

**PAHS Orchestra Students Travel to New York City**

Port Angeles High School orchestra students spent part of their spring break in New York City. The highlight of the trip was performing at Carnegie Hall, but the 102 students and 26 chaperones were able to choose “tour time” to several of the well-known city sites: Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Ground Zero, United Nations and Broadway shows *Wicked* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Nine students from the Northwind Homeschool Band also joined the tour group. Thanks to Ron Jones and especially OPUS (Orchestra Parents United for Students) for organizing and fundraising efforts!

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH: YOUR IDEAS NEEDED!**

The school board welcomes and encourages your input regarding the hiring of a new superintendent to lead our schools. There are several ways to offer your ideas during our superintendent search:

- Attend the April 16 staff meeting with Principled Leadership Consulting representatives at 3:30 p.m. in the Port Angeles High School library, 304 East Park Avenue.
- Attend one of two community meetings with consultants on April 16: 10:30 a.m. at the Port Angeles Senior Services & Community Center, 328 East 7th Street, and 7:00 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School Gymnasium, 218 East Twelfth Street.
- Send your suggestions to the board at [search@portangelesschools.org](mailto:search@portangelesschools.org).
- Complete the Superintendent Search Survey, now posted at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) through April 15. See [Superintendent Search](#) on the homepage.

Need more info? See [Superintendent Search](#) on the district website for updates and timelines! The target date for completing the selection process is May 22. The new superintendent will be expected to report for duty on July 1, 2009.

**Fiscal Advisory Committee Present Report to School Board**

The Fiscal Advisory Committee will present its report at the April 13 school board meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Elementary, 25 Rife Road. The committee’s **draft** list of possible reductions for the 2009-10 school year was released mid-March. View the March 13, 2009 Draft List of Possible Budget Reductions on the district website, [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org).

The Fiscal Advisory Committee report will be sent to staff by email and posted to the district website after Monday’s school board meeting.

Budget questions or comments can still be sent by email to [budget@portangelesschools.org](mailto:budget@portangelesschools.org), or by U.S. Mail to Superintendent, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

**Reduced Educational Plan to be Adopted at May 4th Meeting**

The school board will adopt a reduced educational plan at its May 4 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

**POTENTIAL RETIREES**

Just a reminder that if you are considering retiring in the near future, the Department of Retirement Systems suggests contacting them at least 3 months prior to when you would expect to receive your first retirement payment. Their contact information is:

Department of Retirement Systems  
P.O. Box 48380  
Olympia, WA 98504-8380  
[www.drs.wa.gov](http://www.drs.wa.gov)  
1-800-547-6657  
(360) 664-7000  
(360) 586-5450 (TDD)



## Beyond the Call of Duty



**Jefferson Students Release Salmon Fry**  
Ashley Howell, 4th grade Jefferson Elementary student in teacher Sue-Ellen Kraft's class, releases salmon fry in Ennis Creek on Wednesday. Jim Varela, on the right, is a head custodian at the school and a long time volunteer with the salmon release program. The field trip was part of Jefferson's Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) project, a project that all Jefferson fourth graders have participated in for several years. This school year students also had the opportunity to visit the Dungeness Hatchery and also took a field trip to Peninsula College for a visit with Jack Ganzhorn, an instructor with the college fisheries program. Varela is a former student of Ganzhorn.



Thank you to Jim Varela, a head custodian at Jefferson Elementary, who does a whole lot more for students and staff than just taking care of our school at Jefferson. Jim is pictured with Bree Buchanan, a fourth grader in Jeanne Wolfley's class, as he hands her a cup filled with salmon fry prior to release in Ennis Creek. Jim has volunteered with Salmon in the Classroom project for years, helping to make arrangements, but most of all, working side by side with our students and staff for the betterment of our schools and our community. Thanks, Jim, for always going "beyond the call of duty!"



### PAHS Student Spends Spring Break at Nationals

Port Angeles High School senior John Camp spent his spring break in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the 2009 National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) Senior National High School Wrestling Championships. His coach, Erik Gonzalez, reported that "John lost his second match 6-2 after he had won his first 8-4. He finished one win short of All-American honors (top eight in the country) by going 5-2 in a 62-man bracket at the tournament on April 3, 4 and 5, 2009. Two of his wins came by way of pin, and his two losses were both by decision to two individuals who went on to place in the top eight."

John Camp's "story," "40-0 with 40 pins" aired on King 5 TV last week. The film clip, "Port Angeles' Inspirational Wrestler," can be viewed on the [King 5 Game Time website](#). *Congratulations to John Camp and Coach Erik Gonzalez!*

### Weekly Meeting Schedule

- Apr 13 Regular School Board Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. @ Dry Creek
- Apr 14 United Way**  
12:00 Noon @ CSB  
**President's Council**  
3:30 pm. @ CSB
- Apr 15 Parent Leadership Group**  
12:00 Noon @ CSB
- Apr 16 Multi Ethnic**  
9:00 a.m. @ CSB  
**ILT**  
4:00 p.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)

### Peninsula College Announces "Get Money Smart"

On April 13 Peninsula College will host "Get Money Smart," a free event designed to provide financial planning information to anyone who wants to start a personal budget plan or update current plans. The keynote presentation, "Financial Roadmap," begins at 12 noon in the Pirate Union Building, and will be presented by Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA) representative Chris Conway.

NELA is a nonprofit agency that helps students continue their education and enhance post-secondary education preparedness by providing and supporting financial and other valued services. For more information, contact Melissa Delikat at 417.6378 or by email at [melissad@padmin.etc.edu](mailto:melissad@padmin.etc.edu).

### WASL Begins Next Week

The second round of WASL testing for high school students (math and science), begins April 13 and continues through April 21. See [www.portangelesschools.org/pahs](http://www.portangelesschools.org/pahs) for schedule. Grades three through eight testing also begins Monday, April 13. Ask at each school for specific testing dates and times.