

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! It takes a community to raise a graduate! Welcome to our new administrative appointments! Left to right, Superintendent Jane Pryne, Executive Director of Business and Operations James Schwob, Port Angeles High School Principal Garry Cameron, Interim Special Services Director Mark Jacobson, Franklin Principal Amity Butler. *Other new introductions for new PASD employees will be made soon in News & Notes!*



Maria Kays Receives Peer Coaching Grant

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction awarded Franklin teacher Maria Kays an Enhanced Peer Coaching grant funded through the federal Enhancing Education Through Technology initiative. Kays is part of the third cadre of participants for the peer coaching grant.

Kays' award is part of the Enhanced Peer Coaching Program that prepares teachers to serve as peer coaches in the use of technology in the classroom. "Barry Burnett is my peer coaching partner," she said. "We'll collaborate together in order to integrate technology with our instruction and student learning."

Port Angeles High School educators, Thomas Jay, a language arts teacher, and Eve Datisman, a teacher librarian at the school, received peer coaching grants as part of the first cadre of the peer coaching program during the 2007-08 school year.

As part of the award, Kays will receive 62 hours of professional development training during the 2009-10 school year, including funds for travel, substitute teacher costs, equipment and software costs. Additionally, funding will continue through 2010-11 for additional equipment and training. ***Congratulations, Maria!***

Teachers Receive OSPI Technology Grant

Three Port Angeles School District teachers are among 200 educators state-wide awarded grants funded by the Teaching & Learning in the 21st Century (TL21) Program. Mark Valentine, English and language arts teacher at Port Angeles High School, and Jody Adams and Teresa Thorson, who applied as a team from Roosevelt Elementary, were among the winning applicants.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State reports that each "\$7,600 award funds 62 hours of professional development during the 2009-2010 school year, travel, substitute teachers, and hardware and software for participating classrooms. Grant recipients will receive \$3,500 in the 2010-2011 school year for more training and classroom equipment."

As noted on the OSPI website, "TL21 is funded federally through the Enhancing Education Through Technology Program attached to the Title II, Part D provisions of the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act. The new grant program is made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which added another \$4 million to the state's regular Title II, Part D funds – \$3.52 million. Half the additional funding was earmarked as competitive dollars for professional development programming." ***Congratulations to Mark Valentine, Jody Adams and Teresa Thorson!***

PAP Enrollment Continues Parents As Partners, our district's connection with the kindergarten through grade eight home school community, is accepting applications for full and part-time students. Everyone enrolled in PAP is eligible for support and assistance from a certified teacher, access to a wide range of curriculum materials, use of an up-to-date computer lab, access to Olympic Educational Service District's resources, and participation in enrichment classes, field trips or other learning experiences. If you're interested in learning more about the program, call 417.3779 or stop by for a visit!



Beyond the Call of Duty



On Tuesday, September 25, a new Port Angeles High School Roughrider sign was lowered in to position on the front lawn at the school’s main entrance. The old school sign, made with materials donated by the class of 1988, had become a safety issue and areas in the wooden sign had begun to show rot said Supervisor of Facilities Nolan Duce.

Trade and Industries instructor Mike Frick and students Gabe Hernandez, Thomas Williams, Gunnar Eisele and Michael Steele, all in Frick’s advanced machinery class, worked on the sign project. (Frick is shown above with Principal Garry Cameron.)

The cost of the new sign was covered through donations by Angeles Machine Shop, Lincoln Welding, Sunset Wire and Rope, IRC of Portland, and FKC Ltd. The Associated Students Body fund and school district maintenance budget also contributed to the final costs of the project. *Thanks to everyone involved in making the new PAHS sign a reality!*

Weekly Meeting Schedule

Sep 14 School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ CSB

Sep 15 President’s Council
3:30 p.m. @ CSB

Sep 17 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

Dry Creek Teacher Pitches in on NOAA Ship

The Miller Freeman, a Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ship, was Dry Creek teacher Patricia Schromen’s home and workplace for one week in August. She boarded the 215 foot research trawler in Port Angeles and cruised down the coast of Oregon to collect Pacific whiting, or hake, to analyze the health of the ocean.



“I participated in all parts of the survey,” Schromen said. “I watched for marine mammals from the bridge. And when the fish nets had been recovered and dumped on the sorting table; I sorted, weighed and measured fish.”

Schromen tells of another probe launched several times a day from the ‘hero deck.’ “We collected photographs of plankton, measured temperature, dissolved oxygen and salinity through the water column sometimes 400 meters deep,” she said. “One night I geared and belted up to help launch the heavy probe. I stood out on the metal grate two decks above the rolling ocean. It was about as thrilling as sky diving!”

“Any teacher can apply in the fall for the next summer field season,” says Schromen. *For more information, visit www.education.noaa.gov/. See SNAPSHOT at www.portangelesschools.org for the “rest of the story!” Congratulations, Patricia!*

Stevens Teacher Honored as Educator of the Year

Education Chair Loren Sperry of The American Legion Department of Washington presented the 2008-09 Educator of the Year Award to teacher Rob Edwards in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to Port Angeles youth. Sperry was joined by Bob Schwartz, Joseph Paulsen and Ralph Ellsworth, all representatives of The American Legion, and Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Jane Pryne at an assembly held last week at Stevens Middle School.



Edwards has worked for the school district for fifteen years and is currently the technology instructor at Stevens Middle School. Edwards uses technology as a way to teach middle school students how to navigate the Internet, design and build their own websites, and produce video news projections. He and the teaching team of Patrick Durr and Dwayne Johnson have received recognition from Microsoft for their work integrating technology in to Port Angeles classrooms.

Edwards is an active community member and volunteer, working as chief of operations for a staff of over 25 search and rescue personnel. He’s been involved in coaching baseball and in developing the Stevens’ Junior Ambassador Program with its sister city in Mutsu City, Japan. *Congratulations, Rob!*

Welcome Back to School!