

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Parent Newsletter

Martin Brewer, Superintendent



OCTOBER 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.

## Homecoming 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined together to make Homecoming a success! The week started with traditional class competitions, including Buff Puff, Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, and an epic Lip Sync Battle at the outdoor assembly. On Friday night, the Port Angeles community celebrated their love for the Rough Riders with a Homecoming Parade that ended at Civic Field. The Rider football team took on Eastside Catholic and the PAHS band and cheerleaders performed for the crowd during halftime. Each class battled it out during the carriage races, and the crowd honored homecoming royalty. Congratulations to Queen Samantha Robbins and King Lance Menes.



The Homecoming dance was held on Saturday evening under the stars, complete with a massive bonfire and open-air tent donated by 7 Cedars. More than 400 Riders danced the night away. It took nearly 100 community members, parents, staff members, and local businesses to make this happen for our students! [Click here](#) to review the list of volunteers and donors. Thank you to our fantastic community partners and Leadership Teacher, Pam Helpenstell!



**ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Financial Aid applications are now open!

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in accessing \$\$\$\$ for your senior's future plans, including 2-year colleges, 4-year universities, tech and trade schools, and even apprenticeships. Your senior does not have to know their exact future plans to apply, just fill out the form and see how much money is available. The earlier you apply, the greater your chance for more money, so mark your calendar for these dates:

- **Wednesday, October 13**, 5:30 pm: Virtual Financial Aid Webinar. [Click here](#) to register!
- **Tuesday, October 19**, 6:00 pm: Virtual Financial Aid Webinar. [Click here](#) to register!
- **Anytime:** To make a virtual or in-person appointment for financial aid assistance, [click here](#).

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL

**PRINCIPALS MONTH!**

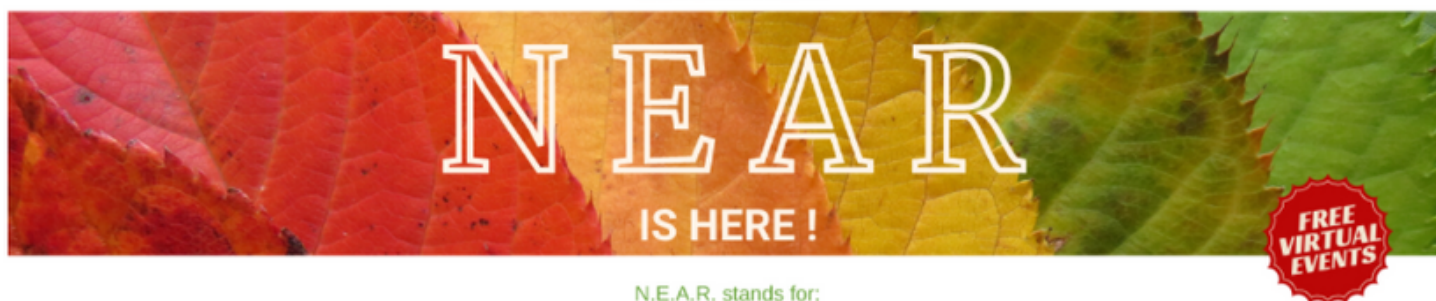
When it comes to principals, we have the best!

Big thanks to our District leaders! We are grateful for you!



## RESILIENCE MONTH

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N.E.A.R. stands for:

Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences &amp; Resiliency

Explore the impacts of trauma & resiliency on our brains, bodies, behaviors and choices with the N.E.A.R. Sciences.

Did you know that October is Resilience Month? [Click here](#) to learn more about upcoming events and ways the Clallam Resilience Project and partners are supporting our community. There is something for everyone!



Superintendent Brewer chatted with Todd Ortloff recently about the new Handle With Care Program, our government-to-government partnership with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and provided an update around the new athletic field.

[Click here](#) to listen!

***Have you seen Seaview Academy's tv advertisement on King 5?  
[Click here](#) to watch our ad on youtube!***



## GET READY TO SHAKEOUT!

International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October (this year: October 21). While COVID-19 has brought many uncertainties and challenges, one thing's for sure: ShakeOut is still happening this year! Students and staff across the District will DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON as we practice our earthquake drill at 10:21am.





**Please join us in congratulating Mary Krzysiak, Dry Creek Elementary Teacher as our Region's Teacher of the Year!**

**We honored Mary's award during the September 23rd Board Meeting where OSPI Superintendent Greg Lynch awarded Mary with her plaque. We are proud of you, Mary! Thank you for all that you do!**



**OCTOBER 11-15 IS NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK  
IT'S TIME TO GET WILD ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCH!**

The National School Lunch Program serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom. How can you and your student celebrate?

## **October 18-22 is National School Bus Safety Week**

School bus transportation plays a critical role in the education of our nation's students and is the direct link between a neighborhood and the classroom. More than 25 million children ride the yellow bus every school day, and National School Bus Safety Week serves as a reminder for students, parents, teachers, and the community to keep school bus safety at the forefront. [Click here](#) for tips to keep our children safe at the bus stop.



