

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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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.

### MARTY'S MINUTE

I sincerely thank all of our staff members at each school, department, and district office for your support and collaboration this year. Again, we did the unimaginable to keep our students in school. Thank you for the part you played and for being incredibly flexible. We had to do things we've never done before to make this year work. Thank you!! I look forward to attending our graduation ceremonies and hope you can join me in celebrating our students' success! They most certainly didn't reach this goal without your hard work! Thank you. I wish you all a great summer and I hope you can find some time to recharge and rest. You've earned this time.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and Port Angeles School District celebrated its Native American Class of 2022 Graduates. Festivities included a parade to honor student achievements, gifts throughout the parade route from Tribal Departments/Programs, and gifts from the Lower Elwha Tribal Council at the end of the parade at the Tribal Center. Way to go, Graduates!



PASD honored the 25 employees who are retiring this year with a celebration on Tuesday, June 7th. Principals and Union reps shared kind words and funny stories about these soon-to-be-retired staff members.

PAHS orchestra students and Mr. Rødahl opened the evening with beautiful music.

[Click here](#) to see the list of retirees, their positions, and the number of years of service to our District. Thank you to these valued employees and all they did for our students.







The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center (PAFAC) hosted an opening reception for their "Blooming Artists" Exhibition on Tuesday, June 7th. Guests heard from Assistant Superintendent Michelle Olsen, Dry Creek Teacher Mary Krzysiak, and Franklin first-grader Azalea Stanley. This special exhibit runs from June 9th to 19th. You definitely do not want to miss this garden-meets-art-meets science-meets-healing event. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Port Angeles High School celebrates four graduating students who will receive the Washington State Seal of Biliteracy. The Washington State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes public high school graduates who attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more world languages in addition to English. Graduating seniors will receive a notation on their high school diploma and high school transcript indicating that they have earned the seal.

**Students receiving this honor at graduation are:**

- Nghi Nguyen in Vietnamese
- Heidi Nolasco in Spanish
- Angelique Hernandez in Spanish
- Lance Menes in Tagalog



The last Todd Ortloff show on KONP featured graduating seniors from Port Angeles, Lincoln, and Seaview. Click the link below to hear from Briauna Simpson at Seaview, Oliver Alore at Lincoln, and from Port Angeles was Kimber Thompson, Luke Gavin, and Will Rife. These students shared about their high school careers and what they plan on doing after graduation. [Listen Here!](#)

**2022 PAHS GRADUATION CEREMONY!**

When: Friday, June 10th. Gates at 6:30p. Ceremony 7:30p.

Where: Civic Field (307 S Race St, Port Angeles, WA 98362)

[Click here to watch live or the recording!](#)



Graduation is here! Click the photo to watch live or the recording. The link will also be on the district and PAHS webpage.

Please join us in congratulating Seaview Academy Graduate Kaylee Helgesen. Kaylee graduated early in March 2022 and is walking in the PAHS graduation ceremony! Here are a few words from Kaylee:

"My favorite thing about going to PAHS and being a roughrider was when I went to State in Cross Country. I also enjoyed participating in track, drama class, and choir.

My favorite thing about attending Seaview Academy and doing online classes was being able to do it anytime I wanted.

I work at KFC/Tacobell and have worked there for more than two years. My goals and aspirations after high school are to attend Peninsula College and get my associate's degree in business. I want to work in human resources."

Congratulations, Kaylee! We are proud of you!



## RECESS WITH RELATIVES

Dry Creek Elementary welcomes family members to come to school and check out what recess is like for their kiddo! So far, it has been a success! Students love having their family members out playing with them and their friends.

Pictured right is grandparent, Tawnia Scroggins, having fun with her granddaughter on a sunny day!



