

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

February 4, 2022

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

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

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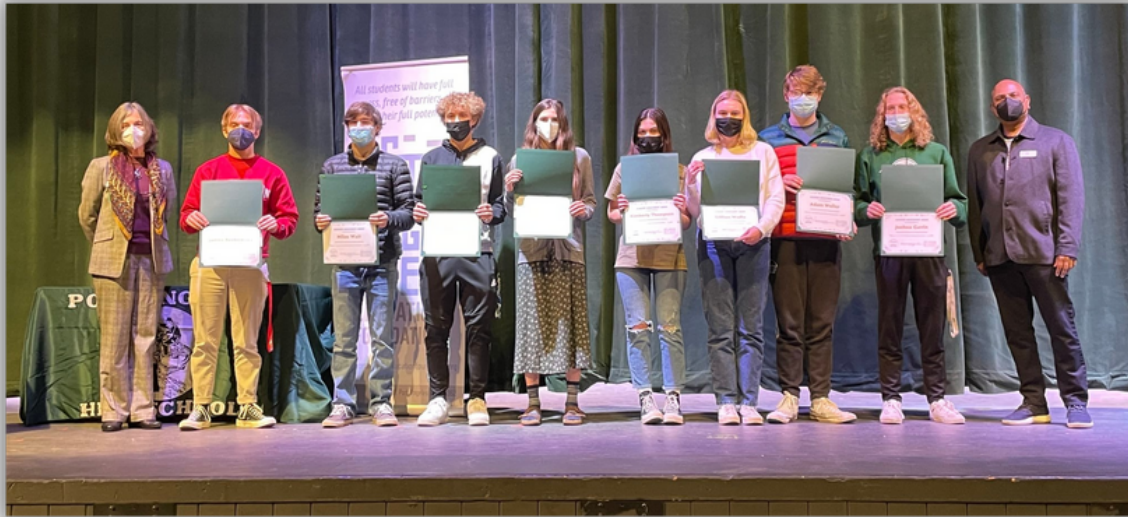
We are officially in the second half of the school year! While Punxsutawney Phil made his Groundhog Day prediction of 6 more weeks of winter, let's make each day brighter for one another and for our students!



Dry Creek Elementary celebrated TWO's Day, 2/2/22! Some students and staff dressed as twins, sported two different shoes, or had their hair in double braids or buns! Students participated in a doubles math fact challenge and explored what types of things come in pairs. Double the fun!

PORT ANGELES EDUCATION FOUNDATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year the Port Angeles Education Foundation (PAEF) recognizes our top Seniors with their Academic Achievement Award. To qualify students must earn a 3.5 or better GPA every semester of their 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade years while also taking at least 9 Honors, AP, and College in the High School classes. Congratulations to this year's awardees! Thank you, PAEF, for honoring and celebrating these students' success!



Pictured left to right: PAEF Board Member Annette Wendel, James Saskowsky, Miles Wait, Damon Gunderson, Emi Halberg, Kimberly Thompson, Gillian Wolfe, Adam Weller, Joshua Gavin, and PAEF Board President Ray Chirayath.

SUPER BOWL PARTY SUPPLY RAFFLE

3 CHANCES TO WIN!!!

1. 25 lbs GROUND BEEF \$130 Value

Locally, organically, grown grass fed beef

2. 8 lbs each wild caught Alaskan salmon/cod \$100 Value

3. Barrel O' Beverages

one ticket for \$10 or 3 for \$20

CLASS OF 2022 GRAD NITE PARTY

Drawing will be Wednesday, February 9

The Nor'Wester Club of Port Angeles

ANNOUNCES THE **Rotary**



AUCTION 2022

This online auction is for everyone!

FEBRUARY 4 - 5

FEATURED BID OPPORTUNITIES:

Donated trips, adventures, premium wine, picnic table/bench, homemade pies and . . .

AMAZING AEROBATICS IN A CLASSIC BIPLANE!

Proceeds will benefit:

Scholarships for graduating high school students

Port Angeles Boys and Girls Club

Local COVID-19 relief efforts

Downtown Port Angeles murals

Safe & sanitary toilets in Togo, Africa



Who's ready to support the hard-working PAHS Class of 2022??

