

Gregoire Proclaims School Board Recognition Month

Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed the month of January as *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington as part of a nationwide effort to honor our elected officials in public education.

The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) reports that there are 1,482 elected school board members in Washington State's 296 public school districts.

WSSDA provides leadership and services in support of school board members throughout the state to ensure the highest quality learning for our students.

Port Angeles Schools Superintendent Gary Cohn expressed his deep appreciation of our own Port Angeles School District Board of Directors, saying, "During these difficult times, with increased state and national accountability, it is particularly admirable that our school board has met challenges head on, focusing on student achievement in our district."

"Thank you to our current board members, Patti Happe, Jeff Hinds, Cindy Kelly, Charlie McClain and Nancy McLaughlin, plus all former board members, for their countless volunteer hours, working individually and as a team, in helping our community foster the best learning environment for our students."



Pictured above: President Charlie McClain seated, and standing left to right, Board Member Nancy McLaughlin, Vice President Patti Happe, Board Member Jeff Hinds and Legislative Representative Cindy Kelly at the January 8 board meeting.

**Junior Ambassador Program
Mutsu Delegation Agenda
January 6 – 10, 2007**

The Peninsula International Relations Association (PIRA), the Port Angeles School District's local partner in supporting cultural exchange visits, hosted the 12th visit of Port Angeles School District's sister schools in Mutsu City, Japan this week, January 6-10. Students toured the area with host students and families, visited classrooms in Port Angeles schools, and hosted *Culture Fairs* at Roosevelt and Stevens Middle Schools. PIRA works in partnership with its sister organization in Mutsu City, the Mutsu International Relations Association (MIRA), and the city of Port Angeles.



Pictured to the left: Toshifumi Mizue, 14 years old, demonstrates a game using tops during the Culture Fair at Stevens Middle School.



Pictured below: Kaho Uchiyama, ninth grader from Mutsu City, helps Stevens Middle School eighth grader Tally Swanson write her name in Japanese.

Beyond the Call of Duty



Congratulations to Mary Ann Unger! Olympic League's Assistant Principal of the Year. Thank you for all you do for our students.

Mary Ann Unger, Olympic League's Assistant Principal of the Year

The Olympic League announced that Mary Ann Unger, assistant principal at Port Angeles High School, has received the league's Assistant Principal of the Year award.

Mary Ann has worked for twenty-three years in Port Angeles schools, serving students in a variety of roles. She started with the Port Angeles School District as a para-educator in 1983, working her way from reading specialist to elementary principal to central office administrator. For the last three years, she has served as assistant principal at the high school.

Principal Scott Harker, who nominated Mary Ann for the award, wrote in his nominating letter, "Her vast experience and knowledge makes Mary Ann an incredible resource for the school. She is also a leader when it comes to our local levy and promoting the positive things happening at the school. As assistant principal, Mary Ann has taken on the challenges of student discipline, student leadership, activities, testing and special education. In each of these areas, Mary Ann brings a student-centered approach and focus to make Port Angeles High School a better experience for our students."

In addition to her duties at school, Mary Ann is working on her Educational Doctorate in School Administration at the University of Washington.

Pictured in photo, top left: Port Angeles School Board President Charlie McClain presents her with a certificate of appreciation from the school board at their regular meeting on January 8.

Port Angeles School District Job Postings

Head Girls Golf Coach and Head Coach Varsity Girls Fastpitch

Port Angeles High School Closes: January 26, 2007

January Schedule

15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
16	President's Council 3:30 p.m.	CSB CSB
16	MSTT 4:00 p.m.	CSB
18	Superintendent's Multi-Ethnic Committee 8:45 a.m.	CSB
18	Parent Leadership 12:00 Noon	CSB
18	ILT 4:00 p.m.	CSB



Dry Creek Elvis sighting! Shirley Mast celebrated Elvis' birthday on January 8.

LEVY NEWS



February 6, 2007 Maintenance & Operations Levy speaking engagements are in "full swing" with assistance by district staff and Port Angeles Citizens for Education (PACE) members. Here, community member and local businessman, Jim Haguewood talks to the Noon Rotary Club about the upcoming levy.