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.

Inchy Vending Machine at Stevens Middle School

Stevens Middle School is the new owner of an Inchy Bookworm
Vending Machine! Administrators installed the book vending machine to help promote literacy and reinforce positive behavior. Students earn tokens by being positive leaders while at school. Teachers and staff fill out "Positive Pink Slips" when students display behaviors aligned with the school district's Character Strong Curriculum, and three slips are pulled each week for a token that earns them one book.



Pictured: Principal Kristen Lunt, Lyndel Atwater, and Superintendent Marty Brewer.

The Character Strong curriculum focuses on increasing student well-being, building a sense of belonging, and growing academic engagement. Each week in advisory, students learn to develop a stronger sense of identity and purpose by focusing on eight essential characteristics: Patience, Kindness, Humility, Respect, Selflessness, Forgiveness, Honesty, and Commitment.

Principal Kristen Lunt shared that the vending machine will be stocked regularly with popular books that are frequently checked out at their library. "There is a lot of buzz around campus about the new book machine. Last week when we pulled names for the tokens, you could hear cheers down the hallways when students won." One of the school's goals is to create a stronger school community for our learners and help our students become future community leaders who have great character.

"It's really cool that I won! It was hard to pick my favorite book," said Lyndel Atwater, who earned his token by cleaning up sporting equipment after a football game without having to be asked. Lyndel plans to build his at-home library and see what books will be available next. This new vending machine gives students something to work for and captures their interest in reading. Way to go, Stampeders! At Stevens, kindness is cool and appropriately rewarded.



Please join us in wishing
Scooter Chapman a
happy retirement!
Scooter supported
Roughrider sports for
more than 70 years! Wow!

Pictured: Mike Poindexter, Jayde Gedelman, Eve Burke, Jenna McGoff, Scooter, Catie Brown, Angie Sprague, and Gracie Townsend during senior night. Photo by: Dewi Sprague Photography

The Seattle Times wrote a great article on Scooter's tenure, <u>here.</u>
Komo TV's program Eric's Heroes featured Scooter's story on Wednesday, Feb. 9, on KOMO-TV. You can view it on KOMO's website, <u>here.</u>



PAHS NJROTC ON AIR!

Senior Chief Justin Beck and Cadets Naaman McGuffey, Addie Lomax, and Ashlyn Helgeson were guests on the Todd Ortloff show this week! They shared news about their successes at recent competitions and an upcoming

competition hosted at PAHS on February 26th! During this competition in February, different NJROTC schools will compete, including Oak Harbor, Everett, Snohomish, Marysville, Arlington, Burlington and Peninsula HS. <u>Click here</u> to listen and learn more!



Fourth graders in Raena Young's class learned about ocean acidification with kits from Feiro Marine Life Center!

Students learned how CO2 changes ph levels, and how CO2 creates carbonic acids when mixed with water. The carbonic acid breaks apart and turns into hydrogen and bicarbonate. More hydrogen in water creates more acidic ph levels. In the pictures, they are blowing bubbles into the water and watching the water change color as the ph is changing to a more acidic level. Fun!



PORT ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL DECA RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL-BASED ENTERPRISE (SBE)

The school-based enterprise Rider Avenue store at Port Angeles High School (PAHS) was among 461 school-based enterprises achieving gold-level certification for the 2021-2022 school year. In April, PAHS Students will receive recognition for this award during DECA's International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The PAHS DECA members who contributed to the certification were Peyton Rudd, Hannah Basden, Kim Thompson, Jason Gladfelter, Teagan Clark, Aidan Butterworth, Damon Gundersen, Jenna McGoff, Eve Burke, Kinnley Brady, Daniel Cable, Miles Wait, Rebecca Hernandez, and Jaz Livingston. Students received support and assistance from their DECA chapter advisor, Jennifer Rogers. Rider Avenue at PAHS has operated for 11 years and is commended for this achievement. Way to go, Riders!







Pictured left to right – Aidan Butterworth, Jason Gladfelter, Teagan Clark, Eve Burke, Jenna McGoff, Hannah Basden, and Jaziel Livingston.





PASD is hiring for substitute:

- Paraeducators
- Nurses
- Custodians
- Teachers

Help our students learn successfully in a changing world! <u>Click here</u> to apply and learn more!





There is still time to check out The World On Pause exhibit at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center. This exhibit features student photography showcasing their perspective during the pandemic. Pictured below are Superintendent Brewer and Director Jacob Wright at the exhibit.



