

Welcome to our Guests from Mutsu City!

Kazuo Noro, Principal of Tanabu Senior High School, three teachers—Masaki Takekawa, Yosuke Torikata, Daiki Kogaku—Masanori Ara, MIRA member, and 37 students from the Intensive English program arrived in Port Angeles on Thursday as part of the Port Angeles School District and Peninsula International Relations Association (PIRA) exchange program. Twenty five students from Port Angeles High School will be providing homestays for our guests. *Thank you to our staff, students and families who are involved in making this program so successful!*



United Way Campaign In Progress!

District United Way Chair Kate Wenzl reports last year 140 District employees contributed over \$29,700 to United Way. “This year we would like to have more employees contribute during the United Way campaign,” she said. “Please remember that even small amounts support this important work! It would be great to have 100% participation by PASD employees!”

District employees can contribute to the general United Way fund or they may donate to a specific program. For example, your donation to the United Way can be earmarked for the Port Angeles Education Foundation. Donations may be made through payroll deduction! See your Building Representative next week for necessary forms!

United Way Building representatives are:

PAHS: Mary Ann Unger
Stevens: Scott Harker
Hamilton: Helen Bunch
Dry Creek: Shirley Rutz
Roosevelt/Infant Toddler: Geff Cobb
Franklin: Teresa Richmond
Pupil Transportation Center: Deb Groff
Technology/Maintenance: Nolan Duce
PAP: Jennifer Mills
Lincoln High School: Cindy Crumb
Skills Center: Jacob Jackson
Central Services: Michelle Pace, Jane Pryne
Jefferson: Marilyn Mattie, Rindy Hainstock



Thank you for sharing your passion with our district and our community! Your work makes a difference in the lives of our children!

United Way Community Listening Project

From Suzanne DeBey, PAHS


I know how busy we all are, but I want to ask you to put a date on your calendar to participate in the United Way “Listening to Community Voices” dialogue. We need 10-12 people to spend some time giving their input as teachers, parents, community members.

Questions will revolve around what your dreams, goals and hopes are, how you have reached them, obstacles you face, and what you need in the community to reach those goals. United Way’s goal is to speak to 700 people in the community, gather the data on relevant health and human service issues in our community and then building a central resource library of this data. Information will be analyzed, evaluated and disseminated to funding groups, agencies, volunteers, professionals, legislators, and the general public in Clallam County.

A listening session is scheduled on **Wednesday, October 28, from 3-5 pm**, in room 401 at PAHS. Food and drink will be provided. Those who have participated in these conversations in other venues have remarked on how interesting and productive they were. The conversation will be audio taped, but you will remain anonymous.

If you would be willing to participate in this project, please contact me at 565.1552 or Tina Smith-O’Hara at 565.3703. *Thanks for your help in this valuable project.*





Beyond the Call of Duty



Congratulations to the PAHS leadership team, staff and students for your great work and enthusiastic display of spirit and talent at the recent Open House! We've heard some great parent comments, read some good letters to the PDN editor, so keep up the great work. Homecoming is right around the corner! Join in and celebrate the "green and white" Roughrider spirit!

District and North Olympic Library System Receive Collaborative Grant

The District and the North Olympic Library System's (NOLS) Port Angeles Library have received a \$12,000 "Supporting Student Success" grant from the Washington State Library. The grant provides money to purchase books and other library materials to support the civics and history Classroom-Based Assessments at Port Angeles High School, Dry Creek Elementary School and Hamilton Elementary School. The assessments, developed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, are used by classroom teachers to gauge student understanding in social studies, the arts, and health and fitness. Duplicate copies of these materials will be available in the classrooms as well as at the Port Angeles Library, where they will all be available for check-out. Library staff will train teachers to use NOLS online database of historic local newspapers and other databases. *Congratulations to our library staff!*



Reminder: Families Must Apply Yearly for Free and Reduced Meal Plan



The District is still accepting applications to apply for *Free and Reduced Price School Meals* for students unable to pay the full price for meals. Children from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. Parents must apply on behalf of their students each year. **Monday, October 19 is the last day of the "grace period" offered to last year's students on the plan. If a student does not have a current and approved application on file by this date, the student will no longer be covered by the free and reduced price plan on Tuesday, October 20.**

Call 457.8575 for assistance about the program; applications are available on our website: www.portangelesschools.org/students/food-services-sodexo.html.

To date, reports for the 2009-10 school year show about 50 percent of Port Angeles School District students qualify for free and reduced priced meal program; 60 percent of district elementary students qualify for the program.

Upcoming SERS & TRS Plan 3 Seminar

Thursday, October 14, PAHS Library
 4:00 p.m.: Getting to Know Plan 3
 5:30 p.m.: Plan Choice (FOR SERS & TRS Plan 3 Members and New PASD Hires)

Weekly Meeting Schedule

- Oct 12 School Board Meeting**
7:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Oct 13 United Way**
12:00 Noon @ CSB
President's Council
3:30 p.m. @ CSB
- Oct 14 Healthy Youth Steering Committee**
8:00 a.m. @ CSB
- Oct 15 Multi Ethnic Committee**
9:00 a.m. @ CSB
ILT
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

Support our Roughriders! Wear your green and white during Homecoming Week, October 19-24!

- Monday, October 19: 7:00 p.m. Movie night in the field — *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*
- Tuesday, October 20: 7:00p.m. Buff Puff Game in the Main Gym (Bring a can of food for the food drive as admission)
- Wednesday, October 21: 7:30 p.m. Flag Football Game at Shane Park (Bring a can or bag of pet food for the Pet Food Drive as admission)
- Thursday, October 22: 2:40 p.m. Caravan from PAHS to Cross Country and Swim meets (Meet in front parking lot)
- Friday, October 23: 5:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade from Courthouse to Civic Field; 7:00 PM Homecoming Football Game vs. Bremerton at Civic Field
- Saturday, October 24: 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance

Take Care of your Health!

It's always a good time to remind teachers, staff and students to continue good health practices: wash your hands, cough in to your elbow and stay home if you are sick. Keep work surfaces clean! **You might consider using these as daily announcements with your students!** [HEALTHAND SAFETY NEWS](#) is posted on the district home page (and right side of all elementary schools' website).