

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



December 17, 2021

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

MARTY'S MINUTE

We made it to winter break! I hope you all have a restful and restorative couple of weeks ahead.

In keeping with my promise of transparency, I would like to share the presentation Kira Acker and I gave to the Board of Directors regarding our District Finances and ESSER III Budget update. ESSER Funds are administered through the U.S. Department of Education and is intended to support efforts by states and school districts to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools as well as address learning loss.

To learn more about our District's plan, you can watch the presentation [here.](#)



*PAHS Music Department Holiday Concert
December 15, 2021*

Wow! What a show! All of our music students created an incredible performance on Wednesday! Thank you to our Music Department Heads, Jarret Hansen, John Lorentzen, and Nathan Rodahl for bringing much-needed joy and energy to the community!

Students at Dry Creek Elementary were visited by District Administrators and Board Members on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, for the Annual Read Aloud! Thank you to the special guest readers, Rachel Summers, Kira Acker, Sarah Methner, Michelle Olson, Mary Hebert, Marty Brewer, and Tanner Zahrt.

Pictured: Superintendent Marty Brewer reading to Mrs. Parrill's 3rd grade class .

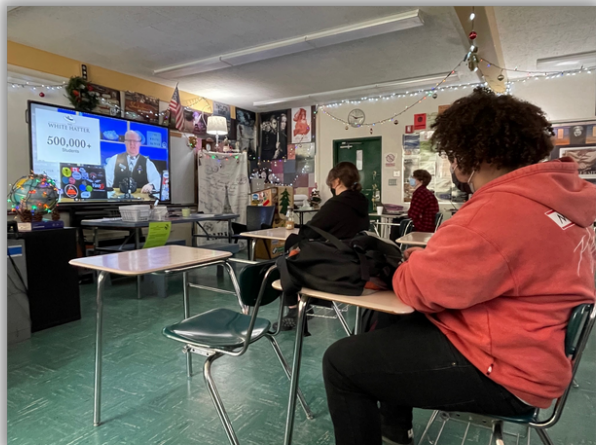


Great job to the Franklin Elementary Team for navigating a power outage on Tuesday! The school has three transformers within the building, and one failed, causing a power outage. The City of Port Angeles restored power and replaced the failed transformer. They also replaced the other two transformers initially installed in 1976!

Special thanks go out to the City Of Port Angeles for making Franklin a top priority this week. The city sent multiple linemen to Franklin to restore power as quickly as possible and get students back to class! Thank you, thank you!

A note from a Franklin Family: I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the Franklin staff, I know the closing of the school and having all children picked up can be overwhelming. Franklin staff did a wonderful job at making sure the children were picked up in a safe manner.

**Thank you,
Stephanie Washburn**



All students at PAHS attended a virtual assembly presented by The White Hatter on internet safety. This live and interactive presentation is designed to provide students with proactive, reflective online critical thinking and decision-making strategies that students can immediately put to good use. Our goal is to help students make the right online choices to keep them safe, savvy, and more digitally literate.

Pictured: Students in Teacher Kelly Loyal's advisory classroom watching the White Hatter presentation.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

This month's staff spotlight is Burdette Greeny - Bus Driver



Where are you from? Sioux City Iowa.

Where did you go to school? Sioux City Central.

What do you do for the district? A school bus driver. I started as a sub driver in 1985, and in 1987 I became a regular driver.

Favorite thing about working here? The people I work with and the kids

What was your first job? Grocery Warehouse started at \$2.62 an hr

Favorite foods? Honey walnut prawns!!

What's your favorite family recipe? Goulash

What is your favorite family vacation? Victoria BC/Maui Hawaii

Who is your hero? My daughter and son

What is your proudest accomplishment? Raising 2 great kids

What was the last book you read? Tom Brokow

What's your favorite movie? Ford and Ferrari at IMAX in Victoria

What makes you laugh the most? A good joke

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? Spend a day on the beach in Maui

What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play? Basketball

What about hobbies? Bicycling & yard sales

Do you like to travel? Oh boy! YES

What is your goal for this year? Stay healthy and get back to Victoria BC

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Retired! Traveling

One fun fact that most people don't know about you: Played in the preliminary game for Peninsula College, Played against UW- scored 18 pts, against a UW freshman.

