

Digital Portfolio Project Recognized as #1

Stevens Middle School's Digital Portfolio Project was recognized as the number one technology project by forum organizers at the Microsoft National Innovative Teachers Forum last week.

Stevens Middle School teachers Pat Durr, Rob Edwards and Dwayne Johnson were one of twenty-seven teaching teams from across the United States invited to the forum held September 21 and 22 on the Microsoft campus in Redmond, Washington.

The eighth grade teaching team now will attend the Microsoft World Innovative Teachers Forum in Philadelphia in November. The team is one of four from the United States that will join twenty teams representing all continents.



The Digital Portfolio Project focuses on improving education through the use of technology. By utilizing computer networks, teachers create websites and integrate digital curriculum into their own subject areas. Students create web-based electronic portfolios representing their academic school work and community involvement such as jobs, awards, community service, athletics, hobbies, music and academics.

Durr credits the students as an important part of the forum application process and notes, "They are the ones who should be proud. It was their work that merited this award."



Congratulations to the Port Angeles High School Woods Technology program teachers, staff and students for the recent grant awarded them by the North Peninsula Builders Association.

The \$1,400 grant makes it possible to purchase equipment and accessories for the program's lathe machine, and extends the opportunities now offered to our students.

In the photo to the left, volunteer John Elliott demonstrates his "finished top" to woods technology students.

It's Backpack Time: The packs and bags students carry today can average 10 pounds, and the cumulative lift over the school year will average 21,600 pounds! How can we help our students remain healthy and pain free?

- Leave those items that are not needed in a locker or safe storage area.
- Size the bag or pack to the need. Big bags and packs tempt the carrier to overload.
- Fit the pack to the carrier. The bottom of the pack should ride waist high or a little higher.
- Reduce the weight to 10% or less of the carrier's body weight.

Information from Linda Williamson, OT/R, Strait Occupational & Hand Therapy.



Beyond the Call of Duty



Thanks to Cheri Lefevre for her incredible work on behalf of Choice Community School students, teachers, staff, and Principal Cindy Crumb! Your support of our work is amazing as we continue to meet the varying needs of all students in the district. Choice is entering an exciting time, from its accreditation as a high school to now deciding on a new name, mascot and school colors. Thank you for your dedication to Port Angeles students! You continually go above and beyond the call of duty!

Weekly Meeting Schedule

October

2	Special Education 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	CSB
	New Teacher Training 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	PAHS Library
	School Board - Study 7:00 p.m.	CSB
3	District Math 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	CSB
5	Elementary Principals Study 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	CSB
	ILT 4:00	CSB
6	Coaches Meeting 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.	CSB

Current Job Postings

Grade 8, Boys Bsktball Coach RMS

Special Ed. - Para Educator
6.0 Hrs - 5 days PAHS

A full list of open positions can be accessed on Job Opportunities or our district website at www.portangelesschools.org

Board Briefs

- The board met in executive session to consult with legal counsel until 7:00 p.m.
- The board met in regular session on September 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Hamilton Elementary School.
- The consent agenda was approved as presented.
- Principal Cindy Crumb reported on the name change process for Choice Community School. On Monday, October 9, 2006 the Choice Community School site team will ask the Port Angeles School Board to officially change the name of the school to: Lincoln High School. Mrs. Crumb also reported that the mascot will be the Wildcats, school colors: burgundy and gray, and the graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at the Peninsula College, Little Theater.
- Principal Loren Engel gave the Hamilton Elementary School report covering Hamilton's 50th year anniversary, highlights of the 2006-07 school year, WASL scores, and notable accomplishments of the past three years. First grade teacher Lisa McCoy reported on the Fletcher and Caulkins writing pilot and adoption.
- Cindy Kelly gave the legislative report.
- Dr. Cohn gave the superintendent's report.
- The board approved the 2006-07 Board Continuous Improvement Plan.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Hebert read the Clallam County Literacy Council Proclamation designating the month of November as Family Literacy Month. The board approved Resolution 067-01 acknowledging the importance of literacy efforts in our community, and proclaimed the month of November Literacy Month in the Port Angeles School District.
- Scott Brodhun provided a brief recap of the long range facilities and capital bond committee and membership proposal.
- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at Central Services.
- The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m. to an executive session to review the performance of a public employee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with no action taken.

PAHS Students Reclaim their Campus!

Last Saturday Port Angeles High School students, led by their own Roughrider football team, "reclaimed" their campus by picking up trash and painting handrails.

Approximately 100 students and 10 adults worked for 2 hours beautifying the campus. Thanks for showing your Rider Pride! Football team members, left to right, Gavin Rogers, Cameron Moon, Mike Marvelle and Jake Madison, helped in the school-wide effort.



Roosevelt Middle School Hosts Open House on October 3

Roosevelt Middle School parents are invited to the school's Open House on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Parents should arrive at 6:45 p.m. to pickup their student's schedule. School yearbooks and Roosevelt sweatshirts will be on sale.