



### Technology Levy Presented to Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce

Community members and district staff are making the rounds to local community and service groups to talk about technology in the Port Angeles schools. Accompanying photo shows school district leaders speaking recently to the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce membership about the upcoming May 20 technology levy. Co-chair of Port Angeles Citizens for Education Norm Schaaf, speaks to the group, while others seated at front table, (left to right) Superintendent Gary Cohn, George Khieraty (teacher at Hamilton Elementary School), Theresa Rauch (co-chair of PACE), School Board President Cindy Kelly and Chamber President Dave Neupert, listen.



#### How much \$ is the district asking with the tech levy?

<b>2008 Technology Levy Summary</b>			
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Estimated Tax on a Home of Median Value: \$215,222</u>	<u>Annual Levy Amount</u>
2009	\$.46	\$99.49	\$1,635,700
2010	\$.44	\$99.46	\$1,643,248
2011	\$.41	\$99.97	\$1,643,171
2012	\$.39	\$99.98	\$1,642,972

#### How much will it cost me as a taxpayer?

In 2009 the cost to the owner of a home of average value in the Port Angeles School District is projected to be about \$99 per year. That is based on an initial tax rate of \$.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The 2009 projected median home value of \$215,222 is based on calculations of the average rate of change in total assessed value in the Port Angeles School District over fourteen years. Want to estimate how much you'd pay a year? Take your assessed property value. Divide your assessment by 1,000. Next multiply by the estimated rate (projected above). This will be your estimated technology levy payment. *Levy questions, comments and suggestions may be sent via email to: [levy@portangelesschools.org](mailto:levy@portangelesschools.org), or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.*



### Truancy Outreach Group Honors Bill Knebes

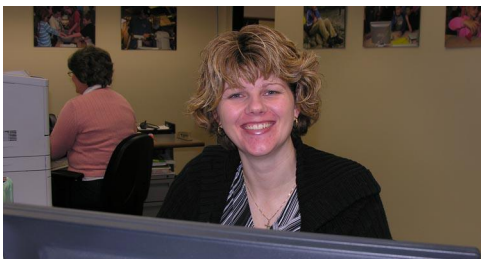
Clallam County Court Commissioner Bill Knebes, who will be retiring March 31, was bid farewell from the Port Angeles School District Truancy-Outreach Group last week. In accompanying photo on the right, Knebes is shown receiving a blanket from Frances Charles, a member of the group and chairwoman of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, (right) with thanks for the work he has done on behalf of area youth. Pictured, left to right, are: Tracey Hosselkus, Luana Arakawa, Amelia Robertson, Bill Knebes and Frances Charles.

The district created the Truancy-Outreach Group, a broad-based community leadership panel, to give advice and support improvement in an attempt to prevent unexcused absenteeism in Port Angeles schools.

Thank you to teachers Claire Rausch and Terri Longin and their Franklin students for loan of their beautiful and symmetrical winter artwork to the Central Services Building. We appreciate you letting us and our visitors to Central Services view this work each day! **Thank you!**



# Beyond the Call of Duty



Many thanks to Carrie Lutz, one of our support people at Central Services, who will be leaving us on Friday for a new position in Canada. Many of you know Carrie because she substituted for other positions throughout the district prior to working at CSB full time. Her smiling face, positive demeanor, versatility and attention to detail have made her an exceptional employee wherever she worked in the district. We'll miss you, Carrie, and are excited for you and Jerry! *Stay in touch!* We are anxious to know if your baby is a boy or a girl! Thanks for your support of Port Angeles students, teachers and staff!

## REFRESHER FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS - TUESDAY, APRIL 8

A Refresher First Aid/CPR/AED class is being offered on Tues, April 8 in the PAHS Library from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. This class is for those whose card has recently expired or will be expiring soon.

## Have a great Spring break!



## Weekly Meeting Schedule

Mar 31 **SPRING BREAK BEGINS.....**

Apr 2 **SPECIAL ED COMMITTEE**  
3:30 p.m.

### Current Job Opportunities:

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

## Conservation Teacher's Scholarship Program of the WA State Federation of Garden Clubs Awards or Scholarship Program

Each year the Conservation Teacher's Scholarship Program of the WA State Federation of Garden Clubs awards partial or full scholarships to teachers, grades K through 12, for summer studies in environmental or conservation education. The amount varies, but averages about 90% of tuition and fees. Application and instructions are available at the WSFGC website: [www.wagardenclubs.org/awards/awards.htm](http://www.wagardenclubs.org/awards/awards.htm). Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2008.

## Beta Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarships

Grants will be offered to educators currently working in Clallam County schools for professional development not reimbursed by other means. Applications to be reviewed April 1! Application and information was posted to the PASD Public Folder/Faculty Room on Monday, March 24. Write [tsmithohara@portangelesschools.org](mailto:tsmithohara@portangelesschools.org) if you'd like an application sent to you via email.

## School Board Votes for High School Track Repair

The Port Angeles School District board of directors approved \$198,857.97 in repair costs to the Port Angeles High School track at their Monday, March 24 meeting. "This was a hard decision to allocate so many dollars in these difficult financial times," board member Patti Happe said. "However, this is a one time expense out of capital funds, not ongoing operations, which will last for twenty years. This is an investment for our community, and part of our ongoing efforts to try to keep up an infrastructure that is old and deteriorating. The expense not only supports the education of the children in the district, but also the larger community use of the school districts' facilities. In addition, we are striving to meet the intent of the interlocal agreement with the City of Port Angeles to support recreational activities for all the citizens of the community."

The track surface and blacktop will be removed, and some of the base will be excavated and new base added. The infield will be graded to avoid surface runoff on the track. A curtain drain will added to the north side of the track to allow water to exit the field. The asphalt support base will be reapplied and a synthetic surface installed. The repair work should be completed sometime during the summer. Any questions may be sent to [info@portangelesschools.org](mailto:info@portangelesschools.org). Visit [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) to view media release.



## Port Angeles Students Visit Port Townsend Marine Science Center

Lincoln High School (LHS) and Parents As Parents (PAP) students took a joint field trip to the Port Townsend Marine Science Center on Tuesday. Students, accompanied by instructors Craig Chambers of PAP and Dan Leiberman of LHS, participated in a pair of classes that focused on the problem of plastics in the environment, particularly the marine environment.

Chambers relates that "during the first class, we learned some facts about the feeding habits and behavior of albatrosses and then dissected albatross boluses, which are analogous to owl pellets. It was very interesting to find in addition to hundreds of squid beaks, great wads of fishing line and other bits of plastic. Graphic pictures of sea bird carcasses bloated with plastic debris brought the lesson home to all of us."

"The second class was more hopeful," he said. "It made us much more aware of plastics in everyday life and included an activity that helped us to make more informed decisions on how we choose to use plastics."