

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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"Whatever it Takes"
in Klallam

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

MARTY'S MINUTE

The school year is off to a great start! It is outstanding to see all of our students back on campus and eager to learn. Thank you to all who attended the District Welcome last week. I gained a lot of insight from Kody Russell's presentation on 'The Science of Hope' and learned more about the heritage and history of The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. I plan to use the tools and knowledge learned from these presentations in the coming year and hope you do as well.

Back to School Fair

Thank you to everyone who came out to the **13th Annual Back to School Fair!** This year we had 11 informational booths hosted by community and school-based programs.

Sodexo employees and **Kiwanis members** handed out seven-day meal sets and extra lunches for a total of **5,711 meals!** Wow!

More than **42 families** shopped in the clothing closet, where they received new jackets, shoes, shirts, pants, and socks. Thank you to our **Caring For Kids Closet** volunteers! You are amazing!

The haircut booth was busy all day long, providing haircuts to students! In three hours, **44 kids** received haircuts by four volunteer beauticians! Thank you to our volunteer stylists: **Krissy Wilhelm with Ellav8e Beauty Studio, Zoe Kromm with Great Clips Sequim, Sarah Pecoraro with Hair Solutions, and Leeann Almoguera -Private Stylist.**

Shout out to our incredible sponsors who provided funds or items that filled 1,000 bags with school supplies for our Port Angeles students: **Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Port Angeles Education Foundation, Steve Methner - State Farm Agent, Sound Community Bank, Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles, United Way of Clallam County, First Step Family Support Center, Costco, and Interfor.**

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this day special for our families and getting students started on the right foot with the supplies and support they need to succeed!

Local beauticians hard at work for our students.



Jasmin Thomas with AmeriCorps and Amanda Sanders with Lutheran Community Services, handing out school supplies.

Luke Gavin - Senior, Tasha Fitzgerald with Kiwanis, and Jamie Williams with Nutrition Services, hand out meal kits.



Back to School Success!

Thank you to everyone who has been going above and beyond, doing "Whatever it Takes" to get our students back in the classroom full-time, five days a week! If you catch someone doing "Whatever it Takes", snap a picture and send it to cgeyer@portangelesschools.org



NJROTC Cadets volunteered their Saturday at Nor'Wester Rotary's Jammin' in the Park concert on 9/4/21. Cadets helped bands move equipment and managed parking. Thank you, Cadets!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month's staff spotlight is Julie Bryant, Dry Creek Elementary's new Principal!

- **Where are you from?** Seward, Alaska
- **Where did you go to school?** I went to elementary, middle school, and high school in Seward. I went to college in Pullman, Anchorage, and Albuquerque.
- **Favorite thing about working at Dry Creek so far?** The smiles are so brilliant that I can see them in the eyes of staff and children!
- **What was your first job?** Scooping ice cream and making fish and chips at the Salmon Cache in my hometown.
- **Do you have any pets?** Yes! Juni. The sweetest beagle ever.
- **Favorite foods?** Salmon and oysters
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** My mom's molasses cookies.
- **What is your favorite vacation?** Anywhere in Central or South America!
- **Who is your hero?** My mom
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Earning a Ph.D. in 4 years and having my mom there to see me walk across the stage
- **What was the last book you read?** The Listening Leader
- **Who is your favorite author?** Isabel Allende
- **What's your favorite movie?** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
- **What makes you laugh the most?** Rachel and Susan's shenanigans
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Go to the beach with my sister and nephew, eat a seafood lunch, and go for a long walk with Juni.
- **What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Radar Love
- **What's your biggest dream?** To continue to feel at home here in Port Angeles and Dry Creek Elementary and to convince my sister and family to move closer!
- **What is your goal for this year?** To have a safe and joyful learning and working environment for the whole Dry Creek community
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I worked on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in 1989 and cleaned rocks on the beaches of Prince William Sound. I lived on a boat for 3 months.
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Halloween
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Right in the middle
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Dan Levy
- **Anything else you'd like to share?** I walk my beagle Juni to the waterfront every morning and dip my toes in the water. Those simple acts of moving my body, feeling the water, and being with Juni grounds me in the absolute joy I feel living here in Port Angeles and working with the staff, students, and families at Dry Creek.





Pictured Above: Lizzy Shaw (left) and Becca Manson (right) work on their 'Off the Grid' model for the national competition.

Stevens Middle School 7th grade team of **Lizzy Shaw and Becca Manson**, for the first time in Port Angeles history, earned **first place** at the **Technology Student Association (TSA) National Competition** in the 'Off the Grid' Competition' in 2021! They had to research a sustainable architectural design for a home in a country of their choosing, document their findings in a display model, and present their design.

Congratulations to Becca and Lizzy, and advisors Gunnar Thomason, Christine Spaulding, and Dan Lieberman! Stevens had 19 student competitors at the TSA Competition in March, and 17 went on to nationals. Congratulations, Stevens Stampedeers!

TITLE SPONSOR



Bike-Run-Row

September 26, 2021

4TH THRU 9TH GRADES

Category 1: 4th-6th grade

Category 2: 7th-8th grade

Category 3: 9th grade

Little Hurt includes 3 legs – biking on the Lincoln Park BMX track, rowing on rowing machines provided by the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association, and trail running in Lincoln Park. Each participant does all of the legs – there is not a relay option for Little Hurt.

