

Dry Creek Food and Vegetable Grant Work Begins Next Week!

Dry Creek Elementary has been awarded a \$27,000 grant to enable participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program during the 2009-10 school year. The program, a partnership between the USDA and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, provides all Dry Creek students a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the school day. As part of the program guidelines, the fresh fruit and vegetable program must be provided separately from lunch and breakfast meals.

“We are planning to have fresh fruit and vegetables available in bowls in the classrooms between breakfast and lunch, and after lunch on a daily basis,” Principal Kate Wenzl said. “These items will be available for students of all grade levels every day.”

Sodexo Food Services, the district’s contracted food services agent, will plan and administer the fresh fruits and vegetable program. “Our goal is to purchase as much as we possibly can locally,” Director John Koch said.

For more information about the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, visit the OSPI website at www.k12.wa.us/ChildNutrition/programs/FFVP/default.aspx. Koch is planning to roll out the program at Dry Creek on September 28. *Congratulations to Dry Creek! Photo shows Dry Creek student cooks, Valora Bain, Skylar Tomason, Hannah Stephens and Maria Soule with Sodexo staff members Suzanne McGinitie and Lisa Parrish. The student team won the award for Best Table Presentation in the Sodexo March cooking contest.*



College Bound Signups for Seventh and Eighth Grade Students Ongoing!

As of mid-July the Higher Education Coordinating Board reported that about 200 Port Angeles School District students have signed up for College Bound.

Alyson Galloway, College Bound scholarship counselor for the College Success Foundation, says this number was reached over a two year timeframe with sign ups tripling during the 2008-09 school year, the second year for program sign ups. These “college bound” students were reached through various efforts, including small group presentations, large classroom presentations and a large assembly event for eighth grade students at Port Angeles High School. This number also includes students that were in the ninth grade during the 2008-09 year as they were allowed a one-time exception to enroll in the program.



The College Bound Scholarship is an income-based scholarship program. “One way to qualify,” Galloway explained, “is to indicate eligibility for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program.” The scholarship offers the promise of up to 4 years of tuition and \$500 per year for books at an approved Washington State college. Students may use the scholarship at a community college, vocational/technical school or a university.

Parents, guardians and students may access the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family application for the 2009-10 school year on the Port Angeles School District website: www.portangelesschools.org. Visit *Students*, then *Food Services*. Visit the College Bound Scholarship website for additional information, eligibility alternatives, and to access the online application process: www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/CollegeBoundScholarship.asp.

New certificated hires will be included in News & Notes as soon as we have photos!



Beyond the Call of Duty



An ambitious technology work plan was assembled this past summer in the district, and the amount of work completed by our technology staff is truly impressive. Let's give them a round of applause and many thank yous for the work accomplished on our behalf. You may already have noticed some of the summer work completed: internal connections at Lincoln High School, "new" computers in the Lower 400 Building at PAHS, moved email database, new install of Read 180 at Dry Creek, teacher moves in the district, and surplus of 85 computers and monitors, to name a few tasks! Five full time employees did this work for 28 buildings, 11 campuses, and approximately 1500 computers! *Thanks to our PASD technology team! Nolan Duce is pictured with Steve Pazan, Superintendent Jane Pryne and Board President Steve Baxter.*

Health and Safety News

"Cover Your Cough. Clean Your Hands!" These reminders may seem like simple steps to avoid getting the flu or infecting others, but they are important measures for students in Port Angeles schools and reminders to parents and families to prepare for the upcoming flu season. Look for [Health and Safety News](#) on the home page: www.portangelesschools.org.

Weekly Meeting Schedule

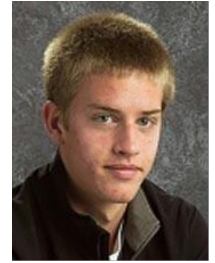
Sep 28 School Board Meeting
Mon 7:00 p.m. @ Dry Creek

Oct 1 ILT
Thu 3:45 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

PAHS Student Achievement!

Principal Garry Cameron announced that PAHS senior John Christian has been named as a Semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit® Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Corporation, which conducts the program, was presented by Principal Cameron to John on the first day back to school.



Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists will advance to the Finalist level in February 2010, and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen beginning in April. Semifinalists placed among the top 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



The Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) program announced that PAHS student Cecilia Stevenson graduated from the 2009 WAS Summer Residency at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. WAS is a competitive educational program for high school juniors from across Washington State.

Cecelia was among 150 students who qualified for the summer program from 260 students who applied in November. To qualify she spent six months studying a NASA-designed, distance-learning curriculum via the Internet. Based on her academic performance on the distance-learning lessons, she was selected to attend one of the four residencies hosted at The Museum of Flight in Seattle this summer. During the residency experience, she collaborated with the other student participants on the design of a human mission to Mars. *Congratulations to John, Cecelia, their families and teachers!*

Lincoln High School Students Hard at Work in the Classroom and in the Community!

To help students experience math as relevant, playful, and tasty, the Algebra Support classes at Lincoln High School have "math with food" once a week. Students collect and analyze data from the food. Usually the food is local produce. Last week students worked with red and purple radishes from the Port Angeles Farmers' Market. Tasks included length, circumference, and weight measures and experiments to see if students could distinguish by taste red from purple radishes.



In addition, as part of its commitment to give back to the community, Lincoln High School adopted the maintenance of Wolverton Park at West 11th off of A Street. *Pictured: Lincoln High School "team" at Wolverton Park! Thanks for your service!*

Stevens "McTakeover" Breaks Record

Sponsored by the Stevens Middle School PTO, the September 16 Stevens "McTakeover" was a huge success, setting a sales record for the Peninsula McDonald's restaurants for first hour sales. Parents and staff members helped out, including Chuck Lisk and Scott Harker, Paul Reed, Melody Charno, Lisa Cornelson, Sarah Methner, Michelle Rabe and Vicki Helwick. Leadership students from Paul Reed's class helped too. The parking lot was packed, the drive up backed up, and everybody was served their meal. The Stevens PTO earned money to help fund activities for Stevens students, including truancy prevention, athletic uniform purchases, team shirts for all of the students and many other activities. *Way to go, Stevens PTO, staff and students!*

