

### Superintendent Search Update

Board members completed their review of superintendent search consulting firms on Tuesday, March 24 and voted to contract with Principled Leadership Consulting to conduct the superintendent search process.

The board is committed to a very transparent search process, and to this end, intends to involve students, staff, community members, and local business and community leaders in the search process for our new superintendent.

We need your input now. Please send your suggestions to board members at [search@portangelesschools.org](mailto:search@portangelesschools.org). Board directors also request you to complete a short Superintendent Search Survey, now posted on the home page at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) through April 15.

On April 16 several superintendent search meetings throughout the day will be announced to gather your input. Hold the date: time and places to be announced!

### Budget Process Update:

The Fiscal Advisory Committee wrapped up its budget work at the end of March. Dr. Cohn will assess the committee's recommendations and present them to the board of directors for review on April 13, the first regular school board meeting in April.

### Dates to Remember:

*April 13, 2009 School Board Meeting:* FAC Report Presented to Board. FAC report posted to the district website, [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org).

*April 20, 2009 Special Board Meeting:* Central Services Building, 6:00 p.m. Review of FAC Report

*May 4, 2009 School Board Meeting:* Central Services Building, 7:00 p.m. Budget Development Status Report and Year-End Budget Projection, Reduced Education Plan Approval, Reduction In Force

### Students Attend National History Day Competition

Seminar students from Stevens Middle School competed in the National History Day Regional Competition on Tuesday at Olympic College in Bremerton. A total of 184 exhibit entries were judged in the "Individual in History" themed-contest." Students were accompanied by instructors LeAnn McComb and Vicki Helwick.

*Accompanying photo shows SMS students who attended the competition: Front row, left to right: Mariah Cook, Paige Reed, Danielle Schimschal, Kelly Mayer, Carly La, Elspeth Charno; middle row: Elizabeth Livesay; back row, left to right: Tori Kuch, Khason Politika, Elizabeth Helwick. Not pictured, but entered work in the competition, Bailey Jones and Bailey Reader.*



Individual competitors in the junior division were Elizabeth Helwick in Individual Documentary, "Martha Graham;" Elizabeth Livesay in Individual Performance, "Laura Ingalls Wilder: Insight to Pioneer Life;" and Danielle Schimschal in Individual Exhibit, "Anne Frank." *Danielle Schimschal's "Anne Frank" entry made it to the regional finals.*

Group exhibit competitors in the junior division were: Khason Politika and Bailey Jones, "Surviving the Bataan Death March: One Individual's Impact on the World;" Tori Kuch and Bailey Reader, "You Have the Right to Remain Silent;" Paige Reed and Mariah Cook, "Jimi Henrich's Impact on the Music World;" and Kelly Mayer, Carly La, and Elspeth Charno, "Walt Disney." *Khason Politika and Bailey Jones' exhibit on the Bataan Death March made it to the finals. Congratulations to all SMS entrants!*



*Have a great Spring Break!  
See you on April 6!*

# Beyond the Call of Duty



Thank you to Deena Duce, who always goes beyond the call of duty in her job at Roosevelt. More importantly, thanks for your “special way” with our students. You always know just what to say to make our students feel just right! You are always there for our students and you go the extra mile to make each one feel part of our school. Your work is superior too! Thanks for all you do on behalf of Port Angeles students and staff! You rock, Deena! *Deena is pictured with some of Paula Epstein’s third grade students!*

## CALENDAR APPROVAL FOR THREE YEARS

School calendars are approved for the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 school years. You may view them on the district website: [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org).

*See Calendar.*

## Weekly Meeting Schedule

### Apr 6 Special School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. @ CSB

### Apr 8 Safe Schools

3:30 p.m. @ CSB

### Special Ed

3:30 p.m. @ CSB

### Special School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. @ CSB

### Apr 9 ILT

4:00 p.m. @ CSB

### Native American Intervention Specialists

7:30 a.m. @ CSB

### Apr 11 AED/First Aid/C PR

9:00 a.m. @ CSB

Current Job Postings: A full list of open positions can be accessed at Job Opportunities on our district website:

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

## Franklin Science Night!

Franklin students, staff and families celebrated “all things science” last week during the school’s Science Night. Lots of hands-on experiments and observations were made possible by parent and staff volunteers.

The Peninsula Daily News has posted a short video clip of the event. See [www.peninsuladailynews.com](http://www.peninsuladailynews.com).



## “Volunteer” Varsity Letter Program Begins

The Volunteer Center of Clallam County, in concert with AmeriCorps and Camp Fire USA, has announced the “kick off” of the *Varsity Lettering Program in Community Service* at Port Angeles High School. To celebrate the occasion, the Volunteer Center and Camp Fire USA, in collaboration with the high school, are sponsoring a celebratory event on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. to talk about the program’s first year. The event is open to the student public and will include community speakers, a key note address and a raffle of prizes for students in attendance.

Blake Hatling, Youth Coordinator for AmeriCorps and The Volunteer Center, explains, “The program is simple.... Students interested in earning a letter in community service attend club meetings and participate in regularly scheduled community projects. Under the direction of the Volunteer Center of Clallam County and Camp Fire USA, students will brainstorm ideas for creative community projects, then design and coordinate them. Seniors who participate and exceed the minimum hours will qualify for community academic scholarships. The program is a perfect opportunity for students to engage themselves in new ways throughout the community, and to gain recognition they deserve for their hard work.” *Contact Blake Hatling for more information by phone at 360.504.1201 or by email at [bhatling@portangelesschools.org](mailto:bhatling@portangelesschools.org).*

## PAHS Student Named Washington Aerospace Scholar

PAHS student Cecelia Stevenson has been selected as a 2009 Washington Aerospace Scholar. Melissa Edwards, Coordinator for the Washington Aerospace Scholars Program, noted Stevenson is “among 260 talented juniors from across the state accepted into the first phase of Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS).”



WAS, a distance learning and summer residency program for high schools juniors, includes students from across Washington State, and is offered free of charge to participants, courtesy of the WAS Foundation.

Scholars are competing for 160 spots in the summer residency program, which involves planning a human mission to Mars with support from professional engineers/scientists, university students, and certificated educators. Ms. Stevenson is a student in John Gallagher’s astronomy class at Port Angeles High School. *Congratulations to Cecelia and John Gallagher!*