\$15 – All participants Register at:
<https://bighurtpa.com/little-hurt/>



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Backpack Buddies - Take & Make Kits from the North Olympic Library!

Beginning Friday, September 10th, while supplies last, families can pick up a kid-friendly take and make craft!

Kids can create and stitch their own plushie to clip onto their backpacks. Simple patterns will be provided, but feel free to use your imagination!

Recommended for 2nd grade and up. Adult supervision may be required due to sewing needles. Supplies & instructions included.

If you'd like to donate through payroll deductions to the Port Angeles Education Foundation and United Way, the time is now!

Forms for United Way are available from your building's lead.





Pictured right: Keynote speaker, Kody Russell, Executive Director of Kitsap Strong, sharing a message on the science of hope to all District employees. We learned and explored how to be pathways rather than barriers when helping students reach their goals.



"Handle With Care" provides a system of wraparound, school-based services so students who experience trauma at home or in their community are better able to succeed in school.



We have a new webpage on the District website for the new Handle With Care program. [Click here](#) to check it out!

PAEF Grant Application Due Oct. 7th!

During the 2020-21 school year, PAEF is funding 17 projects totaling nearly \$37,000 throughout the district, ranging from 11th-grade personal finance to musical instruments for middle school and elementary students.

While COVID-19 precautions prevent field trips this year, there were multiple requests for book collections and clubs, gardens, and outdoor space enhancements.

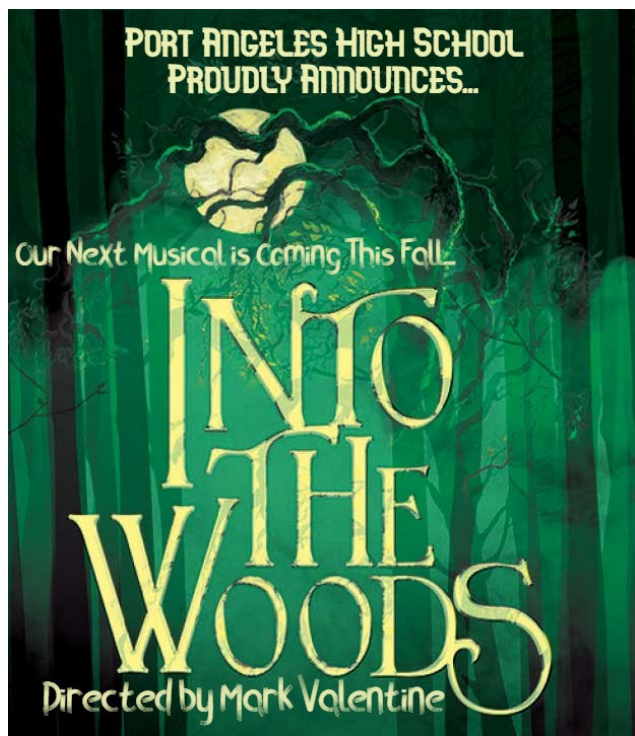
[Click here](#) to learn more and apply today!

BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the past, teachers were issued vouchers from the Port Angeles Friends of the Library (PAFOL) to "buy" books for their classroom libraries before the start of the school year. Due to COVID, PAFOL is unable to offer that program this year.

However, PAFOL has received a big donation of 2,500 children's books for elementary and middle school students and is selling them for \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. PAFOL invites all teachers and parents to come and purchase these books. They are on a special rack in the lobby of the Port Angeles branch of NOLS. They are being sold through the PAFOL bookstore.

The PAFOL bookstore opens at 10am Monday through Saturday and closes at 5:30 Monday through Thursday, 4:45pm on Friday, and 3pm on Saturday.



This show will run in the auditorium from November 12 - 21 (6 Weekend Performances).

September 16 During Lunch

At PAHS, we love our clubs and encourage every student to participate in one or more extracurricular or co-curricular club, activity, or sport in order to be connected, and therefore more successful, in school.



Toiletry and Clothing Donations

Michell Gentry is hosting a clothing closet and providing toiletries for students. Starting this year, students can drop by room 204 to visit the new clothing closet and pick up any needed toiletries. Donations of clothes and toiletries can be dropped off in room 404 from 1pm to 5pm at the high school or the main office.

City of PA Seeking Student Representatives!

The City of Port Angeles is accepting applications to fill two Student Representative vacancies on the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission.

The two Port Angeles School High School/Lincoln High School students are appointed by the Commission to serve for one school year. They are non-voting positions. Student members must live in the school district boundaries and be between the grades of 9-12 (Freshman-Senior Year).

How to apply: Download an application from www.cityofpa.us or request one by mail by contacting City Clerk Kari Martinez-Bailey at 360-417-4634 or kmbailey@cityofpa.us

For more information, please visit <https://www.cityofpa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1062>

News and Notes, our PASD staff newsletter, is emailed out each week on Friday during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. Do you have a news item for the staff newsletter? Send an e-mail to Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org by the Wednesday before.

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