



Dry Creek Elementary Hosts 25th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

Dry Creek students, staff, teachers, community members and guests celebrated 25 years of school thanksgiving gatherings today at the school. Sodexo Food Services supplied the meal as part of regular student food services, and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) provided desserts for the special occasion. The PTO also sponsored special guests' meals. *Pictured left, left to right:* Dean Kaumans, Mary Hebert and Judy Fletcher serve students. *Right:* Long-time participants of the annual event gather for celebration photo. Congratulations, Dry Creek, for 25 years of giving thanks!

Stevens Students Show Spirit

Stevens Middle School staff and students celebrated a successful first quarter with a spirit-filled Mardi Gras-themed assembly last Friday. The assembly celebrated everyone's hard work during first quarter and honored students of the month and those who showed exceptional service. The themed event showcased music by the jazz band, float contests, fishing contests, spirit songs, and other team events. The four teams were the Rebel Gulls, Orange Crush, Skittles and The Jokers. "The Jokers," who wore bright colored lime-green t-shirts, won the spirit contest.



Book-It Theatre Visits Port Angeles Schools

The Book-It Theater performed *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* to area elementary schools last week. This story is about a young girl in Japan who contracts leukemia as a result of the radiation from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. She attempts to fold 1,000 paper cranes believing that her wish to be well will come true if she completes the task. The Book-It Theater appearance at Roosevelt, Dry Creek and Hamilton schools was sponsored by the Juan de Fuca Festival and the schools' Parent Teacher Organizations and Associations.





Beyond the Call of Duty



Thanks to Port Angeles High School seniors, Matt Roberts and Jake Madison, for the incredible work on the future Central Services Building signage. The two have worked on the signage support during their welding class taught by Mike Frick. Thanks for your hard work on behalf of the staff, students and Port Angeles community!

Refresher First Aid/CPR/AED course is being offered Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at CSB. Cost is \$25. Mark Bowes is the instructor. Please call CSB to let them know that you will be attending by Thursday, November 29! Our next Refresher is scheduled February 23.

Resa Yamamoto, RN School Nurse
Port Angeles School District

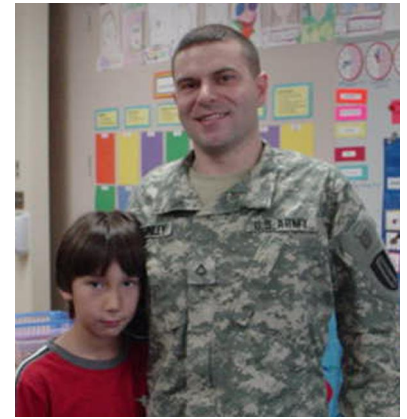
Weekly Meeting Schedule

- Nov 26 Nutrition & Fitness
5:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. @ Stevens
- Nov 28 Parent Leadership
12:00 Noon @ CSB
- BLRB Facilities
3:30 p.m. @ CSB
- Nov 29 ILT
4:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Nov 30 Professional Development
Council
1:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Dec 1 First Aid Refresher
9:00 a.m. @ CSB

Current Job Opportunities:
For a complete list of job openings, check www.portangelesschools.org.

Jefferson Elementary Service Project

Marilyn Mattie's second grade Jefferson Elementary class writes to military men and women as its service project all year long. Drew McGinley, a 1998 graduate of Port Angeles High School, is one of the people they've written and he visited the class this week while he was home on leave. McGinley is serving in the U.S. Army in Korea and appreciated the letters written to him. He even shared them with his unit.



During his visit, McGinley answered questions, told about his duties, and then presented the class with a framed certificate of appreciation from his battalion, a souvenir from Korea, a special military coin given to special people. Each student also received a key chain with a Korean decoration on it. McGinley's nephew, Ethan, is in Mattie's class.



Port Angeles High School Music Groups

Two Port Angeles High School music groups had unusual performance opportunities in November. The Jazz Band played with legendary blues slide guitarist Roy Rogers (practicing here in photo on left), and choir students gave a rousing performance at McDonald's during a break from their McTakeover duties.

Technology Board of Directors Study Session Update

The Board of Directors met on Monday night for a study session on the needs for and potential scope of a technology levy in 2007. The last time the district offered voters a technology levy was in February 2005, but that levy failed due to lack of supermajority support; 51.6% favored the levy; 48.4% did not at that time.

The Monday meeting generated a variety of questions for school district leaders, most of which centered around students' technology needs, how best to integrate technology skills - or digital literacy - into the schools' curricula, and what might be the community's response to various tech levy options.

"No decisions were made," Superintendent Gary Cohn said. "I expect two or three more meetings of this type before any decisions are made about running a technology levy next year, and of course no decisions will be made until the new board is seated after the first of the new year."