# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Parent Newsletter Martin Brewer, Superintendent

#### STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

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

# PORT ANGELES Community Awards

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating the winners and nominees in our district for this year's Port Angeles Community Awards! Members

of the community nominate individuals each year and a panel of 6 local judges decide on the winners. Here are the results from 2021:

#### **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

#### WINNER- Angie Gooding!

Angie was nominated for her excellent rapport and relationship with students and for her creativity in generating thought-provoking assignments. She is also acknowledged for being highly respected among her fellow educators.

Pictured right: Angie with kids Gloria and Josiah.

#### **NOMINEES -**

#### Jeff Lunt

Jeff was nominated for his role in taking the response to COVID-19 in the school district seriously and building a rapport with parents to keep them informed as well as keeping students safe.

#### Dwayne Johnson

Dwayne was nominated for his work in getting student-athletes back to playing, understanding the critical role athletics play in student development. Also for his work in establishing COVID-19 vaccine clinics at PAHS.



#### **YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR**

Winner - Luke Gavin!

Luke is the only student nominated for this award, with judges recognizing his leadership skills with the NJROTC, and involvement in various volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

Pictured left: Luke receiving his award from chamber director Mark Abshire.

#### NOMINEES - Carmen Geyer

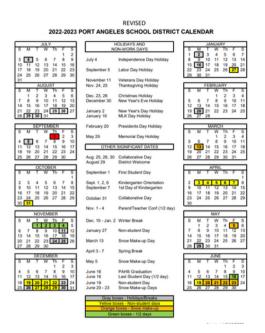
Carmen was nominated for her long history of volunteerism. She played a role in the Dream Playground build and is recognized for her continued work in communications for PASD.

#### Tyler Johnson

Tyler is a PAHS alum and was nominated for the compassion he brings to clients as a financial advisor at Edward Jones as well as his community involvement through organizations like United Way.



The 2022-23 Revised School Calendar is approved and available online. Click the schedule to review:





In case you missed it, here is the recording from the Virtual Town Hall with PAHS alumni, Dr. Jason Kilmer. During this online event. Dr. Kilmer shared the latest research around cannabis use and teen mental health. The presentation was entertaining and filled with great data and resources to help the teenagers in your life. Check it out!

## NJROTC CADETS GIVING BACK

Special shoutout to PAHS' NJROTC cadets doing great community service work over the past couple of weeks. The first picture is in Lincoln Theater where they helped remove theater seats and the second picture is on Colville Trails where they helped with trail maintenance efforts! Way to go, Rider Company! You make us proud and our community stronger!





# Check out these community sponsored programs for teens and their families!



#### OPEN TO 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS

Join us for an afternoon of fun activities focused on reconnecting, practicing communication skills, making art and building confidence along the way! In the relaxing open-air environment of Webster's Woods Sculpture Park, we will explore different ways of expressing our thoughts while learning more about ourselves and each other.

Sign up for 1 of the 3 dates listed. Wednesday, April 27 Wednesday, May 4 Wednesday, May 11

3:30PM-5:30PM

Contact Youth Program Coordinator Mandy at education@pafac.org

Register at: pafac.org/kidsworkshops PORT ANGELES
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#### The Walt Schubert Teen Center



At the Boys & Girls Club in Port Angeles, second floor: 2301 S. Francis Street



Come by and hang out, cook food, eat food, play video games, do homework, read a book, paint, make music, or play pool!

On Saturdays we go on field trips like: the pool, hiking, bowling, the heacht

#### Schedule:

Monday: 3pm - 6pm Tuesday: 3pm - 7pm Wednesday: 3pm - 7pm Thursday: 3pm - 7pm 3pm - 9pm Friday: Saturday: check calendar Sunday: closed





Membership is open to high school students and is FREE! Stop by anytime we're open to check it out.

To contact the teen program director, Ben Varick:

- Email: bvarick@bgc-op.org
- Call: 360-809-6354
- Text: @teen-bgcpa to 81010
- Website: bgc-op.org/walt-schu



#### PREVENTION WORKS!

A Community Coalition of Clallam County

#### YOU'RE INVITED! FREE ONLINE CLASSES!

Up Your Parenting Game: Support Yourself and Your Family

Geared to parents/caregivers of kids ages 11-18, but all are welcome: Mondays 6:30-7:30pm - April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2



Rachel Hardies is a mental health counselor at New Growth Counseling Services and a mental strength coach with Head in the Game Consulting. She has been supporting families and youth in our area since 2009. Outside of work, Rachel has many places she enjoys putting her time. High on her list is: running or walking outside near the water or in the forests and spending time with her family and friends. She's most inspired by being able to share what she's learned with others.