**HUGE thanks go out to our Transportation staff for getting our students to and from school safely! We are grateful for you!**

**Pictured Inside bus: L – R, Michelle Farmer, Sarah Hinsdale, Tamra Northern, Sue Peterson, Rob Hansen, Shirley Gagnon, Apple Zeng, Blanche Sifagaloa, Director of Transportation - Karen Ross.**

**Outside: L – R, Burdette Greeny, Mechanics: Aaron West, Craig Bourm, Dave Dearing, Billy Williams, Dispatcher: Debra Groff, Jess Peinado, Bill Spear, Don Gaiser, Tom Higgins, Pat Jarnain, Tony Billera Secretary -Laurie Rentas in front of Craig Bourm.**

**Not pictured but always appreciated: Butch Webb – helping fill out in office.  
Drivers: Deb Gores, April Hull, Mark Kiteley, Russell Tucker, Scott Fennell, Cori Rice, and KC Collins.**





**Superintendent Marty Brewer swearing in our new 2021-22 Student Representatives to the Board of Directors at the September 23rd School Board Meeting. Welcome, Luke Gavin and Sonni Creech!**

### **Fear not, back-to-school-ers!**

Did you know you can get free live tutoring, homework help, test prep, and more with your Library Card? Brainfuse HelpNow is provided at no cost to you, through the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Information about getting a library card, including signing up for a temporary online card that can be used immediately, can be found at [www.nols.org/library-card](http://www.nols.org/library-card). HelpNow is an online tutoring service for all learning levels-- kindergartners through adults! Check it out at [www.nols.org/helpnow](http://www.nols.org/helpnow).



**The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center will host the Celebration of Shadows Fall Festival, a family-friendly event, on Saturday, October 23rd.**

This first-time event will offer a shadow theater and pumpkin carving workshop followed by free evening festivities that include a pumpkin walk and contest through Webster's Woods, an interactive shadow puppet theater performance on the outdoor stage, warm drinks, and the opportunity for an evening visit to the gallery for the latest exhibition Chasing Shadows. [Click here](#) to learn more about this festive event.



# CARVE FOR A CAUSE!

## PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST TO BENEFIT UNITED WAY OF CLALLAM COUNTY

**\$15 PER ENTRY OR \$25 FOR TWO!**  
**\*ABOVE PRICES INCLUDES A SUNNY FARMS PUMPKIN AND CARVING KIT\***  
**PHOTO ENTRY ONLY: \$10 (EXCLUDES PUMPKIN & KIT)**  
**DON'T FEEL LIKE CARVING? SPONSOR KIDS WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE!**

**AGE DIVISIONS:**  
 • PRE-K TO 5 YRS • 6-9 YRS • 10-12 YRS • 13-17 • 18+  
 ENTRIES IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE JUDGED ON DESIGN, DETAIL, CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY.

**PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCT 26TH AT 5PM**  
**REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT:**  
**UNITEDWAYCLALLAM.ORG/CARVE**  
**ENTER IF YOU DARE!**

# PUMPKIN PICKUP

**REGISTER AT [WWW.UNITEDWAYCLALLAM.ORG/CARVE](http://WWW.UNITEDWAYCLALLAM.ORG/CARVE)  
AND COME PICKUP YOUR PUMPKINS & CARVING KITS!**

<b>SEQUIM</b> MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH 4-6PM @ THE SEQUIM YMCA	<b>OR</b>	<b>PORT ANGELES</b> TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 4-6PM @ THE PORT ANGELES YMCA
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**PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING**  
**OCTOBER 13-25TH 10AM-4PM**  
**\*IF NONE OF THESE TIMES WORK FOR YOU, PLEASE CONTACT US TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS\***  
 CALL OR EMAIL US AT: (360) 457-3011 INFO@UNITEDWAYCLALLAM.ORG

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!!**







Students in Music Teacher, Jesse Reynolds 4th and 5th grade class at Dry Creek Elementary received a donation of buckets from Home Depot for their bucket drumming program! The buckets they originally had were small, mismatched, and not designed to hold up to the stress of being hit repeatedly with sticks. Several students expressed dismay at how their instruments are being damaged by just being played. Jesse needed to do something to try and replace these buckets and so they reached out to the Home Depot of Sequim and asked if they would donate some buckets for our students. They instantly donated 20 buckets. Retail, they are \$5 per bucket, so they effectively donated \$100 bucks to Dry Creek music. Way to go Jesse, and thank you to the Home Depot in Sequim!



**Winter weather is right around the corner!**  
**Please have a plan in place for your children if a two-hour delay or schedule change is made, especially if you leave before the school bus arrives. For more information, please visit the District's Inclement Weather Information [page here.](#)**





## Score One for PA!

It's official! Fundraising has started for a new video scoreboard at Civic Field. This effort is led and launched by our very own student, Catie Chance! To donate, visit: <https://gofund.me/96b28d89> or send a check to the PAHS Athletic Hall of Fame and note "Scoreboard".

There are important local races coming up in the November 2 General Election, including two school board races. Register to vote or update your voter registration today. It's easy! Just go to [VoteWA.org](http://VoteWA.org)!



Our District is still looking for new AmeriCorps Members! These positions are critical to our District and we need your help. New for this year, you can apply to become a part-time member! **Click here** for more information or reach out to Michell Gentry with questions: [mgentry@portangelesschools.org](mailto:mgentry@portangelesschools.org)

## Did you know that you need to complete your meal application every year?

Even while all students are getting fed for free this year, there are many reasons to apply!

[Click here](#) for the Free and Reduced Meal Application.



**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](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org).**

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