PORT ANGELES EDUCATION FOUNDATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year the Port Angeles Education Foundation (PAEF) recognizes our top Seniors with their Academic Achievement Award. To qualify students must earn a 3.5 or better GPA every semester of their 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade years while also taking at least 9 Honors, AP, and College in the High School classes. Congratulations to this year's awardees! Thank you, PAEF, for honoring and celebrating these students' success!



Pictured left to right: PAEF Board Member Annette Wendel, James Saskowsky, Miles Wait, Damon Gunderson, Emi Halberg, Kimberly Thompson, Gillian Wolfe, Adam Weller, Joshua Gavin, and PAEF Board President Ray Chirayath.

Stevens Middle School SPIRIT & KINDNESS WEEKS!

Get ready for some serious fun!

Kindness Week:

- Monday, 2/14: Valentines Clothing (Pink, red or white) and Kindness Bingo!
- Tuesday, 2/15: Positive Statement Drawing and Lunchtime Happy Music!
- Wednesday, 2/16: "Stand up" game during advisory!
- Thursday, 2/16: Create a kindness commercial, poster, or video during advisory!
- Friday, 2/17: Clean up Stevens! Students help clean up the school or do something nice for custodians.

<u>Spirit Week:</u>

- Monday, 2/21: No School(Presidents day)
- Tuesday, 2/22: Letter day/ tutu day
- Wednesday, 2/23:Backwards or Inside Out day
- Thursday, 2/24: Iconic Duo/Heroes vs Villain
- Friday, 2/25: Disney Day







The Drop is a youth and young adult drop-in center made possible through the incredible efforts of the Port Angeles First United Methodist Church and the generosity of local community donors. The drop-in center is a safe, warm, welcoming, and judgment-free space where youth receive services like housing assistance, employment and education referrals, mental health and counseling referrals, schooling and program availabilities, communication tools, and much more. Youth or young adults ages 12 - 24 who are in need of a safe place can come and hang out!

Street Address: 110 E 7th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Phone: 360-504-3387

Email: youth@serenityhouseclallam.org
Mail: PO box 4047, Port Angeles, WA, 98363

Fax: 360-452-0806





YOU'RE INVITED! FREE ONLINE CLASSES!

Up Your Parenting Game: Support Yourself and Your Family

Session 1 (Age 0-10): Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm: Feb 16, 23, March 2, 9 Session 2 (Age 11-18): Dates to be Announced in March

ONLINE CLASSES: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/up-your-parenting-game-support-yourself-and-your-family-tickets-255526886797



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 your nervous system works
- Learn how to use that knowledge to help your child
- · Gain an understanding about youth development
- Learn an attentive play process called Being N.E.A.R.R to improve your relationship with your child
- Explore ways to respond to typical child behaviors such as aggression, whining, not doing what you've asked, and helping with transitions
- · Plus! Door Prizes, Food Coupons, and More!

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Prevention Works! advocates, educates and invests in our children.

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



The City of Port Angeles is accepting applications to fill the one-year Student Rep position on the Public Safety Advisory Board. To learn about the composition of the Board, <u>click here.</u>

Members of the Public Safety Advisory Board advise and make recommendations to the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief concerning the provision of public safety services within the City, including enhancing Police and Fire Department-community relations; review and recommendations concerning Police and Fire Department policies, procedures, programs, accreditation standards, and budgetary implications.

The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Webex. How to Apply: Download an application <u>HERE</u>, or pick one up from the City Manager's Office in City Hall. For more information contact Kari Martinez-Bailey, City Clerk at 360-417-4634 or kmbailey@cityofpa.us



NO SCHOOL

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 21ST
PRESIDENT'S
DAY!

THE DAY
FOLLOWING IS
2/22/22 AND IS
ON A TUESDAY.
HOW CAN YOU
CELEBRATE
"TWOS-DAY:?

302 S. FRANCIS STREET PORT ANGELES, WA 98362

COST: \$50 per participant

CONTACT: Sarah Hinis at 360.452.9244 ex 105 or email

sarah.hinis@olympicpeninsulaymca.org

REGISTRATION: Register online at olympicpeninsulaymca.org/

schoolbreakcamps-pa

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Join us for a paper shredding event on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 AM – 1 PM at Steve Methner's State Farm, 611 E. Front Street. Bring your paper to shred and make a donation. Proceeds from this event will help fund our Back to School Fair held in August, where children in need receive supplies for the 2022-23 school year.

Thanks to our community for supporting this event year after year! Special thanks to our trusty volunteers and 2021's Sponsors: Sound Community Bank, Port Angeles Kiwanis, and Steve Methner-State Farm.



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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