

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Parent Newsletter

Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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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.

## Back to School Success!

Students across the District are all back to school full-time, five days a week! We are so happy to welcome them back!





# Back to School Fair

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 13th Annual Back to School Fair! This year we had 11 informational booths hosted by community and school-based programs.

**Sodexo employees** and **Kiwanis members** handed out seven-day meal sets and extra lunches for a total of **5,711 meals!** Wow!

More than **42 families** shopped in the clothing closet, where they received new jackets, shoes, shirts, pants, and socks. Thank you to our **Caring For Kids Closet** volunteers! You are amazing!

The haircut booth was busy all day long, providing haircuts to students! In three hours, **44 kids** received haircuts by four volunteer beauticians! Thank you to our volunteer stylists: **Krissy Wilhelm with Ellav8e Beauty Studio, Zoe Kromm with Great Clips Sequim, Sarah Pecoraro with Hair Solutions, and Leeann Almoguera -Private Stylist.**

Shout out to our incredible sponsors who provided funds or items that filled 1,000 bags with school supplies for our Port Angeles students: **Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Port Angeles Education Foundation, Steve Methner - State Farm Agent, Sound Community Bank, Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles, United Way of Clallam County, First Step Family Support Center, Costco, and Interfor.**

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this day special for our families and getting students started on the right foot with the supplies and support they need to succeed!

**Beauticians hard at work getting students ready for the first day of school!**



**Jasmin Thomas with AmeriCorps and Amanda Sanders with Lutheran Community Services, handing out school supplies.**

**Luke Gavin - Senior, Tasha Fitzgerald with Kiwanis, and Jamie Williams with Nutrition Services, hand out meal kits.**



## Creating Connections to Support Port Angeles Youth

Schools in Port Angeles are partnering with local law enforcement to help students exposed to traumatic situations by launching our own "Handle With Care" program! We created a local "Handle With Care" program to get reports when a student is exposed to a traumatic event. Port Angeles School District teachers and staff will be ready with trauma-sensitive approaches, like sending students to the counselor instead of the principal. We are starting "Handle With Care" to enable law enforcement to notify District leaders when a student was present at a traumatic event.

A collaboration of first responders, community-based organizations, and the school district supports youth in Port Angeles through Handle With Care. Partners include City of Port Angeles Fire Department, Port Angeles Police Department, The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Police Department, Clallam County Sheriff's Office, Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition, and Clallam Resilience Project (a project of the United Way). Thank you to these agencies for supporting students in our District through the Handle With Care program! To learn more about this new program, visit: [https://portangelesschools.org/community/handle\\_with\\_care](https://portangelesschools.org/community/handle_with_care)

# Stevens Middle School Wins Nationals!



Pictured Above: Lizzy Shaw (left) and Becca Manson (right) work on their 'Off the Grid' model for the national competition.



Stevens Middle School 7th grade team of **Lizzy Shaw and Becca Manson**, for the first time in Port Angeles history, earned **first place** at the **Technology Student Association (TSA) National Competition** in the 'Off the Grid' