

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Parent Newsletter

Martin Brewer, Superintendent



DECEMBER 2021

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"Whatever it Takes"
in Klallam

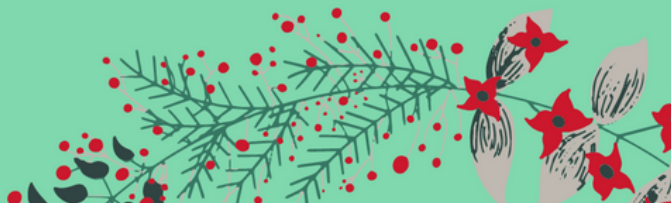
STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

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

HOLIDAY CONCERTS



- WED 12/15, 7:15PM
PAHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT @ PAHS
- THURS 12/16, 7:15
STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND @ PAHS



Come out and support our students for the first holiday concert offerings in more than two years!

For the PAHS Music Department concert, the audience will enjoy a combined band, choir, and orchestra finale.

For the Stevens Middle School concerts, this will be the first live performance for some 7th graders and the first show in two years for the 8th graders.

You don't want to miss these must-see performances!

Help make the holidays special for those in need in our community! There are many ways you can help this season:

- Stop by the Lincoln Center (905 W 9th St) to pick a tag off of The Giving Tree
- Adopt a child - Email caringforkidspa@gmail.com to get a child's wish list and you provide the items needed for the bag.
- Make a monetary donation - Cash and checks will be accepted at the Lincoln Center Mon-Fri from 8am to 4pm. Or you can Venmo: @Jen-Riffle

A festive poster for the 3rd Annual Caring for Kids at Christmas event. It features a red background with white confetti, green pine branches with red berries at the top, and two large gold bows. The title "3rd Annual Caring for Kids at Christmas" is written in a white cursive font. Below the title, it says "CARING FOR KIDS IS PARTNERING WITH SERENITY HOUSE AND THE PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OVER 70 KIDS!". At the bottom, it says "PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. [CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP!".

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The Port Angeles Food Bank is offering BREAK BAGS for students whose parents/guardians signed them up for a bag of groceries going into Winter Break this year. The dates for Winter Break are December 20th - 31st with students returning to school on Jan 3. If you are interested in receiving a BREAK BAG, please [**click here**](#) to learn more and fill out the necessary information below and submit it by Monday, Dec 13th, 2021.

Wintertide Festival of Lights

-----DEC 10-11TH, 2021-----

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center invites you to enjoy food & drink vendors, lighted art illuminating the forest paths, lantern workshops and a lantern parade, glow-in-the-dark art stations, and thrilling performances down in the meadow! Visitors can also enjoy the Makers Market from 11AM-8PM each day.

Location: 1203 E. Lauridsend Blvd

[Click here](#) to learn more!



EXPLORE

Your Creative Side *at*

Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend!

centrum

Grades 7th, 8th, & 9th
REGISTER SOON!

Workshops fill up fast! Deadline to apply for scholarships:
January 28, 2022

A week-long, overnight, total learning environment: **March 6-11, 2022**

- **The World of Arts & Ideas**
- **Creative Risk-Taking**
- **Personal Development**



Groups of 4-6 students,
with an adult chaperone
 COVID-19 safety protocols consistent with all applicable
 State, County, CDC, and OSHA guidance.

Is your
student
looking to
explore a
new
experience?

Centrum, in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), gathers young artists, scientists, and teachers together for week-long, residential, full-immersion experiences in the arts. We find the most interesting artists working in the fields of visual arts, writing, theater, movement, and music. If a student has participated before, they are welcome to join in this awesome experience again! Centrum's week-long, residential, full-immersion programs take place at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, WA. The park is a beautiful campus of 100-year-old buildings on a 440-acre site that includes miles of beaches and forest trails. Click the image above or [here](#) to learn more!

PASD Family Navigators in Action

Check out [this video](#), featuring PASD's Family Navigators Becca Larson and Kelsey Lane! This video is produced by Seven Griddle Media through a contract with OSPI and is a McKinney-Vento Awareness video series, intended to help school districts bring awareness to the services available for students and families experiencing homelessness in Washington state.

Way to go, Kelsey and Becca!



Please join us in welcoming Summer Cooper to her new position as our District's Native American Family Navigator!

The PAHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter participated in a Fall Conference on Friday, November 19, 2021. The chapter had 18 members who participated in a virtual conference and met in the high school library. The FBLA Fall conference consisted of five state regions, 45 chapters, and approximately 500 students and 55 advisors.

Way to represent, Riders!





Port Angeles School District's Highly Capable Program

The referral window for the identification process is now open! The deadline to submit a referral is January 21st. Please share the news!

Annually, we put out extra effort to identify gifted learners, known as Highly Capable students. This program is for students who may have talents and needs beyond the scope of the general classroom environment. Parents and educators recognize that all children and students have unique skills and strive to meet their needs through various curriculum and learning activities within the general classroom. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Need Firewood?

