



News and Notes

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★ **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Saturday, January 7 – Open House at the Y@ the Plaza , 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. You're Invited!

Friday, January 13 – [Fifth Annual Pie Bake Off](#) during half time basketball games, Port Angeles vs. Sequim. Pies Due January 12 by 3:00 p.m. to PAHS Main Office!

Friday, January 27 – Due Date for Annual Racial Equality Essay Contest. [More Information.](#)

Friday, February 3 – Fish on the Fence Event Benefits Lincoln High School Arts [More Information](#)

Friday, February 10 – [Annual PAHS Talent Show](#) – Come out and Support Paraeducator Camille Frazier! Auditions will be held the week of Tuesday, January 17 through Friday, January 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., PAHS Auditorium.

★ **How to Create Your Flex Plan Account – Participant Access - 2012**

Participants and employers can access the site at www.securityflex.com. You have the ability to view plan information and reports for your plan. Information provided on the website is in real time and should show purchases and reimbursements as they enter the system. Participants will find detailed information regarding account balances, transactions and personal account information. They will also be able to manage their personal information online including updates to their mailing address, email address, phone number, and direct deposit information. [Step by Step Instructions Available On How to Create Your Account](#)

★ **REMINDER - 2012 Washington State Classified Employee of the Year Nominations Now Open**

To nominate, go directly to www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/ClassifiedEmployees.aspx and click on "Nominate a great school employee today" in the blue box in the right column! Nominations extended to January 13, 2012. (Nomination letter required.) Need help? Call [Tina Smith-O'Hara](#) at x3703.

★ **REMINDER - 2012 History Teacher of the Year Program, Statewide Call for Nominations**

The National History Teacher of the Year award honors outstanding American history teachers from around the country. Washington selects one state finalist every year as Washington's History Teacher of the Year and forwards that candidate to the national program. Nominations for teachers, grades seven through twelve, are now online at www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/memos2011/M072-11.doc. Deadline February 1, 2012.

★ **REMINDER - CenturyLink/OSPI Teachers & Technology Grant Program - Apply Now**

CenturyLink (formerly the Qwest Foundation) Teachers & Technology grants are designed to fund projects that use real-world technologies to enrich standards-based curriculum and support student-centered instruction. Applications due Tuesday, February 7, 2012. More information - www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Grants/Competitive/CenturyLink/default.aspx.

★ **From School Nurse Resa Yamamoto** - This is a must see for ALL STAFF. Your life and health depends on it!! 23 and 1/2 hours: What is the single best thing we can do for our health?
www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUaInS6HIGo&feature=email.

★ **From Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition** - You may have noticed a new billboard in our community. The PAHYC billboard was rolled out on December 19 in time for the holiday season. It is the kick off to our Social Norms Campaign as part of our Work Plan with the Drug Free Communities Grant. The clean, simple statement, "PA Parents Say: We don't provide alcohol to minors" reflects data derived from our Parents Survey conducted in 2010. Take a look – the sign is posted on the south side of Hwy 101 just west of the Paint and Carpet Barn.

★ **From the City of PA** - Looking for something to do? Check out the City of Port Angeles Recreation Activity Calendar for January 2012 to find out what's going on at the Senior Center, the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, and the scoop on other recreation programs. Visit www.cityofpa.us/recreation.htm#RAC.

★ **Beyond the Call of Duty!**



★ **The Leadership class at Stevens Middle school** held a coat, hat, gloves, and scarves drive, as well as teaming up with **the Junior Honor Society** for a Families of Stevens food drive. The results were amazing given the fact that both drives only lasted 8 school days. Over 200 coats and too many to count hats, gloves, and scarves were collected and given to the Port Angeles Food Bank for distribution to kids who really need such items going into the winter. The food drive netted food for 8 Stevens' families in need. Just another good story about our students in Port Angeles *Thanks, Stevens! Thanks, Tom Leinart for passing on the good news!*

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★ **Sodexo Service!**

Thanks to Tony Andrus, who works in the PAHS cafeteria, for the smiles and good cheer brought to the lunch room in December!

Thanks to Sodexo – the staff who served the First Step Family Support Center’s annual Holiday Party AND to Sodexo Services for sponsoring the entire dinner!

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★ **Congratulations to PAHS seniors for Academic Achievement!**

The Port Angeles Education Foundation recognized PAHS seniors who have maintained a weighted 3.5 GPA over three years and have taken at least six year-long honors or advanced placement courses. The 2011 awards were presented to Erin Beard, Mariah Crowley, Tarah Erickson, Connor Gouge, Gigi Grier, Tori Holcomb, Kiah Jones, Courtney Lemon, Hayden McCartney, Elisabeth Moriarty, Lauren Norton, Mia Piper, Connor Reid, Nicholas Shindler and Jacob Woods in December. *Congratulations!*

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Olympic Kiwanis Honor Dry Creek Staff

Olympic Kiwanis members visited Dry Creek School this week to express appreciation and thanks for everything staff does for children at Dry Creek. Kiwanis members were honored to offer support in this small way, knowing how difficult things are for school districts, teachers and all educational personnel right now. “We wanted them to know that we understand how much they do and how hard they work, and that we value that.” *Congratulations, Dry Creek!*

★ **Photos from the "Week"**

Sodexo Staff Celebrate the Season in December – Dry Creek Elementary December Events and Fun! Dry Creek Staff Honored by Olympic Kiwanis



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

Tuesday, January 10 – District Math Committee Meeting, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 12 – Instructional Leadership Team, 3:45-5:45 p.m.