

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.

K-6 Returns to In Person Learning!

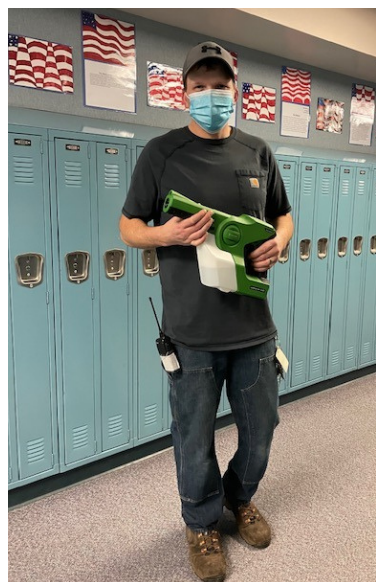
Our Dry Creek Dragon Team welcomed the Seattle Times to do an article on our reopening process. We were chosen for this opportunity because of the exemplary way we handled remote learning and paved the way for reopening school for the rest of the year.

Dry Creek was specifically chosen for this site visit because of all the great work by staff to create systems of support for students and families in the last year. The goal of Times Reporter, Dahlia Bazazz, was to showcase our new safety procedures and processes and highlight the steps we have taken to get the students back in the classroom. Bazazz and Photographer, Amanda Snyder, arrived on-site Monday at 6 am to start interviewing Angela Tamas' 5th-grade class. Afterward, they traveled to the Lower Elwha Tribal Learning Center to meet with staff and students and learn about the new facility and its programs. Frances Charles, Lower Elwha Tribal Chairwoman, answered questions and told the story of the opening of this new learning center back in September. Watch for this article to be published next week. Join us in congratulating all the K-6 Teams on their efforts to bring our learners back safely!

MARTY'S MINUTE

Big week for all those involved with bringing back K-6 learners again.

Thank you for all of your efforts, engagement, and positivity!



Dry Creek Custodian, Robert Erickson applies electrostatic atomizing chemical cleaner to classrooms after lunch.



Dry Creek 5th Grader, Colton Page hard at work in Mrs. Tamas' classroom while masking up and social distancing.

KUDOS CORNER!



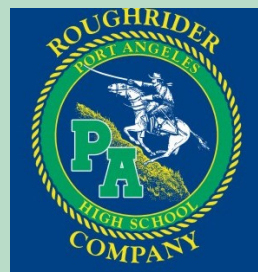
Kudos to **Alyson Schilke**, PAHS Librarian extraordinaire! Alyson routinely serves students far beyond the normal library demands. She has created a friendly, helpful atmosphere where students feel comfortable coming to get extra tutoring and support. Alyson connects students to the teachers and support staff they need, she makes them smile, keeps them accountable and gives them an additional go to person if they ever need it. She is equally helpful to staff and I especially appreciate how she supports the AmeriCorps team members as they come in new each year. Alyson is a valuable and outstanding resource at Port Angeles High School. - Michell Gentry

Vietnam Memorial Push-Up Challenge

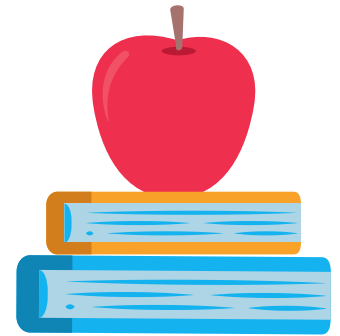
The Vietnam War Push-up Challenge is an event in which one push-up is done for every name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. Easton High School NJROTC in Maryland is sponsoring this nationwide event. **PAHS NJROTC Roughrider Company** has accepted the challenge of completing all 58,318 push-ups in honor of all the names on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.

The challenge is underway and needs to be completed by Memorial Day 2021. Each Memorial Day new names are added to the Wall as new information is discovered.

