

Harker Named Olympic League's 2007-08 Distinguished Principal of the Year

Scott Harker, principal of Port Angeles High School, has been selected by representatives of the Olympic 2A/3A League as 2007-08 Distinguished Principal of the Year.



"The contributions you have made to your school, your students and to your community are noteworthy and deserving of recognition," Robert McMullen, director of the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals, said in a congratulatory letter to Harker in December.

Harker has been with Port Angeles School District since September 2000, serving as principal of the high school for the past four years, and previously as an assistant principal.

Port Angeles School District Para-Educator Receives Grant

Mary Moseley, para-educator at Hamilton Elementary School recently was awarded a grant from the Beta Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Moseley used the \$550 grant to cover a Phono-Graphix class that she took during October taught by Carmen and Geoffrey McGuinness, co-founders of the Read America Clinic and developers of the research-based Phono-Graphix method of teaching reading. "It was a great class," Moseley said. "I learned a lot, along with Kathy Braun, who also took the class, and am now implementing what I learned as I teach reading to first and second graders. I have seen some positive results and continue to be very excited about applying what I have learned to practice."

Caption, left to right: Cole Ross and Haylen Gerhard, second graders in Mrs. Jan Collins' Hamilton classroom, read with Mary Moseley.



Port Angeles High School Announces National Merit Commended Students

Two students from Port Angeles High School were honored in September by the 2007 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Seniors Stephen Maxwell and Ellen Pederson were among more than 1.4 million high school juniors throughout the nation who entered the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The exam served as an initial screening of program entrants.

Stephen Maxwell, son of Michael and Barbara Maxwell of Port Angeles, and Ellen Pederson, daughter of Paul Pederson and Bonita Christianson, also of Port Angeles, received a Letter of Commendation in recognition of their exceptional work. "Commended Students" placed among the top two-thirds or about 34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT. They have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this program.

Approximately 16,000 semifinalists, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT, will advance to the finalist level in February 2008, and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen.



Hamilton Staff, Students and Families Raise Funds for Springfield Family

A round of applause to Hamilton staff, students and families for \$470.30 ("in mostly very heavy coins," says Principal Loren Engel) in funds raised during the fall for the Springfield Family Fund. Principal Engel notes that Hamilton second graders used the coins to help with counting by fives and tens. Ms. Wyndi Cole's fifth grade class handled nearly all of the rolling of coins.

Thanks, Hamilton! Congratulations!



Beyond the Call of Duty



Thank you to Mike Daniels, day time custodian, for taking care of us at Hamilton! He is always cheerful, helpful, and consistent in his work, and it's a pleasure to have him in our building! The students love to help Mike with his jobs around the school and he shows great communication skills with them. Thanks, Mike, for going above and beyond in your work at Hamilton! We appreciate your work with our school and for our students and staff!

BLRB Architects Study

The board of directors selected BLRB Architects to assist the district with the preparation of a facilities assessment and condition report and an updated long range facilities plan. The completed work will be utilized to guide facilities planning and improvements for the next 20-30 years and to provide the Long-Range Facilities and Capital Bond Committee and board of directors with expert recommendation for a capital bond proposal. The architects will present an interim report to the school board at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 7, at the Central Services Building.

Weekly Meeting Schedule

- Jan 7 **School Board Meeting**
7:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Jan 8 **United Way**
12:00 Noon @ CSB
- Jan 10 **Communications Roundtable**
12:00 Noon @ CSB
ILT
4:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Jan 11 **PDC**
1:00 p.m. @ CSB

Current Job Opportunities: For a complete list of job openings, check www.portangelesschools.org



PAHS Orchestra Performs with Juan de Fuca's Jeni Fleming Trio

The Jeni Fleming Trio & Friends perform with the Port Angeles High School Orchestra on Friday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAHS Performing Arts Center. The event is sponsored by the Juan de Fuca Festival. Tickets are available for \$15-20 in advance at Port Book & News and at the door the evening of the performance.

Captions: PAHS orchestra members, Taylor Hanson and Coty Hellwig in photo on the left, and Kaleb Wallace and Emma Breen (right) play during the December holidays at Port Angeles City Hall.



PASD Central Services Building - New Sign

The work was made possible through welding students Matt Roberts and Jake Madison, PASD staff members, including pictured (left) Kevin Peterson and Chris Baker, and sign maker (far right) Jackson Smart of Port Angeles.



College Financial Aid Info Night Held at Port Angeles High School

Port Angeles High School counseling staff will host a *College Financial Aid Info Night* for high school senior parents, 304 East Park Avenue, on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Krista Francis, director of the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office, will present information about financial aid for two and four year colleges. The presentation will

include discussion about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. Information will cover all colleges, not just aid at Peninsula College.

“Krista is just terrific about answering individual questions, says Mike Nolan, counselor at the high school. “She understands all of the ins and outs of financial aid – whether a student is heading to Peninsula College or to another college. College admissions officers consistently tell me that students should fill out a FAFSA form even if they think they won’t qualify for aid.” Call Port Angeles High School Guidance Office for more information at 360.452.0250.