

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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Employee Newsletter

Martin Brewer, Superintendent

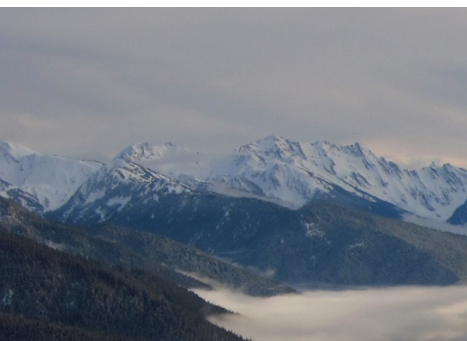


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Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

MARTY'S MINUTE

Here we are, in the second week of bringing back students in phase 2.4! This phase seemed so far off when we were planning our strategic return in the summer. We have officially welcomed back all grades this week and it feels incredible. Light is at the end of the tunnel but we must stay committed, diligent, focused, and loyal to safeguards. What we are doing is working. Way to go, everyone!!



Logan Williams graduated from Seaview Academy this week! Logan was a student of Jan Rhyne's and will be attending UTI in Arizona this fall. He plans to take a couple of classes at PC and find a job until he moves to Arizona in the fall. Please join us in wishing Logan good luck and congratulations on graduating! Pictured left, Logan and Principal Cindy Crumb.

EQUITY SURVEY



Your voice matters!

The Equity and Inclusion Survey will **close today by 5 pm**. We would love to hear your voice and gather your perspectives related to equity in our district. The data we collect from the survey will help form the next steps in our journey towards building an equitable system. We look forward to hearing from you! **[Click here to take the survey!](#)**



Everyone, please say hello to Josh Krysiak!

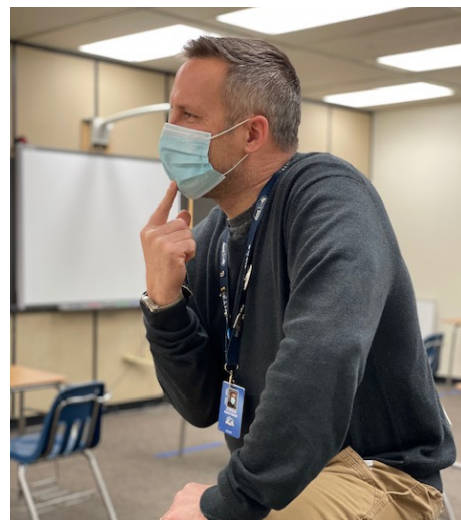
Josh is a 7th-grade teacher at Stevens Middle School and has been with the district for three years. He first started teaching 4th grade at Dry Creek where his wife, Mary Krysiak, is also a teacher. The staff quickly realized there was only room for one Krysiak working in the building, and since Mary was everyone's favorite, Josh moved to Stevens. Mary and Josh have been married for 23 years and moved here in June of 2018 with their kids Anna, 19, and Josh Jr, 17. They fell in love with the Olympic Peninsula while on a family vacation, camping in the Heart O'the Hills area, and knew they had to move here from Vancouver, WA. They wanted to escape the rat race and suburban sprawl, so they packed up to move to PA.

Josh is a Navy reservist and has served for the last 26 years. He also served in the Persian Gulf in 1995. (Thank you for your service, Josh!) One of Josh's coolest memories was being on the USS Abraham Lincoln Naval Ship while in the San Diego fog for three days. They came out of the mist and found themselves smack dab in the middle of America's Sailing Cup!

Duty has taken Josh all over the country, but family vacations are his favorite kind of travel. Their last couple of trips before covid took them to Boston and Hawaii but last summer, they camped in the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone while pulling their trailer. Fishing is also a favorite pastime. Josh is looking forward to halibut season and heading out on the water with a fellow teacher, Brad Ahrndt. He also enjoys fly fishing for steelhead and has fished along the Sol Duc with our very own retired Chuck Lisk.



Left: The Krysiak's on a hike through the Olympics.



Right: Josh pondering life's biggest questions.

Josh enjoys being a teacher because he gets to act like a 7th grader. He also shared that a big part of teaching is providing students with learning opportunities he never had. His mission is to inspire and motivate students and appreciates the freedom to make a difference academically, socially, and emotionally in their lives.

Josh loves PA, and he will be here until he gets kicked out. He shared that he is very grateful for his 7th-grade counterpart, Scott Soul, fabulous assistant principal Zane Laughbon-Olmsted, and outstanding principal Kristen Lunt. Josh also couldn't forget to shout out the fantastic superintendent, Marty Brewer, and incredible Michelle Olsen, as well as the rest of the staff at Stevens. Josh also wanted to mention his #eastsidecrew for life!

Thank you, Josh, for being the wild and personable teacher that you are. You bring a spark to student's lives at Stevens!

KUDOS CORNER!



Shout out to the ladies in transportation. Karen, Laurie & Deb have had probably one of the most challenging puzzles of us all this crazy year. While there may have been a few kerfuffles along the way the past few weeks, they have been absolutely remarkable. Not only did they somehow figure out how to get all the Stevens, PAHS, and Lincoln kids transported, but they have been figuring out solutions for our kids with remarkable speed. Once I called in the morning to set up special bussing for a new student, and they had a route set up for the student within hours. When we have challenges, they are always quick to find solutions with a positive attitude!

- Rachel Picard

Thank you!

This week, we have been highlighting the essential contribution of **school counselors** within our District on social media and during this week's board meeting. We acknowledge the tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Join us in saying thanks for their efforts and dedication to our students!

Vietnam Memorial Push-Up Challenge Update

To date, 29,106 push-ups have been completed and we need to complete 29,212 more push-ups by Memorial Day. Send your weekly push-up totals and photos to Senior Chief Justin Beck, jbeck@portangelesschools.org by Monday of each week. Every push-up counts!

Kindling compassion
 In a kindred-
 Neutral way
 Does everyone good as a
 Natural part of
 Each day. So, do or
 Say something friendly right now.
 See? It's nice. It's totally like,
 WOW!

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PARENT SUPPORT

The **AmeriCorps** team will provide tutoring sessions for parents and students at three locations across the community beginning on Tuesday, February 16th. Parents can learn about the platforms their children are on each day and also help students who need the extra support. Parent/student tutoring will be available from 4-6p:

- Tuesdays starting 2/16 at Roosevelt in the gym
- Wednesdays starting 2/17 at Jefferson in the library
- Thursdays starting 2/18 at Dry Creek in the library



Hamilton 5th grade students created a Martin Luther King Jr. mural using colored pencils to display in the library. Nicely done!



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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