

School Notes

Port Angeles School District

For Our Business Community

GRADUATES RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Port Angeles High School staff recognized 131 graduating high school seniors at the May 19 *Scholarship Recognition Night*.

Community donors and organizations, 133 in all, gave approximately \$380,278 in award money, which combined with college awards yielded \$2,214,964 for the Class of 2011 from Port Angeles High School.

Thank you to our community groups and individuals for their scholarship contributions! We appreciate your continued support of Port Angeles students!

STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED BY BOARD

You may now view the approved plan on the School District website www.portangelesschools.org/parents/improving-our-schools.html. Goals are listed with objectives and action items, some which staff and community participants have begun work on already.

"The plan is clearly a starting point and a working document," Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Jane Pryne said. "We'll be revisiting the plan on a monthly basis at our Board meetings. We'll incorporate action items in to our Continuous School Improvement Plans, and this is an avenue for continuous input ... I'd like to thank our Board of Directors, staff, and community members who helped with this exciting work."

BUDGET CHALLENGES

The Legislature's elimination of K-4 funding (funds which enabled districts to maintain smaller class sizes) and the "drying up" of federal ARRA monies (funds which pay for extended day kindergarten and some teacher professional development) may mean \$1 million loss in funding revenues. In addition, the School District's projected student enrollment decline estimates indicate a possible revenue loss to exceed \$400,000 for the 2011-12 school year.

Calculating these losses - K-4 funding (approximately \$375,000), ARRA funding (approximately \$750,000) and the loss of funds generated by enrollment (approximately \$400,000) - means the School District may lose up to \$1.6 million in revenue in these areas.

Across the board cuts in salaries for teachers and classified employees (1.9%) and a 3% administrative salary cut in wages also means an adjustment to next year's budget. At this writing, School District leadership and School Board directors are waiting to ascertain what the State budget actually means for our Port Angeles School District. View the Proposed 2011-13 Biennial Operating Budget and 2011 Supplemental - ESHB 1087 Striking Amendment (H2897.1) Summary on the School District website at www.portangelesschools.org/administration/budget-future.html.

MAY 2011 ENROLLMENT

The District's total enrollment for May 2011 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,576.09 FTE (Full Time Equivalent). This is 123.36 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 12.15 FTE students below budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS

The Port Angeles School District is seeking applicants for several positions, including Director of Finance and Operations, Transportation Supervisor, and Hamilton Elementary School Principal. To view these job listings and other open positions, please visit www.portangelesschools.org/administration/jobs.html.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PERFECT BLEND DINNER SHOW

Looking for an evening of great music, good food and a hilariously entertaining show? Come to the Port Angeles High School Music Department's Perfect Blend Dinner Show - Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 - at the Elks' Naval Lodge at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Port Book and News, the Elks' Club and at the Port Angeles High School Business Office. At \$30.00 a ticket, both nights are certain to sell out! Get your tickets today! Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



June 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3 & 4

Perfect Blend Dinner Show
6:00 p.m.
Elk's Lodge

June 6

School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Central Services Bldg.

June 8

PAHS Jazz Percussion Concert
7:30 p.m.
PAHS Auditorium
Free - Open to the Public

June 9

PAHS Choir Concert
7:30 p.m.
PAHS Auditorium
Free - Open to the Public

June 14

KONP Radio 1450AM
1:05 p.m.
PASD Interview
PAHS Class of 2011

June 17

Port Angeles High School Graduation
8:00 p.m.
PAHS Auditorium
By Ticket Only

June 20

Lincoln High School Graduation
6:00 p.m.
Peninsula College Little Theatre
Tickets Not Required

June 21

Last Day of School

June 27

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

RECEIVE SCHOOL NEWS BY EMAIL

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

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

STUDENTS PERFORM TOGETHER IN ALL-CITY CONCERT!

The 35th annual All-City String Review held Thursday, May 5 combined strings students, grades four through 12, to perform together in this concert.

A few statistics!

- 502 students performed in the All-City concert.
- 280 students of the performers were fourth and fifth graders.
- 222 students of the performers were in grades six through twelfth.

Middle and high school orchestra instructor Ron Jones reported this was the first time (in 35 years!) the number of performers totaled over 500 participants! Jones was joined by instructors Ellen Woodward and James Ray in conducting the students.

CLALLAM COUNTY ART STUDENTS EXHIBIT WORK

Community members are invited to view *ArtPaths Portfolio 2011* May 22 through July 3 at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, 1203 East Lauridsen Boulevard. Featured students are from Port Angeles, Sequim and Quillayute Valley High Schools.

Barbara Slavik, director of education for the arts center, has been working with the student artists and providing feedback as they develop their individual portfolios for the show. This is the sixth year the *ArtPaths Portfolio* Show has featured Olympic Peninsula student mixed media art.

Sierra DeLuna, Jamica DeLuna, Madison Kuss, Courtney McMonaghy, Megan Perrizo, and Darian Waltenburg are student artists entered from Port Angeles High School.

In addition to the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, other sponsors for *ArtPaths Portfolio 2011* are Hastings Trust, Karon's Frame Center and Olympic Stationers. Visit www.pafac.org to view additional information about the Center and the *ArtPaths Portfolio 2011* exhibit.

LIBRARY FRIENDS AND SOROPTIMISTS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Port Angeles Friends of the Library and Soroptimist International of Port Angeles - Jet Set joined efforts to support the Port Angeles School District's mentor text program. Together the two service groups funded the purchase for a total of \$3,500 - the Friends of the Library donated \$2,500 and the Soroptimist - Jet Set funded \$1,000 for the purchase of mentor texts for fourth through sixth grades.

Krista Chatters, the School District's literacy curriculum specialist, explains, "Mentor texts are pieces of literature that we can return to again and again as we help our young writers learn how to do what they may not yet be able to do on their own. They help students envision the kind of writer they can become. Mentor texts serve to show, not just tell, students how to write well."

Accompanying photo shows, left to right, School District Communications Specialist Tiina Smith-O'Hara; Fowler Stratton, representing the Friends of the Library; Laurie Fineout, Billie Moore and Jean Fairchild representing Soroptimist International of Port Angeles - Jet Set; Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Jane Pryne and School Board President Cindy Kelly at the May 9 Port Angeles School District's School Board meeting. Friends of the Library and Soroptimist - Jet Set were thanked for donations to the mentor text program.



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PLEASE HELP SUPPORT - 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!



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