

# School Matters

Port Angeles School District  
News for Our Families

## SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

What an incredible year it's been for our staff and students! From elementary all the way to high school, all levels are achieving success in and outside of the classroom. Just this week, Dry Creek Elementary was announced as one of 56 schools in Washington State to receive a 2011 Title I, Part A Improvement Award for \$5,515 to support continuing efforts to increase student academic success. Recently, 131 Port Angeles High School seniors were honored during Scholarship Recognition Night. Community donors and organizations, 133 in all, gave approximately \$380,278 in award money, which when combined with college awards yielded \$2,214,964 for our students!

Soon approximately 240 seniors will graduate from the Port Angeles School District, 220 from Port Angeles High School and over 20 from Lincoln High School. What year will your student graduate? *It takes a community to raise a Port Angeles graduate!* —Dr. Jane Pryne, Superintendent

### BUDGET CHALLENGES

The Legislature's elimination of K-4 funding to maintain smaller class sizes and the "drying up" of federal ARRA monies (which pay for extended day kindergarten and some teacher professional development) means an approximate \$1 million loss in funding revenues. In addition, the School District's projected student enrollment continues to decline – this impact has been estimated to exceed \$400,000 for the 2011-12 school year. 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 school. View School District budget updates at [www.portangelesschools.org/administration/budget-future.html](http://www.portangelesschools.org/administration/budget-future.html).

### FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM IN PORT ANGELES

First Step Family Support Center is partnering again with Sodexo Food Services to provide a free summer lunch to our community's youth, ages one through 18 years of age. Lunch will be distributed Monday through Friday from June 27 through August 26 at the following locations:

Franklin Elementary School, 11:20 a.m.-11:40 a.m.

Roosevelt Elementary School, 11:20 a.m.-11:40 a.m.

Jefferson Elementary School, 12:00 noon-12:20 p.m.

Boys and Girls Club, 12:00 noon-12:20 p.m.  
Evergreen Family Village, 12:50 p.m.-1:10 p.m.  
Erickson Playground, 12:50-1:10 p.m.  
Lower Elwha Tribal Center, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Elwha, The Gathering Place, 12:00 noon-12:30 a.m.

Children do not need to be accompanied by their parents to receive a free lunch. Please call the Center at 360.457.8355 for more information.

### 502 STUDENTS PERFORM 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.

- 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! He was joined by instructors Ellen Woodward and James Ray in conducting the students.

### DISTRICT 6TH GRADE BAND STUDENTS PERFORM TOGETHER AT ROOSEVELT

About 130 Port Angeles School District sixth grade students participated in a year-end band concert on June 6 directed by John Kilzer and Ed Donahue in the Roosevelt Elementary Gymnasium.

Students from Dry Creek, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson and Roosevelt Elementary Schools performed together for families, teachers, staff and friends.

Many of the students will continue participation in the band program as seventh graders at Stevens Middle School in the fall.

*Congratulations to our performers and band directors, John Kilzer and Ed Donahue!*



## Summer 2011

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17

PAHS Graduation  
8:00 p.m.

PAHS Gymnasium  
Entry by ticket only

June 20

Lincoln High Graduation  
Peninsula College  
Little Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

June 21

Last Day of School!

June 27

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

### HELP STUFF THE BUS!

Saturday, July 16 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rite Aid parking lot at 6th and Lincoln  
Help "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies to help us prepare for the August 20 Back to School Event for Port Angeles families in need.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, August 20  
Back to School Event  
For Port Angeles families and students in need - kindergarten through 12th grade students  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
Jefferson Elementary Gymnasium

Free school supplies, haircuts, immunizations, and Sodexo BBQ! Information available on school bus routes, free and reduced meal applications, community services, & more!

For more information, contact Lisa Lyon at 360.452.5437, Letusha Minks at 520.440.2539, or Tina Smith-O'Hara at 360.565.3703.

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## SCHOOL WEBSITES

### Port Angeles High School

[www.portangelesschools.org/pahs/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/pahs/)

### Lincoln High School

[www.portangelesschools.org/lincoln](http://www.portangelesschools.org/lincoln)

### Stevens Middle School

[www.portangelesschools.org/stevens](http://www.portangelesschools.org/stevens)

### Dry Creek Elementary

[www.portangelesschools.org/drycreek/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/drycreek/)

### Hamilton Elementary

[www.portangelesschools.org/hamilton/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/hamilton/)

### Franklin Elementary

[www.portangelesschools.org/franklin/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/franklin/)

### Jefferson Elementary

[www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson/)

### Roosevelt Elementary

[www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt/](http://www.portangelesschools.org/roosevelt/)

### Parents As Partners

[www.portangelesschools.org/parents-as-partners](http://www.portangelesschools.org/parents-as-partners)

## DISTRICT ONLINE CALENDAR

[www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org)  
Check for your school's Calendar and Events!



## FEIRO LIFE CENTER OFFERS SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Are your children interested in the ocean and the wonders beneath the surface? If they are, *Junior Oceanographer* is the camp for them. Join Feiro Marine Life Center staff on the City Pier this summer for a week of ocean exploration and education. The Center and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary are sponsoring two four-day camps for kids ages 9-11, and they are scheduled for July 25-28 and August 22-25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information call the Marine Life Center at 360.417.6254, or check us out on our website at [www.feioramarinelifecenter.org](http://www.feioramarinelifecenter.org).



## COLLEGE BOUND DEADLINE - JUNE 30 FOR 8TH GRADERS!

Eighth grade students must get their application in by June 30, 2011 to be eligible for the College Bound Scholarship program.

The College Bound Scholarship offers the promise of up to 4 years of tuition and \$500 per year for books at an approved Washington State college. Students may use the scholarship at a community college, vocational/technical school or a university.

The College Bound Scholarship is an income-based scholarship program. One way to qualify is eligibility for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program. To see if your seventh or eighth grade student is eligible, and to apply online, visit [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound).

For more information, call 1.888.535.0747, email [collegebound@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:collegebound@hecb.wa.gov), or talk with Stevens Middle School counselor Lori Esget.



## STUDENTS GIVEN PROMISE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Karen Davis and Kyle Sholinder, Stevens Middle School eighth grade students, were awarded the 2011 Gladys Christopher Pollanz Promise Scholarships in early May. Both received the promise of a \$24,000 college scholarship - \$6,000 per year for four years - providing they meet scholarship criteria and graduate from Port Angeles or Lincoln High Schools.



The Promise Scholarship award, similar to the College Bound Scholarship is awarded annually to two Port Angeles students.

*Photo shows 2011 Promise Scholar recipients and finalists from Stevens Middle School after the announcement of 2011 awards. Left to right: Roberto Coronel, Matt Groves, Zoe Owens, Jessah Kiah, Elyse Lovgren, Alex Parrill, Kyle Sholinder, Phoenix Gillis and Karen Davis. (Recipients are Davis and Sholinder.)*

## 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.

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](http://www.sitkumtree.com) and Tracking Student Success on the School District website - [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org)*



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