Briauna Simpson was elected as Seaview's "Student of the Month" in May. Mrs. Rhyne has worked with Briauna since she was a junior, and had this to say about her:

*"Briauna has proven herself as a dedicated scholar, artist, and philanthropist, who wants only the best for others. She has pushed herself into success. When Briauna began Seaview her junior year, she was overwhelmed with family and personal challenges, including her own mental health. Briauna has sought resources to help herself overcome life's unexpected obstacles. She is a student who practices healthy, self-care living and is willing to share her experiences with others. She has learned how to use her resiliency skills, which have been key. Briauna uses her artistic abilities as an outlet for creating and producing fantastic, original artwork. She recently designed a new logo for Seaview Academy's 2021-2022 t-shirts! Pictured left.*

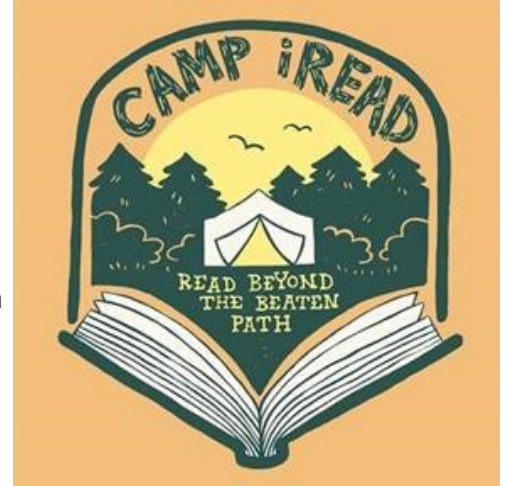
*Briauna is focused on her academics, for example, she added Physics this year as an elective. She is a straight-A student and was honored as Seaview Academy's first senior speaker at our Virtual Graduation Ceremony on June 8! GO, Class of 2022!"*





# TAKE THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

The North Olympic Library System challenges everyone in Clallam County to “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” this summer! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at [www.nols.org/srp](http://www.nols.org/srp) and read – or be read to – daily to earn a limited-edition T-shirt and enter to win prizes. Beginning June 13, pick up a free book, track your reading and participate in free activities all summer like a reading launch party with Olympic National Park for families, author talks, and a Books and Locations program that pairs books with places to explore for adults, a weekly Discovery Club with art, nature and science activities for kids, and much more.



Summer reading is great at any age, but is particularly important for young people. Kids who don't read during the summer can lose up to a third of what they learned in the previous school year. NOLS Summer Reading Program provides a fun way for families to help keep kids engaged, prevent the “summer slide” of learning loss, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Sign up at [www.nols.org/srp](http://www.nols.org/srp) and set a daily reading goal. Track your reading from Monday, June 13 through Saturday, September 3. Whether you read for 20 minutes or two hours, it counts as a reading day. Read for 30 days to earn an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing and pick up a special Summer Reading Challenge T-shirt designed by local artist Melissa Klein. Read for an additional 30 days for a second entry into the drawing. Each Grand Prize Drawing winner can select one of the following prizes: a \$100 gift card to a local book store or restaurant, or a LEGO® set (up to \$100 in value).

Save the Date

## 14th Annual Port Angeles Back to School Fair!

When: Saturday, August 20th, 10am to 1pm.  
Where: Jefferson Elementary (218 E 12th St, Port Angeles)

Join us in person for this year's event!  
Students will receive:

- Grade-specific school supplies
- Health care information
- Food

- Clothes
- Haircuts
- Resources for the coming year, and more!

Interested in volunteering for the Back-to-School Fair? It's going to be fun, I promise! If you'd like to sign up, email Carmen Geyer!



## **Stay *well* during summer break**

Make this a self-care summer, a time to recharge, a time to build resiliency and focus on your well-being. Use your free SEBB wellness benefits to support you. Participate in activities that support all of you, including managing stress, building resiliency, and adapting to change.

1. Get started or keep earning points at [smarthealth.hca.wa.gov](https://smarthealth.hca.wa.gov)
2. Complete the Well-being Assessment and earn 800 points. SmartHealth offers activities that align with your assessment outcomes.
3. Continue to earn points for each activity completed. Earn 2,000 points by November 30, 2022, to qualify for a *\$125 wellness incentive*.



### Summer Food Service Program

Sponsored by  
Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula

**JUNE 20 - AUGUST 30\***  
(NO SERVICE JULY 4)  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST  
GRAB & GO FOR 18 AND UNDER**

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\* SERVING DATES/TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### Summer 2022 Youth Activities and Camps

Port Angeles, WA

[Click for more information](#)

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](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org) by the Wednesday before.

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