and past leadership, and we want to continue the success that the program had last year under Mike's guidance," Clark said.



JEANA HUTTON, CLASS OF 1997

"Growing up in Port Angeles and attending school here gave me the opportunity to grow in a safe, small town with several large city advantages," said 1997 Port Angeles High School graduate Jeana Hutton. She took health occupations classes at PAHS while gaining 11 credits through the Peninsula College tech prep program, yet never had to leave high school to take college classes.

"I started in Donna Moreau's health occupations class without having any idea what I would eventually do with it," Hutton explained. "I loved learning about the body and disease process. I thrived in the hands-on patient interaction. Donna helped me find a niche where I felt smart and competent. She looked past teenage angst and attitude and encouraged my independence and leadership abilities."

"I participated in the high school's Multi-Cultural Club which helped me learn to be sensitive and accepting of all cultures and belief systems," Hutton added.

After passing the Washington State Nursing Assisting board test, Hutton worked as a nursing assistant in nursing homes, home care and hospitals. She later worked at Olympic Medical Center as a nursing assistant while enrolled in the nursing program at Peninsula College.

Hutton, who gained her Associate in Applied Sciences in Nursing from Peninsula College and is a Certified Critical Registered Nurse, has two daughters and continues to work at Olympic Medical Center. "Now I help with the high school classes as a judge for student skills competitions!"

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