



Port Angeles School District News for Our Families School Matters

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to our Port Angeles schools! I hope you and your student have enjoyed the first two months of school!

The District provides *School Matters* quarterly to update students, parents/guardians and families with important school updates. If you have additional questions or comments, you can send them to info@portangelesschools.org.

Our mission to “create and sustain learning communities that prepare each student to live, work, and learn successfully in a changing world” is the foundation of our dedication and commitment to our students. Teachers and staff members are working together to help our students reach that big milestone, graduation! Did you know that our current kindergarteners make up our “Class of 2023” and our seniors are the “Class of 2011?” *It Takes a Community to Raise a Port Angeles Graduate!*

— Dr. Jane S. Pryne, Superintendent

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK

What will our District look like in five years? What will be we look like in the year 2015? The Strategic Plan Steering Committee will address these questions as it reviews past and current data and looks ahead to the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. We’ve done a great job up until now, but times change...It’s necessary to create a new 2011-2015 “road map” for our students’ future!

The Port Angeles community will have an opportunity to add input to the strategic planning process. Community informational meetings will be held 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, 905 West 9th Street. *We hope you will be able to attend this important community event and contribute your ideas.*

As part of this plan, the District will include a five-year projection of enrollment, staffing, budget, facilities and other factors, which will impact the future work of the District. The plan will help address anticipated opportunities and challenges we will face over the next five years.



The following are goals for our work:

Organizational Culture - All participants in our organization exhibit enthusiasm, feel valued, and find joy in their commitment to student learning and achievement.

Student Achievement - All students will graduate and be prepared to live up to their potential and have the tools to pursue their aspirations.

Resources - To have the resources (time, talent, treasure) necessary to meet District student achievement goals.

Adaptability - To be adaptable in our support of student achievement.

Community - To have community support for the value of education in the midst of community changes and to have education as **THE priority in the Port Angeles community.**

Questions, comments and suggestions regarding the strategic planning process and its development may be sent via email to info@portangelesschools.org, or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent Jane Pryne, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

M & O LEVY: FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution on September 13 to place a maintenance and operations levy vote on the February 8, 2011 ballot. *The present four-year maintenance and operations levy, approved in February 2007, is set to expire December 31, 2011. This ballot item is a renewal of the existing levy.*

Sixty percent of current maintenance and operations levy dollars pay for basic education costs, an increase over the 55 percent estimation during the last levy election in 2007. Levy dollars also pay for extracurricular athletics, activities and special music programs (12 percent); maintenance (20 percent); student transportation (7 percent); and vocational program costs (1 percent).

Visit Levy News online at www.portangelesschools.org for updated levy information. Questions, comments and suggestions may be sent to levy@portangelesschools.org, or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Fall 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11
Veterans' Day Holiday
No School for Students

November 12 & 15
Parent Teacher Conferences
No School for Students

November 16
District KONP
Radio 1450 Interview
1:05 p.m.

November 22
Regular School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Jefferson Elementary

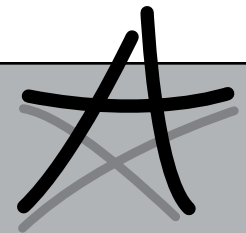
November 25 & 26
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

December 9
PAHS Holiday Concert
All Choirs, Bands & Orchestras
Open to the Public!

December 13
Regular School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Lincoln High School

December 20
Winter Break Begins

January 3, 2011
School Resumes



YOU'RE INVITED!

Community Forums
District Strategic
Planning

December 3 and 4
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

North Olympic Peninsula
Skills Center

905 West 9th Street

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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.portangelesschools.org/stevens/

Roosevelt Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt/

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Hamilton Elementary

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Jefferson Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson/

Parents As Partners

www.portangelesschools.org/parents-as-partners

DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

www.portangelesschools.org

Check for your school's Calendar and Events!

TEACHER OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS OPEN

“Let’s honor our teachers! Send KONP Radio 1450 your recommendation for *Teacher of the Month*. Someone who is teaching in our local schools right now. Your teacher. Your child’s teacher or a teacher you’ve admired in your school!

Send us his or her name, the school he or she teaches at, what grade or subject taught. Tell us in 100 words or less (we know this will be difficult!) why this teacher should be honored as *Teacher of the Month*. Include your name and phone number!

Mail your entry: KONP *Teacher of the Month*, 721 E. 1st Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362, or drop off entries during business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. KONP Radio will honor teachers each month during the 2010-11 school year. **Entries extended through November 2010!**

STUDENT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The District continues to accept applications for *Free and Reduced Price School Meals* for students unable to pay the full price for meals. Children from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. Call 457.8575 to ask if your student qualifies; applications are available on our website: www.portangelesschools.org/students/food-services-sodexo.html. About 60% of our elementary students qualify for free and reduced lunch!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, PLAN FOR COLLEGE!

The Washington State College Bound Scholarship program can help our 7th and 8th grade students plan for college now! College Bound is a financial aid program for students who are eligible to participate in the free and reduced price lunch program. It’s designed to inspire students to plan for college now. To see if your student is eligible and to apply online, go to: www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound. Apply NOW! Need help? Talk to Stevens Middle School counselor Lori Esget for assistance at 360.452.5590.



PAHS Principal Garry Cameron with National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists Louisa Rogers and Michael Blonde

SCHOOLS PLAN FOR FLU SEASON

“Cover Your Cough. Clean Your Hands!” These reminders may seem like simple steps to avoid getting the flu or infecting others, but they are important measures for students and reminders to parents and families as they prepare for the upcoming flu season.

- Wash hands often with soap and water. Always wash after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not nearby, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue. Throw dirty tissues away and have children wash their hands.
- Not touch eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs can spread this way.
- Stay away from people who are sick.
- Children who are sick should stay home from school and/or daycare until they are better.

MUSIC CONCERT SCHEDULE POSTED ONLINE!

A District-wide Concert Calendar is posted at: www.portangelesschools.org/calendar/schedule.htm.

TRACKING STUDENT SUCCESS KALLI KONOPASKI, PAHS Class of 2003

Attending PAHS influenced the person I am by defining the importance of “team spirit.” Being isolated geographically, we as PAHS students had to stick together and support each other on the field and in the classroom, which lent to a real sense of camaraderie.

The teacher I would most consider a mentor is Mr. John Gallagher, for 2 reasons. First, his vibrant love and passion for his field inspired me as a young student to engross myself in a study and not simply “just get by.” He gave me the confidence to debate, protest and clarify scientific theory in the classroom. It was there that my love for science blossomed.

I took up cheerleading over some previously played sports in high school and to my surprise, loved it. There’s no greater feeling of team spirit than having a thousand kids scream back at you in unison at a football or basketball game for their team, “When I say Rough, you say Riders. Rough-!” “Riders!” “Rough-!” “RIDERS!!!” We have to have had the best cheering section in all of Washington State.

Cheerleading, tennis, summer league fastpitch, clubs, and activities with Queen of Angels Church and Dry Creek Grange all helped teach me punctuality, teamwork, integrity, and respect.

I currently work as a PNP (pediatric nurse practitioner) in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and absolutely love what I do. I plan to come back home in 2-5 years and work, start a family, and settle down in Port Angeles.

I graduated *Suma Cum Laude* from Saint Martin’s University in Lacey, Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2007 and from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville with a Master of Science in Nursing in 2009.



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