

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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## 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

Happy Friday! Another week is winding down, and with only seven weeks left of school, I challenge each of you to think about what you would like to accomplish before this school year wraps up in June. I am SO proud of each and every one of you. You continue to step up to the plate time and time again. Let's continue this momentum and finish the year stronger than ever!



## Earth Day Celebrations!



Pictured Left:  
Lincoln students picked up trash, enjoyed "dirt cup" desserts, and were given Western Hemlock trees to plant from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.



Pictured above: Several Seaview students, families, and staff showed up to remove litter from Hollywood Beach



Lower Left:  
Students  
Paige Parker and  
Jodi Cowin

Attendees enjoyed lemonade and Coco Carlson gave tree seedlings to students to take home and plant for Earth Day! Staff who supported the Earth Day extravaganza were: Cindy Crumb, Coco & Alex Carlson, Angela Duplesis, Jennifer Cox, Mary O'Kieff, Jerry Papers, Janice Rhyne, Trix Donahue, and Christine Spaulding.

## Shred Event Success!!

Thank you to everyone who came out in the sunshine and supported our School Supply Shred Event! With your help, we surpassed our first-year efforts of \$1,400 and exceeded our goal! We raised \$2,276 for school supplies!

Shout out to our sponsors and volunteers:

Steve Methner - State Farm Agency, Sound Community Bank, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles, Hannah and Michell with AmeriCorps, and Karen from Transportation!

Thank you, thank you!!





**Please say hello to Jan Gilchrist and Teresa Stark!**

This week's staff spotlight features a fantastic Secretary duo from Franklin Elementary. Jan and Teresa are both from Port Angeles. Teresa worked at Franklin first, starting in 1996 as a para, and Jan began to work with the district in 2005. In 2008, Jan joined the Franklin Family, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

During their spotlight interview, Jan and Teresa said that they pretty much share the same brain after working together for 13 years. Sometimes they come in dressed identically without planning to do so! Co-workers have commented that they call each other to plan outfits, but it just naturally happens! They even answer to each other's names, and the kids sometimes can't tell them apart. Through the years, they enjoyed decorating for the holidays and making celebrations fun for staff and students. The kids love the silly decorations

Both of their families have deep roots in PA. Teresa's whole family lives on Gagnon Road, and her stepdad, who is 94, was born and raised on this road. Her mom and stepdad live next door, and she can help caretake for them easily since they live so close. The joys in Teresa's life are her three sons, four grandkids, and reading. Jan has three sons, two grandkids and also shares in the caretaking of her 94-year-old mother. Jan's husband recently retired from UPS after 37 years, and they are looking forward to having time to go camping and help with the kids more.

If you haven't heard, both of these lovely ladies will be retiring at the end of this year. They plan on taking it easy and celebrating all their years of hard work. Jan likes to keep busy, so she might do some work-from-home jobs to stay active. Teresa can't wait to take road trips and visit her sons.

Jan and Teresa agree that the people at Franklin have been phenomenal and have made it easy to come to work. Teresa shared that her co-workers feel like family and have been there through her ups and downs. She also noted that Franklin is a healing place, and it's been a treat to work there. Jan commented that the days flew by and were never dull. "You just never knew what to expect."

Thank you, Teresa and Jan, for your years of silliness, support, and dedication to the district. We can never replace you, and your memories will last forever!

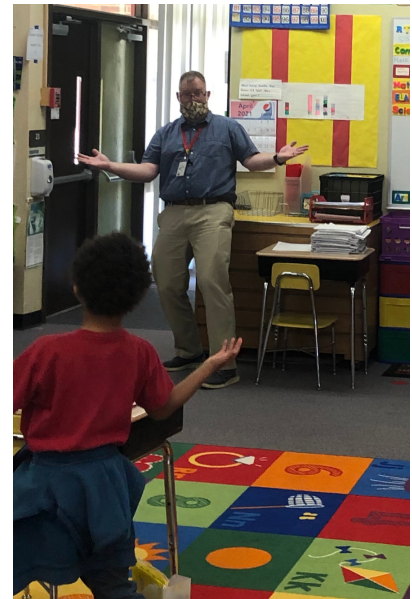


## KUDOS CORNER!



Shout out to Franklin Principal, Jeff Lunt! He has been an incredible leader through this pandemic. He supports teachers and students and makes time to get to know students and check in with them. Jeff is always working to keep our spirits up with a joke. I appreciate all his hard work and long hours to make our school great.