Roughrider Company is challenging **YOU** to help conquer this goal. To date, **16,822** push-ups have been completed and we need to complete **41,496 more** push-ups by Memorial Day. This will be a community effort and is easy to do during social distancing. If you want to help Roughrider Company make it to the finish line, please send your weekly push-up totals to jbeck@portangelesschools.org by Monday of each week. Every push-up counts!



Pictured Left:
Color Guard
participating in the
pushup challenge.



VULNERABILITY
is not winning
or losing. It's
having the
courage
to show up
when you can't
control the
outcome.
-Brene Brown

Everyone, please meet Pamela!

Pamela Miller is in her second year at Jefferson and is an incredible 2nd-grade teacher. Pamela and her husband moved to Port Angeles from Madison, WI in 2008 and quickly fell in love with the natural beauty of the pacific northwest.

In 2008, Pamela taught 3rd grade at Roosevelt and then started a new family in 2010. She opened a pre-school where she was able to incorporate her passion for teaching and also care for her 2 amazing boys who are now in Kindergarten and 4th grade in the Sequim School District.

Pamela's husband, Michael Miller, is an Art Teacher at Peninsula College and they all enjoy making art as a family. As avid hikers, you can find Pamela and her family exploring the Olympic National Park, Lake Crescent, and Fort Worden. The Miller Family loves to get out in nature and read stories together. This last

summer Pamela planted a new garden in their backyard with a lot of flowers, since being a teacher gives her time in the summer to do those types of hobbies. She especially likes rhododendrons and azaleas, which bloom more than once a year. It's really important for Pamela and her family to do things together and get outdoors.

As a teacher, she really enjoys incorporating reading, art, and music into her curriculum. Once a week, her students get to do a new art project to help foster creativity. She feels this helps build social and emotional balance for their overall wellbeing. With the return to school, Pamela shared that it's really special to witness her students, in person, enjoy creating their own art.

Principle Rhonda Kromm shared that Pamela is wonderful and so friendly and helpful. Pamela is an overall happy and positive person who is trying to help bring beauty into the world. Pamela noted that she feels very fortunate to be a teacher when she can help make a difference in her students' lives. Pamela also wanted to share how thankful she is for the Jefferson staff and their amazing support.

Thank you Pamela for all you do at Jefferson and beyond!



If you or a staff member you know would like to be highlighted,
please reach out to Carmen at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org
We would love to get to know you better!





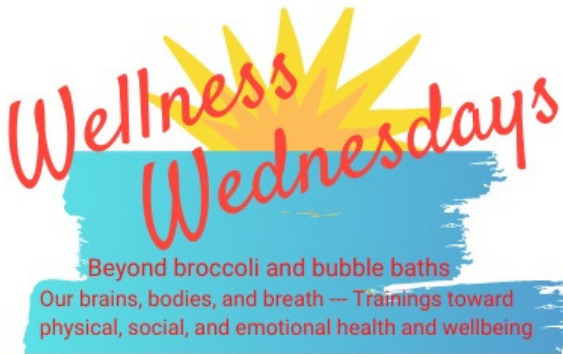
AmeriCorps MLK Event

Be a part of AmeriCorp's Community Art Project! Art materials will be available for you to create and add your own piece to the communal collage. There will also be videos of Martin Luther King and music to celebrate the life of Dr. King.

Monday, January 18
GATEWAY CENTER
(Farmer's Market location)
12 -4 PM



**2nd and 3rd grade Seaview
Students in Lisa Cobb and Stacey
Nickerson's class show off their
beautiful watercolor
masterpieces.**



Thank you to all who joined this last Wellness Wednesday! **Poser Yoga** showed us some great moves and breathing exercises to help build our resiliency toolkit. The next session will be on Wednesday, Jan 27th from 8:15-9 am. We will work on relaxation, stress-reducing, and thinking strategies. **Sarah Perry** with **Peninsula Behavioral Health** will share ways we can start our day in a healthy way. **Michelle Olsen** will send out reminder emails and the zoom link!

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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