#### TOPICS COVERED

- · Gain an understanding of how the stress response works
- · Learn how to use that knowledge to help your tween/teen
- · Gain an understanding about their developmental stage
- · Learn an attentive process called Being N.E.A.R.R to improve your relationship
- · Explore common tween/teen behaviors
- · Plus! Door Prizes, Food Coupons, and More!



https://www.eventbrite.com/e/up-your-parenting-game-support-yourself-your-family-tickets-292856681217

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More Information: www.pw4kids.org - info@pw4kids.org

# Click on the banners to learn more

Did you know our district website has a new resource page for suicide prevention and crisis support? Check it out and let us know what you

Join us after Tax Day for a community shred event to raise funds for the Port Angeles Back to School Fair! Donated funds will help provide backpacks and school supplies for students in need.





### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Please join us in congratulating Jessica Elofson for recently being sworn into the WA State Indian Education Association Board during the 37th annual conference in Suquamish! Indian Education Association members are dedicated to improving the quality of education for Native Americans. We are grateful to have you in our district, Jessica!

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# OLYMPIC STRINGS WORKSHOP SUMMER STRINGS CAMP

Olympic Strings Workshop is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to promoting talented youth by providing an immersive experience of music and nature at its best in the beautiful setting of Olympic National Forest. High school string students spend five days playing chamber music, creating videos, exploring nature, and making friends. Online workshops begin in June. Click here to learn more!







The new memorial bench for Mrs. Lisk is now at Dry Creek! To those who didn't know Lisa Lisk, she was a beloved friend and teacher at Dry Creek for many years. Sadly, she passed in June 2020 after a difficult 6-month battle with colon cancer. Due to the pandemic restrictions, the Dry Creek team couldn't properly honor her, leaving a hole of sadness and loss. Mickey Branham retired 1st-grade teacher, planned and organized this bench to honor her. Her favorite saying was "Hold on to kindness," which is on the bench.

Thank you to the PASD Maintenance team for installing the bench. It looks beautiful!



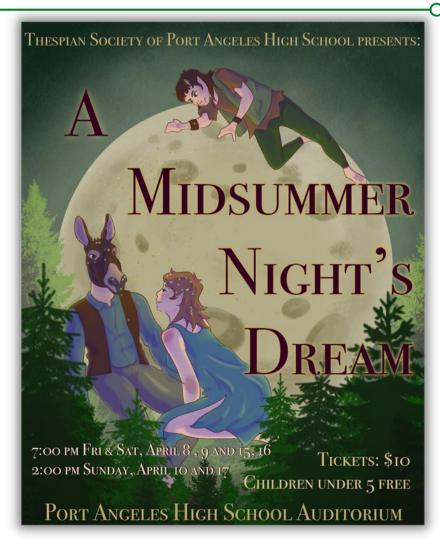
Only three more chances to catch the spring play!

April 15th, 16th at 7 pm

April, 17th at 2 pm

Tickets are only available at the door and are \$10 for everyone and free for kids under 5! Food and drinks are available for sale.

Come out and enjoy the mischief of Robin Goodfellow!



The North Olympic Discovery Marathon is pleased to announce the 2022 North Olympic Discovery Marathon Kids Medal Design Contest winners.

This is the 6th Annual Medal Design Contest. The YMCA Youth and Government – Olympic Peninsula Delegation, which helps put on the Kids' Marathon every year, selected the grand prize winner and the runners-up. There were 62 medal design entries for this year's medal. All kids who cross the finish line at June's annual fun run event receive a medal. Congratulations to the following winners:

#### **Grand Prize Winner**

Sarah Butterworth, Dry Creek Elementary School, Age 11 (Pictured right)

#### **Runners-Up**

- Regan Doane, Dry Creek Elementary School, Age 9
- Maddie Walton, Dry Creek Elementary School, Age 11
- Violet Devoney, Dry Creek Elementary School, Age 8
- Wyatt Davis, Dry Creek Elementary School, Age 10



Sarah, the grand prize winner, will work with Victoria Jones, Race Director of the North Olympic Discovery Marathon, and the medal design team at Ashworth Awards to fine-tune, approve, and finalize the kids' marathon event medal. Sarah noted that, "I have been doing the Kids Marathon for as long as I can remember. I have always dreamed of having my design on the medal. This is an amazing opportunity." All contest winners receive an entry into the Kids Marathon event, a special certificate, and a thank you goody bag.