Support the class of 2022 and contact Sarah Tucker at 360-775-4154 for more information.



PORT ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022 Important Dates for Seniors

- February 6, 2022 Scholarship Notebooks Due
- May 12, 2022 Scholarship Awards Night
- May 20, 2022 Graduation Speeches due to Principal Zahrt
- May 31, 2022 Trade & Industry CTE Awards Night

ATTN SENIORS: If you did not receive your order form for cap and gown please go to the main office for the forms, all orders must be submitted before December 31st.

PAHS Clothing Closet

Students can stop by Mrs. Gentry's room #404 for clothes, jackets, socks, new underwear, toiletry items, and more!

Thanks to community donations, students can get items they need, no questions asked!



The Washington 529 College Savings Plans (WA529), which include the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program and DreamAhead College Investment Plan, are designed to help families save for their children or grandchildren's future college and career training expenses. With tax benefits, flexible contribution options, and worldwide choice of schools, it's easy to help families start saving today. Learn more at wastate529.wa.gov



RECIPE FOR SUCCESS



Mrs. Rhyne's Seaview Academy Calligraphy Class meets every Friday for 2 hours for learning old Book Hand calligraphy writing from 1500 years ago. Last week, they met for a different kind of activity. The class enjoyed making pumpkin pies together on November 23 at the Lincoln Center Kitchen. Many of the students had never made a pie on their own and it was fun for them to be engaged while getting to know one another better! They plan to have more mini cooking or art lessons in the future.

Mrs. Crumb stopped in and brought each student an apron to wear. The aprons were made by Cindy Rogers, Paraeducator and Seaview's Temporary Secretary!

Calligraphy Class Students & Teachers from Left to right: Harmony Myers, Fiona Cunningham, Mrs. Rhyne, Brooklynne Jacobs, Alyssa Peppers, Mrs. Crumb, and Rayin Blewitt.



Share Your Voice! Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition Annual Community Survey

To assess and respond to the needs of young people in Port Angeles, the Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition (PAHYC) is participating in the annual Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) Community Survey. For over a decade, Washington Health Care Authority's CPWI has conducted a statistically valid community survey to learn more about the impact of underage substance use across the state.

All Port Angeles residents and professionals working in our community are encouraged to participate in this annual survey, available online until **December 16**. Community members and partners are welcome to reach out to the Coalition directly to provide additional input by emailing rray@co.clallam.wa.us. Find the survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/PAHYCCommunity>.

For children
ages 10
months - 3 1/2
years to attend
with a parent
or caregiver



**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**

- *Hands on Activities
- *Song & Dance
- *Outdoor Play
- *Safe & Supportive
- *Parenting Discussions

MORNING CLASSES:

10 months-2 years Tuesdays 9:30-11:00am

18 months-3.5 years Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am

EVENING CLASS:

10 months-3.5 years Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm

For Registration Information

Call 360.207.5663

Email peninsulapreethree@gmail.com

Or find us on FACEBOOK



More children and teenagers struggling with emotional stressors

New data from the Washington State Department of Health's (DOH) behavioral health group indicates that more young people are seeking medical help in instances of emotional distress. State health officials are asking families, educators, mentors, and youth advocates to know the warning signs that signal when a child or teen is in crisis, and to talk with a healthcare or primary care provider for behavioral health support resources. This guidance comes at the heels of a public advisory and [53-page report](#) from the U.S. surgeon general on the importance of protecting youth mental health, and the "devastating" mental health impacts as a result of the pandemic. To read the full DOH article, [click here](#).



Students in Pam Helpenstell's leadership class attended the DOH Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Kira Mauseth. State leaders are reaching out to students to learn how we can support them and their well-being during the pandemic.

RIDER COMPANY, REPRESENT

NJROTC cadets competed in their first competition of the season on Saturday, Dec 4th at Snohomish High School. The Cadets did great and were very successful.

- Academic Team - 2nd Place
- Academics Individual - Addie Lomax 3rd Place
- Air Rifle Precision Team - 1st Place
- Air Rifle Precision: Jenna Sanders 1st Place - 579 out of 600
- Air Rifle Precision: Cheyenne Maggard 3rd Place - 564 out of 600
- Air Rifle Sporter Team - 3rd Place
- Armed Drill Team - 1st Place
- Armed Drill Commander - William Rife 1st Place
- Color Guard Team - 2nd Place
- Color Guard Commander - Naaman McGuffey 1st Place
- Armed Individual Exhibition - Naaman McGuffey 1st Place
- Armed Drill Down - Brian Guttormsen 1st Place; Naaman McGuffey 2nd Place



Back Row: Liam McBride, Finn Thompson, William Rife, William Webber, Kaeden Murphy, Jenna Sanders, Ashe Thomason
Middle Row: Lucas Gavin, Naaman McGuffey, Anthony Brigandi, Brian Guttormsen, Brenna Murphy, Octavia Smith, Katelyn Sanders
Front Row: Javen DeScala, Cheyenne Maggard, Addie Lomax, Clara Murphy, Liam Warren, Allison Pettit, Katherine Ghrist

CHARACTER STRONG



Each month at Franklin Elementary, there is a character trait that is a focus of the Character Strong Curriculum. In classrooms, the teachers talk about what that trait means and Principal Jeff Lunt gives tips on demonstrating the trait in his morning announcements.