- Sarah Schaefermeyer



## Please Welcome New Custodial Hires to the PASD Team!

If you see your new custodians, please say hello and thank them for all of their hard work!



**Taryn Wilson**  
PAHS



**Dan Spegal**  
Roosevelt



**Chris Ramsey**  
PAHS

## Season 3 Sports Start Monday, 4/26!

- Boys: Basketball, Swim & Dive, Tennis, and Wrestling
- Girls: Basketball, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Cheer, and Cheer Tryouts for the next year

[Click here](#) for online registration.







Click the KONP photo to listen to our Stevens Middle School Team talk about the CTE program! Principal Lunt, Mr. Thomason, and student Allison Woodhouse were all guests on the Todd Ortloff show on Wednesday, April 21st. They discussed the CTE program at Stevens and how recently, 17 out of 19 students placed at the state TSA competition. All 17 are moving on to NATIONALS! Listen in to learn more!



Please help us spread the word that on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m., we will be offering a virtual information and orientation session for incoming kindergarteners!

Parents will have the opportunity to join an online event to ask questions, hear from Superintendent Martin Brewer and Assistant Superintendent Michelle Olsen. Parents will then have time to meet their child's new principal and teachers!

Registration is required by Wednesday, May 19th. Click the photo to learn more!

Please email [cgeyer@portangelesschools.org](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org) with questions.

We are excited to announce a new **Transitional Kindergarten** program for the fall of 2021-22 school year! This program is for children who do not have access to high-quality early learning experiences prior to kindergarten. We are accepting applications from April 19th to May 14th.



For this program, a child must be under five years of age as of August 31 of the year of entry. **Click here** to learn more and how parents can apply!

The application period for next year's PASD Board of Directors Student Representatives is now open!

**Click here** for the application. The deadline to apply is June 1!



You were made to be awesome!!

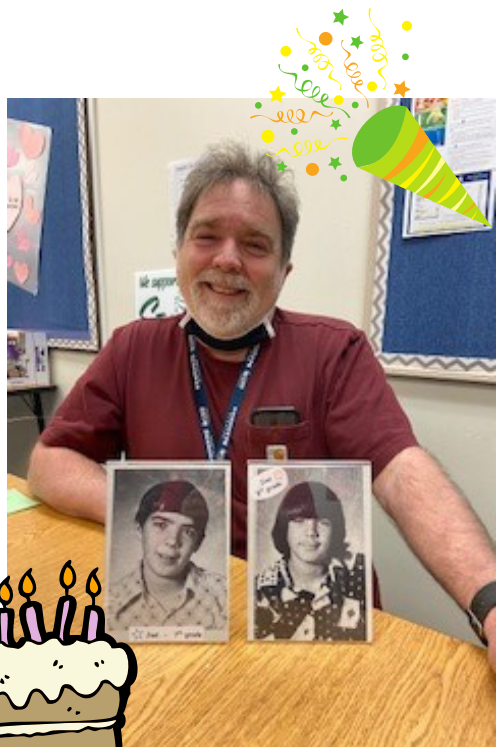
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A note from NJROTC: We have almost completed the **Vietnam War Memorial Push-Up Challenge**. We are at 94.7% and have completed 55,239 push-ups so far. Only 3,079 left to go!

If you want to help Roughrider Company finish the task, drop down, give us 10 and then let us know. Email: [jbeck@portangelesschools.org](mailto:jbeck@portangelesschools.org)



**Happy 60th Birthday to Joel Peterson, Roosevelt's awesome custodian! The pictures in front of him are from when he was in 7th and 8th grade here in Port Angeles.**



### **Happy Administrative Professionals Week!**

**All of the secretaries and school administration team in the district building were celebrated on 4/21 with a royal theme.**

**A note from Janice Rhyne: "Happy Administrative Professional's Day from the Seaview Staff and Families! Find comfort in the knowledge that we are helpless without you!"**

**Coffee and Donuts were served and golden crowns were placed on the wonderful PASD workers. Scott Harker, Human Resources Director helped pass out the crowns and certificates of appreciation. Several teachers and Seaview Staff attended the celebration. Throughout the week, the District Admin team was also celebrated with baseball-themed treats and goodies! Thank you to the executive team for showing your thanks and support to the Admin Team!**

**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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