

Happy Thanksgiving!

May each one of us have a safe and enjoyable holiday with our family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for!



District Receives Grant from Department of Ecology

Carrol A. Johnston, Diesel Coordinator for the Washington State Department of Ecology's Air Quality Program, has announced that the Port Angeles School District has been selected to receive a School Bus Replacement Grant for \$60,000 to help replace three of its primary use buses. Johnston explained that the grant funds "will help replace the oldest and most heavily polluting diesel school buses in the State of Washington, benefiting children greatly by a substantial reduction in emissions."

School districts throughout Washington State were invited to apply for the \$350,000 in available funds. Total awards per school district ranged from \$20,000 to \$60,000 with up to \$20,000 provided per school bus.

Transportation Director Jerry Eldred says the school district will replace three of its 1988 Ward school buses. "The replacement of these vehicles will not only be beneficial to our children, but beneficial to our entire community by reducing the health hazards of running these older buses," he added. Once the new buses have been delivered and put into use, the buses being replaced will be rendered useless by breaking the blocks of the engines to qualify them as useless. Parts on these buses, other than the actual engines, will be salvaged by the transportation department staff before the buses go to a wrecking yard. These parts have the potential to save another \$10,000 in value as replacement parts for other buses in the district's fleet. Transportation staff members have identified three Blue Bird Model BBCV3303S buses for purchase. These 72-passenger conventional buses will have ISB07 engines that meet the 2007 EPA standards as required by the grant.

"The total cost for three buses is \$280,656.20, including tax," Executive Director of Business and Operations Mark Jacobson said. The primary source of district bus funding is through the depreciation schedule which generates the state allocation of funds only for the purchase of new buses. Once funds are moved to the transportation account, they may be only used for purchase of school buses or vehicles that transport students. *Thanks to Dave and Jerry for their support in writing this grant!*



Culinary Arts and Choir Students Combine Efforts for Upcoming Madrigal Dinner

"Hear Ye! Year Ye!" Be it known that His Majesty, King Henry of Thermopolis, announces an invitation to his 2nd Madrigal Dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 5 and 6 at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center at 7:00 p.m.

The dinner theatre event, hosted by The Incubator, the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center and Port Angeles High School's Vocal Unlimited choir, features fine food prepared by the Skills Center's culinary arts students. Guests will feast on delicious food, hear beautiful music and moving storytelling.

Cost is \$25 per person. For ticket information, please contact Kristene Moorman – 360.565.2063, Denise Dahll – 360.565.1964, or Jolene Dalton Gailey – 360.565.1535.

Accompanying photo shows Port Angeles High School choir students, both juniors, Katie Moorman (left) and Heather Mowe as they practice "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" for the upcoming Madrigal Dinner. Moorman will play the part of Princess Catherine and Mowe, Queen Elizabeth.



Congratulations to PASD School Board President Cindy Kelly for her appointment as legislative representative for the Washington State School Directors' Association. Cindy was re-elected last weekend at the WSSDA conference in Spokane. She is pictured speaking to the WSSDA membership about foundation opportunities. Thanks, Cindy, for all you do on behalf of our students, staff and community, in Port Angeles and in Washington State!



Lincoln Students Collect for the Food Bank

Lincoln High School students brought in 606 cans of food and \$20 in checks for the Port Angeles Food Bank. They surpassed their goal of 500 cans! Students brought in cans and also collected from shoppers at Safeway and Albertsons on Friday, November 7. *Thanks, Lincoln students, for helping your community!*



Pictured, from the left, are Jessica Wilson, Stephanie Ulbrich, Lydia Turney, Annie Mackey, Brittany Brown, Jenessa Stevens and Sam Ellis.

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PAHS Annual Holiday Concert

All Port Angeles High School bands, choirs and orchestras will perform in the school's Annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's Performing Arts Center, 304 East Park Avenue. The concert is open to the public and free of charge. Audience members are advised to arrive early for this popular annual event showcasing student music success.



Parents As Partners: More Enrichment

Guest teacher Rosalynn Reese from Aglazing Art Studio brought ceramic plates and paint supplies for Parents As Partners students to create their own works of art. Reese will fire the plates and bring them back for the students to take home. *Accompanying photo shows Rosalynn Reese (left) with Michael Lannoye and Silvia Sensenbach.*

Weekly Meeting Schedule

December 2008

- Dec 1 Special School Board Meeting**
6:00 p.m. @ CSB
- Dec 2 Native American Intervention**
8:00 a.m. @ CSB
- Dec 3 Long Range Facilities**
4:30 p.m. @ CSB
- Dec 4 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



Twilight Treat

Thanks to Drs. Gary and Sue Cohn, who with the assistance of Jeff and Debbie Hinds treated about 125 PASD staff members to a private showing of Twilight. *Thanks for a greeeeeat time!*