

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY 2022

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.



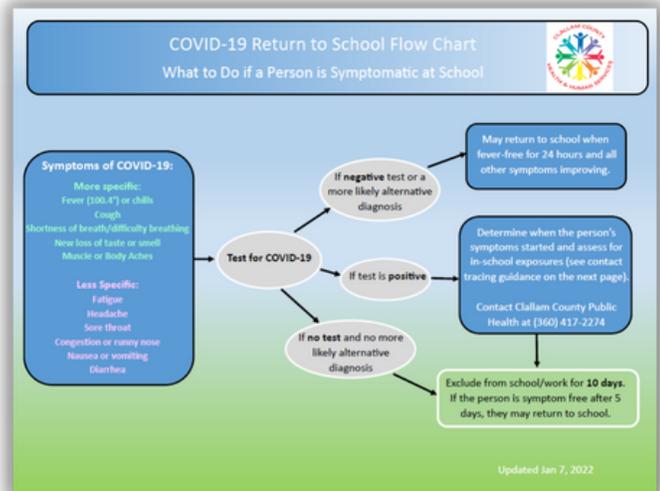
January is School Board Recognition Month! Board members volunteer their time to tend to board business, which helps Port Angeles School District students thrive and fulfill their potential.

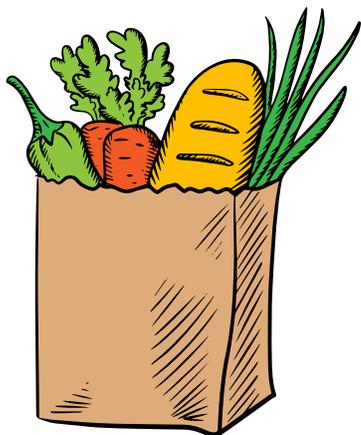
Our entire community benefits from the countless hours board members dedicate to Port Angeles.

Please take a moment and say **THANK YOU** to a board member today!

Our local health department released an updated return-to-school [flow chart](#) for schools. Key changes:

- **A person who tests positive and is symptom-free after day 5 may return to school/work.**
- **If it has been more than 6 months since a person received their booster or completed their Covid vaccine series, the contact tracing/quarantine has changed.**
- **For unvaccinated people or people more than 6 months past the completion of their vaccination series or booster, the quarantine for household exposure is reduced to 5 days.**
- **'Test to Stay' is now 5 days, with twice-weekly testing.**





FRIDAY FOOD BAGS!

Each week, the Port Angeles Food Bank sends hundreds of students in our district home with nourishing food for the weekend. If your family is interested in signing up for Friday Food Bags, contact your student's school. There is plenty of food to go around, no questions asked.



**Naval Elks Hoop Shoot
Lodge Contest
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22,
AT 9 AM - 2 PM**



Port Angeles Naval Elks Hoop Shoot is a Free-Throw Basketball contest for kids ages 8-13 (as of 4/1/2022).

Registration starts at 9 and closes at 11, day of. Any child is eligible for 1 lodge contest per year as long as they meet the age criteria. Visit: elks.org/HoopShoot for more information.

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!



Check out this great exhibit at Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, featuring photography from Port Angeles High School Students!

THE WORLD ON PAUSE

YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON A GENERATION-DEFINING EXPERIENCE

JAN. 13- FEB 27

ON EXHIBIT DURING OPEN HOURS
Thurs. - Sun. 10am-4pm

JAN. 18TH
5PM-7PM

JOIN US FOR THE OPENING RECEPTION

All are invited to meet the artists and curators at our free opening reception at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center on Tues. Jan. 18. Warm drinks and presentations will be provided in the courtyard.

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center is proud to exhibit the original photography of students from Port Angeles High School sharing their perspective on life under the pandemic. All are invited to visit our free gallery during open hours.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

This event is brought to you in partnership with the following sponsors:



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1203 E. Lauridsen Blvd.
Port Angeles, WA
98362



The Port Angeles School District is currently hiring!

Join us on Thursday, January 20th, from 11am to 1pm for an in-person hiring fair at the Lincoln Center Lobby (905 W 9th St, Port Angeles, WA 98363)

Those interested in applying can meet with different departments to learn more about open positions and ask questions about the application process. Please bring an updated resume and questions.

Hiring for these roles:

- Paraeducators
- Substitute Food Service Workers
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Custodians

Questions? Please contact PASD Human Resources at 360-457-8575.





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!

**CLICK THE
LINK TO
LEARN MORE!**

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.](#)



A MONTHLY BOOK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE JUST FOR TEENS!

Readers in grades 7-12 may sign up to receive a monthly book bag. Each bag will contain two preselected library books (chosen especially for you) along with some treats and surprises! Students can sign up before the last Wednesday of the month to receive their Teen Lit Bag for the following month.

To receive a monthly Teen Lit Bag, students can [sign up here](#).



