



News and Notes

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★ Schools Closed Monday in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

All Port Angeles School District schools and offices will be closed in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 17, 2011.

★ February 8, 2011 Maintenance and Operations Levy-It's a Replacement Levy!

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

Levy Quick Fact #13 - How are levy dollars spent now? Basic education-55%; maintenance & operation of buildings-17%; special education-11%; other programs (career technical education, athletics, music, student activities)-10%; student transportation-7%.

Levy Quick Fact #14 - Voters have supported a PASD maintenance and operations levy since 1969.

Levy Quick Fact #15 - How Much More Might I Pay? See chart below-These estimates are increases to amounts already paid.

Home Assessed Values	2012-2015 Estimated Increase/Year
\$150,000	\$33
\$200,000 *	\$44
\$250,000	\$55
\$300,000	\$66
\$350,000	\$77

★ More Staff Levy Information Opportunities

- Monday, January 24 Hamilton (before School Board meeting), 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 28 Custodial, Technology, Maintenance, 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 2 Port Angeles High School, 7:30 a.m. (rescheduled from January 12)

★ Reminder - Final Conversion of Fiscal and Skyward-End of January

The final conversion of fiscal to merge with the Skyward student system takes place at the end of January. Conversion will tie up the system from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27 through about 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 28. There will be no access to the Skyward system during this time. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we wanted to be sure it did not interfere with a student school day.

★ [Strategic Plan Work In Progress](#)

The Board of Directors will continue the work of creating the District's five-year Strategic Plan in a **Tuesday, January 18** work session beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

★ From Our School Nurses

In recent months there has been an alarming increase in cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) in California, Oregon and Washington, including 2 in Sequim in mid-December.

Pertussis is caused by bacteria and causes severe coughing spells, vomiting and disturbed sleep. It can be life-threatening in infants and elderly people. It's spread by coughing/sneezing while in close contact with others. Many infants who get Pertussis are infected by older siblings, parents or caregivers who might not even know they have the disease.

As most of you know, the State now mandates Tdap vaccine for all incoming 6th graders. It's been found that the last dose of Dtap given at kindergarten age is not providing ongoing immunity for Pertussis, and cases are being seen in teens and adults. The Tdap vaccine is given as a booster and provides protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

The recommendation for Adults 19 and older is: Adults under age 65 who expect to have close contact with an infant younger than 12 months of age or isn't immunized (including women who may become pregnant) should get a dose of Tdap. Waiting at least 2 years since the last dose of Td is suggested, but not required.

For more information, please contact your health care provider or Callam County Health Department (now located at 111 E. 3rd St. Suite 1A. Their phone is 417-2274 and their immunization clinics are on Wednesdays from 11 am to 4 pm. You may also access the CDC (Center for Disease Control) site at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or ask your school nurse. [Lily Thomson Resa Yamamoto](#)

★ Martin Luther King Jr. Race Equality Essay Contest Deadline January 28

Essays are due Friday, January 28, 2011 and should be sent to Marsha McKay at the Central Services Building. Each essay must have the student's name, teacher's name, grade level and school clearly identified. (Awards-Tuesday, March 1 at City Hall!) *Prompts for the 2010-11 are attached!*

★ From PASD Payroll-Reminder

2010 calendar year flex plan participants - You have 90 days after the close of the plan year (after 12/31/2010) to submit paper claims to Security Benefit. After the 90 days, unused balances will be forfeited. Balances can be checked online at <https://www.online-enrollment.com/secBen/Login.asp>

★ [Port Angeles High School Cheer Squad Organizes Cheerleaders Reunion](#)

Port Angeles High School's Cheer Team invites all former PAHS cheerleaders to be part of the 1st Annual Roughrider Cheer Reunion on Friday, January 21 during half-time of the varsity girls basketball game vs. Port Townsend High School. spread the word! Email [Dana Snell](#) for more information.

★ [College Goal Sunday](#) - Free Help with Financial Aid Forms - Sunday, January 30

Peninsula College has invited students and family members to get free expert help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during *College Goal Sunday* on January 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held on the Peninsula College main campus in the Science/Technology Building classrooms.

★ [MAC Informational Meeting](#) - February 10, 6:30-7:00 in the library at Franklin Elementary. MAC stands for Multi-Aged Community, a program open to elementary students in grades one through five in the District. For more information, visit the [MAC webpage](#).



★ **Community Invited - Fourth Annual Pie Bake Off**

Port Angeles High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will be hosting its fourth Annual "Pie Bake Off" Contest on Tuesday, February 8 during halftime at the boys and girls double header basketball games, Port Angeles vs. Sequim.

Bake up your best! Contestants must drop off pies by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7 at the high school's Main Office, 304 East Park Avenue. Contest proceeds will help pay for FBLA senior scholarships. Call Rachael Ward at 360.565.1529 to pick up an entry form.

★ **Message From the Port Angeles Fine Art Center**

PAFAC just opened with an amazing exhibition based on Bryn Barnard's book, *Outbreak: Plagues that Changed History*. Artist and author Barnard combines art, history and science to educate both children and adults about infectious diseases. Barnard is the award-winning author-illustrator of the *Dangerous Planet*, *Outbreak*, and *The Genius of Islam*, plus 20 other children's books for which he provided illustrations only. Please call 457.3532 or email [Barbara Slavik](mailto:Barbara.Slavik) to schedule an interpretative visit. PAFAC provides free busing and admission.

Beyond the Call of Duty



★ **School Board Recognizes Price Ford Lincoln-Mercury for Donation**

David Price, owner of Price Ford Lincoln-Mercury, was recognized by the Port Angeles School District Board of Directors at its January 10 meeting for the company's donation of the proceeds from the *Drive One 4 UR School* program to the Port Angeles High School (PAHS) athletic program. The 6 hour fundraiser held October 31, 2010 brought in \$3,180 to assist with costs for the scoreboard system upgrade in the Port Angeles High School auxiliary gym. For each person who test drove a new Ford vehicle \$20 was contributed to the program. Price announced fundraising will continue in April.



★ **Board of Directors Honored by Governor Gregoire and School District**

Governor Chris Gregoire has proclaimed the month of January as *School Board Recognition Month* in Washington State to give tribute to the importance of our elected officials in public education. The School District honored its five elected directors and appointed student representative at its School Board meeting on Monday night. A round of applause to our Directors- President Cindy Kelly, Vice President Sarah Methner, Steve Baxter, Dr. Patti Happe, Lonnie Linn, and student representative Connor Spurr! Thank you for your support of our students, staff and schools!

★ **Featured Photos – KONP “Voice” Volunteers**



More Featured Photos ... “Voice” Volunteers and Levy Talks



PAHS DECA’s Caylie Cook and Jennifer Boesenberg present their Ronald MacDonald House fundraiser project (and cookies) to Central Services building staff on Monday morning.



★ **Weekly Meeting Schedule, Central Services Building**

Tuesday, January 18

Wednesday, January 19

Thursday, January 20

Special Meeting, School Board, Strategic Planning, 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Parent Leadership Group, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

Multi-Ethnic Committee, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Instructional Leadership Team, 3:45-5:45 p.m.