

Port Angeles Fine Art Center's ArtPaths

Teacher Maria Kays and her Franklin fourth grade class walked across the street to the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center (PAFAC) for a gallery tour and art study session with Education Director Barbara Slavik a few weeks ago. Students sprawled out on the floors and window sills amongst the art of the current show, *The Seed*, an "artists then and artists now" themed show. (It's still open until January 8, 2008.)

The program is underwritten by the Hastings Foundation of San Diego and enables the PAFAC to subsidize school's transportation costs. Last year over 4,000 Peninsula youth were served through *ArtPaths*. For more information about the Port Angeles Fine Art Center and its upcoming programs, please visit: www.pafac.org/ or call 360.457.3532 to arrange a visit.

Captions: Left, Maria Kayes and students talk with Barbara Slavik about Peter Reiquan's Guard-O-Matic; right, Jacob Franco and John Vu look at Anna Wiancko-Chasman's clay horse; middle, Kerri Hinsdale studies one of the "then and now" artists' work.



Parents As Partners Adds Opportunity

Parents As Partners (PAP), Port Angeles School District's program to support and encourage parents who wish to educate their children at home, has added a new dimension to curriculum materials. By recently joining the Digital Learning Commons (DLC), PAP now offers on-line resources such as a digital library, on-line tutoring, and on-line curricula through Apex Learning's Class Tools.

Safety, accessibility, and quality are among the advantages of using on-line resources through the DLC. Rather than taking chances with several commercial search engines to find information and resources, the providers accessed through the DLC are carefully screened for quality, appropriateness, and safety. Tutors are screened and email correspondence between students and tutors is monitored by DLC staff. For more information visit www.learningcommons.org.



Parents As Partners is now accepting applications for full or part-time enrollment. For more information, call Craig Chambers or Debbie Clapshaw at 360.417.3779,

email Craig at cchambers@portangelesschools.org. *Caption: Jordan Johnson and his mother, Leanne, were among the first Parents As Partners families to explore the new resources offered through the Digital Learning Commons.*

Snow Day! If by chance we have a "snow day," just a reminder as to who is expected to come to work: All administrators, secretaries (except secretary level one), and individuals working a full time calendar, i.e. custodians, maintenance. Emergency leave or vacation can be taken to compensate for a "snow day." Sick leave will only be allowed if the employee stayed home sick for the work day. If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact Mary Hebert, 457-8575.



Beyond the Call of Duty



A long, heartfelt round of applause goes to Anita Reynolds for her seven years of outstanding service and support at the Central Services Building. She has been the “wheels” behind Skyward support, enrollment and student records and free and reduced meal applications. Lucky for Port Angeles High School, Anita is now working for the Career and Technical Education department as secretary. Anita will no doubt bring her toolbox of many skills to her new job! Thanks, Anita, for your incredible support of our students, staff and community!

Reminder: First Class CPR/AED Refresher Saturday, December 1 9:00 a.m. @ CSB

Weekly Meeting Schedule

Dec 3	Nutrition & Fitness 5:00 p.m. @ CSB
Dec 4	BLRB 3:30 p.m. @ CSB
Dec 5	Special Ed 3:30 p.m. @ CSB
Dec 6	ILT 4:00 p.m. @ CSB
Dec 7	Safe Schools 3:30 p.m. @ CSB
	Professional Dev Council 1:00 p.m. @ CSB

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

Message from the Payroll Office

DATED MATERIAL: Due by December 10, 2007 for Enrollment - Calendar Year 2007

Packets for the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for the calendar year 2007 were distributed to all employees in early October. If you wish to sign up for Flexible Medical Reimbursement or Flexible Dependent Care reimbursement, please submit your enrollment form to the Payroll Office by December 10, 2007.

Since we are continuing with Security Benefit, the same Third Party Administrator as last year, only those individuals wishing to participate in flexible spending accounts need to sign new forms this year.

If you wish to continue using your Flex Convenience Card, please indicate this desire on the bottom of the Flexible Spending Election Form. There is no need to complete the Flex Convenience Card Authorization form again if you filled it out last year.

If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail Pam Reilly, our Section 125 Compliance Specialist, at 1-800-809-8321 or 565-8321 or preilly@shelgrenfinancial.com.

A small number of additional packets are available next to the pop machine downstairs at CSB if you need a replacement.

Shamrock Series December 15

The Irish Tenors perform one night only on December 15 in the final concert of the Shamrock Series to benefit the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center. *“Tickets are selling fast,” says organizer Lynnette Crouse.*

The Shamrock Series was conceived by local citizens who wanted to help give the high school auditorium a “face lift” and to help celebrate the up-coming 50th anniversary of the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center. Call 457-9770 to purchase tickets!

Port Angeles High School Holiday Concert

All Port Angeles High School bands, choirs and orchestras will perform in the school’s Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 6 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.

Skyward Family and Student Access UPDATE

The Port Angeles School District has opened Skyward’s Family and Student Access to Port Angeles High School, Lincoln High School and Stevens Middle School students and families. With the family access web portal, you can easily review your student’s attendance, academic progress, and lunch account balance from any Internet access location. Visit your school’s website or log on to Family and Student Access on the district’s website: www.portangelesschools.org. Parents may also call their student’s school for password information (if inadvertently changed by household members).

REMINDER: Inclement Weather Notification

On days of inclement weather, school closure information is broadcast throughout the day on Radio KONP 1450 AM, and on most Seattle area TV channels (4, 5, 7 and 13).

Depending on weather conditions, decisions to close school or start late are usually made by 5:00 a.m., and generally out to the news media by 5:30 a.m. Any changes made throughout the day will be broadcast on Radio KONP and posted on the district’s website: www.portangelesschools.org.