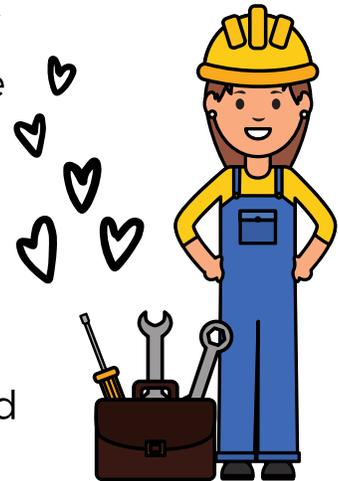
We are excited to share that the Port Angeles School District is rolling out Remind district-wide! If you're not already familiar with Remind, it's a classroom communication tool that makes it easy to stay involved with your child's learning. Remind is free to use, and you'll be able to get and send messages on any device—even a simple text message from your phone!

As part of this rollout, official accounts will be created for all the educators, parents, and students at the Port Angeles School District. On Monday, January 17th, you'll receive an email or text message from Remind. All you need to do is follow the steps in the message to finish setting up your account. Here is a video demo to see how Remind works.

We look forward to connecting with families in a new and engaging way!

DOH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TOOLBOX FOR FAMILIES: SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND TEENS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This toolbox provides tips on how to navigate some of the emotional responses that families may experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this toolbox is to provide general information about common emotional responses of children, teens, and families during disasters. Families, parents, caregivers, and educators can use this information to help children, teens, and families recover from disasters and grow stronger.



Get help navigating services for your child!



Often the most beneficial support parents receive comes from other parents of children with special needs.



We walk alongside those caring for an individual with developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs, connecting them with other parents who understand the path.

You are not alone! We are here to answer your questions!



We are here to help guide, inform, educate and access services and resources available to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers.



Connect with us!

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BATTLE of the BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a collaborative project for 4th graders, with North Olympic Library and schools from around Clallam County!

Fourth-grade students can sign-up to participate and receive a free copy of each book. From February through April, Library staff will hold book discussions for participating students.

All 4th-grade students in Clallam County, including homeschooled students, are welcome to join. To sign up, complete an application and return to any NOLS branch library or to your participating 4th-grade teacher. Applications are due Tuesday, February 1. Download the application [here](#) or pick one up from NOLS or your teacher.

Monthly book discussions will take place with 4th-grade students beginning in February. A monthly afterschool discussion group on Zoom will be open to all Battle of the Books participants.



2022 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now open for teachers and employees of the year through OSPI. You can nominate any type of employee from paraeducators, bus drivers, school nurses, secretaries, IT/help desk, cafeteria staff, maintenance, and teachers. Nominations are open through March 1.

[Click here to nominate today!](#)

WINTER SHUTTLE BUS TO HURRICANE RIDGE!

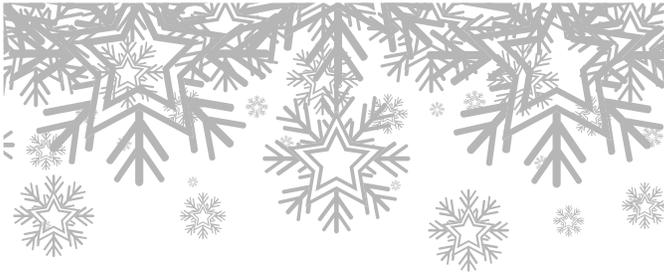
Olympic Hiking Co. is thrilled to partner with the Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club and Black Ball Transport to facilitate a commercial, four-wheel drive, winter shuttle bus to Hurricane Ridge! Thanks to these partners and support from the City of Port Angeles, we're able to offer this shuttle for only \$15 per person. For those without a National



Parks pass, it is an additional \$15 for the Olympic National Park entrance fee the park collects (except youth under Age 15). A National Parks pass covers three other adult passengers. [Click here](#) to learn more!

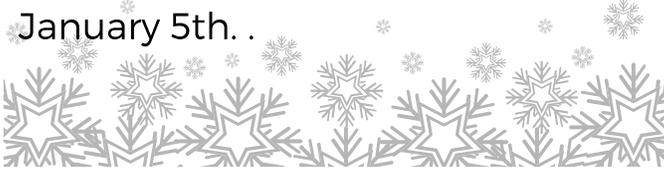
Student Volunteer Opportunity!

The WA State Dept of Health is starting a Youth Advisory Council. This is a great opportunity for 13-21 year olds to help influence the way public health is delivered in Washington. Serving would also look very good on college and scholarship applications. [Click here](#) to learn more.



JANUARY 28TH

The school district will have school on Friday, January 28th to make up for our snow day on Wednesday, January 5th. .



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

COVID-19 BOOSTER RECOMMENDATION EXPANDS TO EVERYONE AGE 12 AND OLDER

Youth ages 12 to 17 should receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least 5 months after completing their primary vaccination series. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has expanded booster dose eligibility to include everyone 12 and older following guidance and recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

Everyone 12 and older should get a booster dose at least:

- Five months after completing the Pfizer primary vaccination series,
- Five months after completing the Moderna primary vaccination series ([see FDA's Jan. 7 news release](#)), or
- Two months after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Across the state, nearly 2 million people have received an additional dose, which includes both boosters and third doses. Boosters can be mixed and matched, which means adults can get any mRNA COVID-19 vaccine available. Pfizer is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for people ages 17 and younger. Read the news release [here](#).

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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