



News and Notes

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What a week for *Above and Beyond!* And, we know there is more good news! Thank you for the information you sent this week! If you have news or photos you'd like to share, please send them by email to Tina Smith-O'Hara by Wednesday of each week or give her a call at 565.3703. View past editions of *News & Notes* on the [District website](#).

We'll be including additional photos next week-this issue is packed full!

★ February 8, 2011 Maintenance and Operations Levy Work has Started!

See information as it's updated on the District website at [Levy News](#)- look for it on the home page.

Levy Quick Fact #4 - The February 8, 2011 maintenance and operations levy is a **renewal** levy, **not** a new tax. It renews the current four-year levy which expires at the end of 2011 and will maintain levy funding for the Port Angeles School District for four years through 2015.

Levy Quick Fact #5 - The **estimated** tax rate for the new levy is \$2.65 per \$1,000 - for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Actual tax rates are set by Clallam County and may fluctuate.

Levy Quick Fact #6 - To **estimate** how much you'd pay a year, first find your assessed property value. Divide your assessment by 1,000. Next multiply by \$2.65. This will be your **estimated** maintenance and operations levy payment.

★ State Awards Announced – Let's Make Some Nominations!

Have questions? Need assistance in making a nomination? Contact [Tina Smith-O'Hara](#). The process for these awards is extensive and will take some time. Your nominee will need to know about the nomination. Read info noted below on each program.

[2012 Teacher of the Year](#) – due to regional ESD by May 27, 2011

[2011 Washington Classified School Employee of the Year](#) – due to regional ESD by January 28, 2011

[2011 History Teacher of the Year](#) – Due February 1, 2011

[2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#) – due by May 2, 2011

★ View District [Calendar](#) for December Events!

Lots of winter events, from [music concerts](#) to sports, to meetings. *Countdown until winter break- begins Monday, December 20!*

★ **A Tip from Payroll:** To increase DCP (Deferred Compensation Pension), you need to submit it to the DCP program. You can reach them at 888.327.5596. Website: www.drs.wa.gov/dcp. They will let the CSB Payroll team know when it is approved, and your deduction will be increased at that point.

★ **From Susan Lynch-Ritchie** – Re: OPAEYC Early Child Education Conference - March 12, 2011

Can you "step up to the plate" and offer a workshop? Do you know someone that you could encourage to do a workshop within your circle of friends and fellow workers or local teachers? Can use workshops in art, science, math, music, guidance, development, brain research, activities for babies & toddlers & after school children, special needs children, working with parents, preventing "burn-out" etc. Email Susan Lynch-Ritchie if you can help!



★ **Rider Angels Fourth Annual Calendar Available - *Water-Winged Angels***

The Port Angeles High School Rider Angels Dance Team has published its fourth version of its annual fundraising calendar - entitled *Water-Winged Angels*.

The calendars sell for \$15 each and can be purchased from a PAHS Rider Angel dancer, or they can call Rider Angels Dance Team Director Jolene Dalton Gailey at 360.565.1535 or email jgailey@portangelesschools.org to purchase a copy. Checks are payable to the PAHS Dance Team Boosters.

Beyond the Call of Duty - THANK YOU!

★ ***Stevens Science Students of the Month-*** Stevens Middle School's Tom Leinart has honored Female and Male Science Student of the Month for December. They are Elyse Lovgren and Cody Apolito. Elyse "takes her time doing her work. She does not hurry through assignments and lab activities. Elyse's work is always neat and well organized. She is a valuable asset to her lab team because she is always willing to do the little extra things that make the final paper turned in something special" and "Cody is very responsible when it comes to getting his work turned in. When he is in class the work is never late. When he is absent he gets the work in usually within a couple of days. His work is always done completely, in a well organized manner, and is neatly done." *Thanks, Tom Leinart, for your effort to honor our students!*



★ **Thank You to our Staff and Community Members for Your Strategic Planning Support!!!**

The District's Education Summit - *Community Forum for Strategic Planning* - was held last Friday and Saturday at the Skills Center. Consultant Kenneth Jones guided over 80 participants through a process to help begin the work for the 2010-2015 strategic plan. A summary of the Forum's findings and recommended actions will be reported at the December 13 School Board meeting to be held at Lincoln High School. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. A Forum summary will also be posted to the District website - www.portangelesschools.org after the December 13 meeting.



★ **Thank You to Roosevelt Blue Thunder!!!**

At an assembly this week Blue Thunder Coordinator JoAnn Lewis presented donated items on behalf of Blue Thunder to Susan Hillgren and Jeanie Skerbeck, representatives of TAFY. As part of the community fundraiser, students, staff and community members walked around the Roosevelt track during recess last week. Blue Thunder members walked one lap for each article of clothing they donated to TAFY in order to be eligible for prize drawings. Blue Thunder students completed 1,936 laps in five days during the fundraiser! The group's grand total this year is now 19,005 laps - 4,751 miles!



★ **Coach Tom Wahl, Coaches and PAHS Football Players Honored by City Council Tuesday**

Coach Wahl, his coaching staff and PAHS football players were honored for their successful season by the Port Angeles City Council at its Tuesday, December 7 meeting at City Hall Chambers. *Congratulations!*



★ **PAHS Key Club Raises Funds for UNICEF**

PAHS Key Club members spent part of Halloween trick or treating for UNICEF. A total of \$338.07 was raised. A huge thank you goes out to the students and our community for participating in this event!



★ **A Loud Round of Applause to Sodexo and its Port Angeles Schools Employees!**

Sodexo donated all the food for the First Step Family Support Family Holiday Dinner last week. About a hundred families were served! *Thanks, Sodexo. Great work!*



★ **Thanks to our Port Angeles Students for Volunteerism!**

While Sodexo was serving a holiday meal to First Step families, a local Camp Fire group kept children busy and distributed holiday gifts to families. *Thanks to Camp Fire - PAHS and SMS students - for your effort in helping families each year!*



★ Hamilton Teacher Gloria Bond Appointed to State Committee

Hamilton teacher Gloria Bond is one of 25 volunteers in our State appointed to OSPI's (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) new Washington State Birth-to-Grade 12 Literacy Team. Its purpose is to develop a Birth-to-Grade 12 comprehensive literacy plan. Members selected to serve on the team have collective expertise in literacy development and education for children birth-to-12. *Congratulations, Gloria!!!*



★ Stevens Middle School Seminar Students Design Tree for Festival of Trees

The SMS "Seminar Tree" was planned and organized as a 8th grade seminar project by Connor Leslie, Leah Marsh, Tiffany Miller, Kay Methner, Kylie McVaugh and Simon Shindler. All of the 7th and 8th seminar students were involved in making the decorations. James Gallagher, Leah Marsh, Grace Best, Scott and Kay Methner and Kody Kuch braved the elements and decorated the tree. *Great job, SMS students!*

★ Weekly Meeting Schedule, Central Services Building

Monday, December 13	Science Committee	3:30-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 14	Learning Support Teachers Meeting	2:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
	President's Council	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 16	Multi-Ethnic Committee	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
	General Admin Meeting	3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

★ Featured Photos – BACK NEXT WEEK!