

Franklin Elementary Celebrates Dr. Seuss Family Night

Franklin students and their families “cozied up with a good book” for Dr. Seuss Family Night on Wednesday. Families brought blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, and spread out in the library and read together.

Special guests, humans and dogs, from Olympic Gentle Paws read with staff and families. Judy Hendrickson shared that it is thought that when children read to dogs, their reading improves. Group members travel to schools, nursing homes, adult day care centers reading and offering comfort to people.



*Ashlynn Uvila and Hunter,
Olympic Gentle Paws reading dog.*



A Franklin student receives a lick of approval.

Communities That Care - Strengthening Families Program©

Strengthening Families Program© (SFP) is a Best Practice curriculum for parents and their children in grades five through eight.

SFP has proven outcomes, including:

- Reducing the percent of youth who report use of substances by 26% to 56%
- Reducing conduct problems by 32% to 77% (impulse control and other similar behaviors)
- Increasing the ability of parents to set and enforce appropriate limits and show affection to and support for their children

YOUTH LEARN:

- How to keep friends, resist peer pressure, handle angry feeling and manage stress

PARENTS LEARN:

- How to show love and set limits with your child
- Tools for parenting teens effectively

“Our programs are a total win-win for this community,” says Community That Care Community Coordinator Karen Meyer. “They are entirely grant funded, and are addressing the issues and risks that our students face based on available data. We supplement the work that teachers are doing and work to identify the students that are most in need of academic and behavioral/relational assistance.” Meyer reports that in any one week in Port Angeles, over 300 families are being served by CTC programs: 180 6th graders at Stevens Middle School, 60 students receiving tutoring, and 60 families involved in parenting and family workshops.

Meyer notes that “experience has shown that a personal referral or invitation really helps initiate family participation.”

For more information, contact Karen Meyer at 457-0529 or e-mail karen_ctc@tenforward.com.



*Rosemary NewDay, SFP instructor
and student.*



Beyond the Call of Duty



Port Angeles School District staff and community joined Jill Oakes in celebration of her retirement on February 22. Jill's expertise and cheerful spirit won't soon be forgotten. We wish her only the best as she sets sail on the next leg of her life's journey. Thank you Jill for the personal touch you gave to all of us!

Thank you to all who helped raise approximately \$8000 for Jump Rope for Heart. All elementary schools participated in this fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

Weekly Meeting Schedule

Mar. 6	Special Ed Committee	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	CSB
Mar. 7	Policy Review Committee	5:30 p.m.	CSB
Mar. 8	Facilities Efficiency Task Force	7:00 p.m.	CSB
Mar. 9	ILT	4:00 p.m.	CSB
Mar. 10	Learning Improvement Day		

Current Job Postings

Mechanic 5 Hours/Day PTC

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 February 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Choice Community School, Community Conversations preceded the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 - The board approved minutes from the February 13, 2006 regular meeting.
 - Principal Cindy Crumb presented information on Choice Community School's Accreditation process, and the work being done to complete the accreditation endorsement by August of this year.
 - Principal Crumb presented a current status on the NovaNET program.
 - Current status and focus of Parents as Partners was shared by Craig Chambers and Cindy Crumb.
 - Michelle Charles spoke about the upcoming tenth annual school district potlatch scheduled for March 23, 2006.
 - Policy 2021, Instructional Resources; first reading was approved by the board. Procedure 2021P will go before the board for a second reading March 13, 2006.
 - Policy 1240, Committees; first reading was approved by the board.
 - Policy 4110, Citizens' Advisory Committees and Task Forces; first reading was approved by the board.
 - After an Executive Session, the meeting reconvened at 9:23 p.m.
 - The board approved the proposed Administrator/Supervisor Salary Schedule for 2006-07 and 2007-08.
 - The board unanimously approved the extension of Superintendent Cohn's contract through June 30, 2009.
 - The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at Central Services..
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Students Celebrate Valentine's Day with Olympic Torch Run

Hamilton and Franklin students, accompanied by staff members, celebrated Valentine's Day and the Winter Olympics by participating in a "Torch Run" from their respective schools to the Landing Mall.



Hamilton Student Haley Gray.

Port Angeles High School Concert on March 7, 2006

Port Angeles High School music groups will be featured in a Tuesday, March 7, 2006 concert at the high school's auditorium. Featured groups that will perform include: Symphonic Band, Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, and Symphonic Orchestra. The concert, open to the general public with free admission, begins at 7:30 p.m.