Super Bowl Party Supply raffle to help fund the grad nite party.

Three chances to win. 1/\$10 or 3/\$20.
Email or reach out to Becky Gunderson
to get your raffle ticket today!
RGundersen@portangelesschools.org

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

This weeks' staff spotlight is Casey Shea - Resource 2 Special Education Teacher at Dry Creek!

- **Where are you from?** Bellingham, Washington.
- **Where did you go to school?** I received my BA of Business Marketing from Western Washington University and M.Ed. of Low-Incidence Disabilities from the University of Washington.
- **Favorite thing about working at Dry Creek so far?** The students, families, our R2 teaching team, and the supportive staff.
- **What was your first job?** I began my professional career as a Massage Therapist. My first teaching job was at Ingraham High School in North Seattle, Co-Teaching ELA and providing small group instruction for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities.
- **Do you have any pets?** We have a rowdy tabby cat named Shark and a goofy husky/shepherd mix named Moose. They're constant entertainment.
- **Favorite foods?** Shepherd's Pie.
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** Frosted Carrot Cake, Moosewood Cookbook.
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** Chicama, Peru.
- **Who is your hero?** Megan Rapinoe, US Women's National Soccer Team.
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Passing calculus.
- **What was the last book you read?** Sapiens, by Yuval Noah Harari.
- **Who is your favorite author?** Barbra Kingslover.
- **What's your favorite movie?** The Life Aquatic.
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?** 1965, Bob Dylan plugging in at Newport Folk Festival.
- **What makes you laugh the most?** My husband's frequent voiceovers for our animals to express their unique personalities and inner thoughts.
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Surfing at La Push with friends & good waves.
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** Soccer. I'm a big Seattle Sounders fan.
- **What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Willie Nelson's, Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys.
- **What about hobbies?** I relax through singing and playing guitar, gardening, surfing, and snowboarding.
- **Do you like to travel?** My husband and I are both teachers and we've been on a steady rotation of adventures to Kauai, Mexico, and Peru.
- **What's your biggest dream?** Open a non-profit coffee shop with a mission to support adults with disabilities in developing vocational and social skills after high school.
- **What is your goal for this year?** Create a classroom culture of learning, respect, and safety.
- **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Teaching Special Education in Port Angeles.
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I'm an identical twin.
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Memorial Day.
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Big-time extrovert.
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Temple Grandin.
- **How many languages do you speak?** I can hold a conversation on the beach in Spanish.
- **Anything else you'd like to share?** My husband and I have dreamed of moving to the Olympic Peninsula for many years, so I'm overjoyed to be teaching in the community I've enjoyed spending time in for so long. We are truly fortunate to have supportive neighbors and colleagues. Thank you for your time!





PREVENTION WORKS!

A Community Coalition of Clallam County

YOU'RE INVITED! FREE ONLINE CLASSES!

Up Your Parenting Game: Support Yourself and Your Family

Session 1 (Age 0-10): Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm: Feb 16, 23, March 2, 9

Session 2 (Age 11-18): Dates to be Announced in March

ONLINE CLASSES: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/up-your-parenting-game-support-yourself-and-your-family-tickets-255526886797>



Rachel Hardies is a mental health counselor at New Growth Counseling Services and a mental strength coach with Head in the Game Consulting. She has been supporting families and youth in our area since 2009. Outside of work, Rachel has many places she enjoys putting her time. High on her list is: running or walking outside near the water or in the forests and spending time with her family and friends. She's most inspired by being able to share what she's learned with others.

TOPICS COVERED

- Gain an understanding of how your nervous system works
- Learn how to use that knowledge to help your child
- Gain an understanding about youth development
- Learn an attentive play process called Being N.E.A.R.R to improve your relationship with your child
- Explore ways to respond to typical child behaviors such as aggression, whining, not doing what you've asked, and helping with transitions
- Plus! Door Prizes, Food Coupons, and More!

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Prevention Works! advocates, educates and invests in our children.
... Helping children thrive for 24 years ...*

More Information: www.pw4kids.org - info@pw4kids.org

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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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