At the end of each month, each class and teacher chooses a student who best exemplifies that trait. The students that are selected get a CharacterStrong shirt and are asked to wear it for each Character Strong day throughout the year! For November, the trait was "gratitude".

We are proud to introduce to you the Franklin Racoons who are shining examples of showing gratitude towards others: *Sammy Ward, Theron Zmuda, Ariya Chadburn, Tayla Williams, Ellie Proiette, Lilyanne Penic, Emilie Johns, Maggie Aceves-Servin, Alex Gonzalez, Michael Johnson, Jack Rudd, Alivia Huang, Violet Dennis, Violet Simonsen, Jay Dodaro, Irenio, Riggles, and Mallory Hartman*



A note from Jenny Ward, Sammy's mom to Principal Lunt: I honestly didn't expect Sammy to even mention his shirt or being recognized for gratitude month. The moment he got home, he ripped open his backpack and put on his new shirt! He was really proud and is wearing it today! Thank you so much for seeing how special he is and helping to bring it out! We appreciate you and the other teachers so much.

Way to go, Sammy!


Saturday Enrichment Program for Grades K-8 **University of Washington - Online or In-Person**

The Saturday Program is an enrichment offering from the Robinson Center for Young Scholars for students currently in grades K-8. These classes are intended to provide intellectually ambitious students with challenge, inspiration, and fun, in a collaborative, supportive learning environment. Our classes are not intended to move students ahead in the standard curriculum but rather to explore topics not usually covered in the K-8 classroom. There is no homework, although optional activities may be suggested outside of class. Classes meet for one 50-minute session per week on Saturdays, for eight Saturdays each quarter; we do not run the Saturday Program in the summer. Financial aid is available! Applications are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and fill up fast! Registration for the Winter session opens this Sunday, December 12th at 4pm PST. [Click here to learn more!](#) Winter quarter classes run each Saturday from January 22nd to March 19th

Spreading Holiday Cheer!


Students in Stephanie Gochmour's Seaview class and Lincoln High School Students decorated wreaths and swags in an enrichment opportunity for Crestwood residents to hang from each of their doors. Amanda Sanders-Seaview Parent helped with supplies and volunteered time!





Sequim's City Arts Advisory Commission presents

High Schools of the Olympic Peninsula Creative Crafts & Art Exhibit



The City Arts Advisory Commission is seeking entries of arts and crafts from area high school students. The deadline for submission is February 11, 2022. All entries must be submitted through [JotForm here](#). The exhibit will be on display at the Sequim Civic Center, 152 W Cedar St, from March 4 through the end of April. The top three pieces will receive a cash prize! For complete entry guidelines, please visit the City of Sequim [website](#) or contact City Arts Advisory Commission Chair Suzanne Horne at shorne@sequimwa.gov or City of Sequim Marketing Coordinator Patsene Dashiell at pdashiell@sequimwa.gov or (360)681-3421.

Senior Spotlight

Colby Groves is a senior at PAHS and Seaview. He also attends Peninsula College through the Running Start program.

Colby works for Screamin' Diesel Performance welding and fabricating automotive performance parts, which he will continue as his career choice after graduation. Colby wrote about a recent trip to Vegas:

At the beginning of November, my parents and I went to Las Vegas, Nevada for SEMA 2021. SEMA is the biggest automotive show in the whole world, and you basically see everything automotive-related from motor parts to machines that do the welding for automotive parts. The only way to get in is to be in the automotive industry which they check you before you are registered for the event. I registered through my work at Screamin Diesel Performance where I am doing what I love which is welding and fabricating automotive performance parts and I plan to keep working in the welding field when I graduate high school and Running Start welding class. SEMA was held at the largest convention center in all of the country at 4.6 million square feet which is about the size of 96 football fields, that's a lot of walking to do. I saw so many cars, way too many to remember, got to meet some really cool people and some awesome companies that I got to talk to. I also got to meet this very inspirational person. His name is Steve Darnell, and he is a welder/fabricator/car builder. I got to see some of the awesome projects he built and heard them all start and run. He has a TV series called "WELDER UP" showing his designs of building the vehicle and it coming to life. Steve also looked to see what I have done myself. As he looked at my welds and the Rat Rod I built, he said to me that if I ever need a job to come to him and he will hire me. Here are some pictures from the event and me with Steve Darnell.



Colby's Teacher, Mrs. Rhyne says, "I have so much respect and high regards for this student. He is well-grounded and ready to take on responsibility. It is a pleasure to work with Colby this year because he works hard and is self-motivated. Colby is also involved in BMX racing and hanging out with his friends."

News and Notes, our PASD Parent Newsletter, is emailed out each month during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. For further assistance, contact Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org.

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