The 19th Annual Kids Marathon will be held at 3pm on June 4th at City Pier. Registration details for all events can be found at www.nodm.com. Email the marathon at nodm@nodm.com with any questions.

### CONGRATS, GRAD!

Carter Holm graduated from Seaview Academy on March 14! Carter was a student of Janice Rhyne and will now focus on his career and a new business. Carter works full-time for a local landscaping company. He drives the trucks, snowplows, and pulls trailers on weekends. He has been scheduling his own clients and doing some side jobs independently. His goal is to start his own business. Carter enjoys Hip Hop and Rap



music. He has produced some of his own music and has a YouTube channel. His motto is: Work Now and Play Later! Please join us in wishing Carter good luck and congratulations on completing all graduation requirements and graduating with Seaview!

Pictured: Carter with his new truck, March 2022





#### Stevens Middle School now has a new rock band "Suenami"!

The Friday before spring break, students and staff attended a special performance during advisory period. Suenami has a couple of other performances lined up including the Juan de Fuca Festival in May!

Band members pictured from left to right: Jordan Saluskin, Jasper Goodwin-Penic, Violet Knobel, Taylor Smith, and Max Winn.

## **Spotted in the Peninsula Daily News!**

#### Rave of the Week

RAVES AND A huge thank-you for Jame Phelps, our amazing paper carrier here in Port Angeles, and to all the other carriers who have brought us our morning news over the years. Things will not be the same without you.

#### ... and other Raves

A RAVE FOR the Sequim Botanical Gardens. They are a feast for the eyes. Thank you to all the volunteers who toil in the soil, you are very much appreciated.

#### **HUGE THANK YOU**

to the Port Angeles High School counselor, Dana Snell, who went above and beyond helping to make sure that our son was all set for his freshman year classes next year at the high school during registration.



Boys golf is 5-0; tied with League Champion Sequim (which hasn't lost a match since 2015). PA will play Sequim on Friday, April 15, at the Peninsula Golf Course. A word from Coach Bob Anderson: This team is made up of 13 gentlemen that I'm extremely proud of. They are not afraid of the work and are improving each week.

Way to go, Riders, and good luck against Sequim! Pictured: Nate Anderson (Left) and Edun Bailey

(Right) at Wing Point Golf and Country Club in Bainbridge.



You are invited to attend a community Earth Day event at the Port Angeles City Pier from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd!! The event will include music from Peninsula favorites The Lost Trio, playing blues and Americana. Principal speakers will be Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias, addressing the climate crisis, and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Chairman Ron Allen, on critically endangered salmon and orcas.

The event will also include an exhibition of locally-owned electric vehicles (owners will be present to talk about their experience) and a 1:15 presentation on EVs by Olympic Climate Action's Tony Billera, in the Fiero Marine Center.

Feiro Marine Center will offer a Buy One Get One for free admission for youth 17 years old and younger!

Continue the festivities and head to Ediz Hook for a beach clean-up organized by Olympic Peninsula Surfriders at 1:30p during low tide. More information and clean-up <u>registration</u> found here!

"To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow" - Audrey Hepburn

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The Port Angeles High School Community Garden Collective will host its first Annual Plant Sale in the garden on Friday, May 20, 2022, beginning at 3pm, lasting until 7pm. Perennials, annuals, mixed planters, and tomatoes will be available at reasonable prices. Plants always make great gifts!

There is also a garden work party on Earth Day, April 22, right after school! Please bring your favorite weeding tool and clippers. There are shovels and rakes galore

Please contact our garden volunteer coordinator Shawne Johnson at sjohnson@portangelesschools.org for more information.





The annual congressional art competition for high school students is back! This nationwide competition allows students from across the country to showcase their artistic ability - with winning artwork from our region and across the country displayed at the U.S. Capitol. Email submissions to:

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@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV



Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m.-noon. At the YMCA of Port Angeles parking lot, 302 S. Francis St., Port Angeles, WA

At the YMCA of Port Angeles Healthy Kids Day event, kids will get a "passport" they will use to travel and visit each booth. Booths will offer fun activities such as face painting, fitness activities, games, prizes, and more! Each child will receive a Y swag bag. Click here to learn more!



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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