What's your favorite holiday? Christmas

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? Extrovert

What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee? Russell Wilson, I think he is a great person and a positive influence in Seattle.

How many languages do you speak? I barely speak English!!!

Anything else you'd like to share? I coached both my son and daughter in basketball, baseball, track, and soccer from ages 6 - 17. They both ended up being very good athletes.



Roosevelt Elementary's 12 Days of Giving



Students and staff celebrated the holidays with a 12 Days of Giving Drive! Students brought in more than 4,450 food items to put baskets together for students to take home over the break.

Pictured Left: Kelly Sanders 6th Grade Teacher with students helping gather items. Thank you Kelly for leading this project!



Hamilton Elementary's Ugly Sweater Day



Back Row: Brook Anderson, Stephanie Clifton, Dan Horton, Laurie Burke, Candace Burkhardt, Dan Cobb

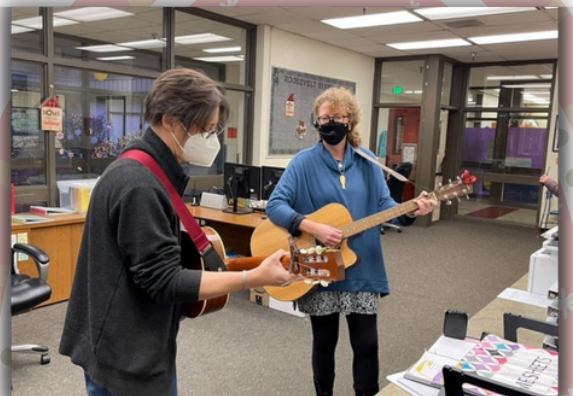
Middle Row: Mary Mosley, Stephanie Latzel, Lucy Waite

Front Row: Amy DelaBarre, Julie Smith, Stacey Townsend, Danyelle Brannan, Janet Vaughn, Becky Winters, Krista Winn, Kelci Turner



Dry Creek students celebrating
positive shirt day!

Roosevelt Morning Holiday Music!
Roosevelt Music Teacher Ms. Kramer has used the school intercom every morning this week to sing a holiday song to the whole school! Joining Ms. Kramer is special ed paraeducator, German Pina! What a fun way to start the day!!





Family Navigator Becca Larson, pictured right with friend Amanda Kidd treated Lincoln Center Staff to Christmas songs during a cookie exchange!

Students in Stephanie Gochnour's Seaview class made 29 fleece tie blankets for holiday gifts to give to some of the residents of Crestwood Senior Living Home. Each month, Stephanie offers enrichment projects for students to give back to the community!



Pictured Above: Lillyanna Lucas, Elle Furry, and Anaya Tejeda



Pictured Above: Naveah Davidson

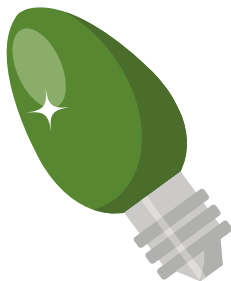


Lincoln High School celebrated with Waffle Wednesday! Yum!

Pictured: DeAnn Manwell, Sergio Raya, Cindy Rogers, Cindy Crumb



Jefferson Elementary's Holiday Door Decorating Extravaganza!



KUDOS KORNER

I wanted to submit my gratitude and "shout out" to our district Nursing staff. They ALL have been exceptional! Going above and beyond the call of duty for whatever it takes for our students, families, and staff. They are the ones we all are looking to for guidance, support, and professional knowledge during this pandemic. They're working "In the Trenches" with us and it's impressive. I appreciate each and every one of them!

**Julie Smith ~ Secretary
Hamilton Elementary**

I would like to share an extra enthusiastic THANK YOU to Sharon Ganje with our Help Desk. Thank you, Sharon, for being so kind, flexible and responsive to my seemingly-endless need for tech help. Over the summer I changed both my name and my school, so the list of things I've needed help with has been quite long.

When the server did something unexpected with all of my Word files the day before my class newsletter was needed, Sharon came straight out to my classroom, found a work-around so I could make my newsletter, and then came back the next morning to make sure all of my files were restored.

This kind of quick response, always with a smile, always effective, is really nice, especially when one is frazzled by tech troubles!

**Big shout out to Sharon for being awesome!
- Jessica Baccus**

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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