



### School Para-Educators Honored at Board Meeting

The Port Angeles School District recognized 26 of the 93 para-educators within our district who have achieved “highly qualified” status” at Monday night’s school board meeting. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 required that all para-professionals who perform instructional duties and whose school receives funds from Title 1 programs be required to meet this qualification. A para-educator can complete two years of study at an institution of higher education and/or achieve an Associates degree or higher. He or she also has the option of submitting a portfolio assessment or pass the ETC Parapro Assessment test which measures reading, writing and math skills. Congratulations to all para-educator who have achieved “highly qualified” status!

*Caption, below left:* Para-educator Susanne McCoy is congratulated by board president Cindy Kelly. *Middle right:* Evelyn Ellsworth is congratulated by student board director Jeremiah Wood. Pictured with Evelyn, are, left to right: school board members Cindy Kelly, Dr. Patti Happe, Wood, Assistant Superintendent Mary Hebert and union representative Theresa Rothweiler. *Right middle:* Para-educator Sue Chance is congratulated by board vice president Steve Baxter.



### Governor Gregoire Honors School Board Directors

Governor Chris Gregoire has proclaimed the month of January as *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington as part of a nationwide effort to honor our elected officials in public education. Thank you to our current board members, Steve Baxter, Dr. Patti Happe, Cindy Kelly, Lonnie Linn, Nancy McLaughlin and student representative Jeremiah Wood, plus all former board members, for their countless volunteer hours in support of our schools and students. *Photo caption:* Superintendent Gary Cohn reads proclamation from Governor Chris Gregoire in honor of *January’s School Board Recognition Month*. Left to right, are Dr. Cohn and school board members Lonnie Linn, Nancy McLaughlin, Steve Baxter, Cindy Kelly, Dr. Patti Happe, and student representative Jeremiah Wood.





# Beyond the Call of Duty



Thanks to Stacey Sanders for her incredible work during the recent visit of our sister school from Mutsu City, Japan. Your organization and details helped make this visit a positive one for students, families and staff, not only at Stevens Middle School, but at Dry Creek and Roosevelt Elementary Schools. Thanks for going above and beyond the call of duty, Stacey! We appreciate your work on behalf of our schools and community! Stacey is shown above with second grader, Emilyann Peterson, during the Dry Creek Culture Fair.

## Mutsu City Students Visit Port Angeles Schools

The Peninsula International Relations Association, our local partner in supporting cultural exchange visits, and the Port Angeles School District hosted our sister schools from Mutsu City, Japan this week. During their stay in Port Angeles, the delegation of 13 Japanese students and adult chaperones spent time with their host families, visited Stevens Middle Schools and Dry Creek and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, Clallam County Historical Museum, Olympic Game Farm, and held a farewell dinner on Tuesday evening. Thank you to PIRA and to all of our students, teachers, support staff and families for the incredible effort you've put into planning this event!

*Captions, top:* Karli Carvell, eighth grader at Stevens Middle School helps Oliver Yazzie, second grade Dry Creek during Mutsu City students' Culture Fair at Dry Creek Elementary.

*Middle:* Jaedean Moore, second grader at Dry Creek and Ryohei Gasa, seventh grader at Mutsu Junior High School.

*Bottom:* Haille Jackson, second grader at Dry Creek, is helped by Stevens eighth grader Mia Piper.



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**Weekly Meeting Schedule**

Jan 14	<b>Historical Society</b> 11:00 a.m. @ CSB
Jan 15	<b>LST</b> 1:00 p.m. @ CSB
Jan 16	<b>Parent Leadership</b> 12:00 Noon @ CSB
Jan 17	<b>ILT</b> 4:00 p.m. @ CSB
Jan 18	<b>PDC</b> 12:00 p.m. @ CSB

**Current Job Opportunities:** For a complete list of job openings, check [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org)

### Interim Report on Facilities

School directors received an interim report from the architectural firm of BLRB Architects last Monday evening on the status of the facilities review process, and provided the facilities quality ratings for each of our school buildings. The PowerPoint® presentation is divided into four parts and posted to the PASD Public Folder. Thanks for taking the time to be informed about this very important issue.

### 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.

### Three Receive Grants from Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Three district staff members were recently awarded Helen Garipey grants from the Beta Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Teachers Laurie Day and Nancy McHenry received funds to help offset the costs of obtaining National Board Certification. Laurie teaches language arts at Stevens Middle School and Nancy teaches fourth grade at Dry Creek Elementary. Mary Moseley, para-educator at Hamilton Elementary School was awarded a grant to cover a Phono-Graphix™ class that she took during October. Congratulations to Laurie, Nancy and Mary!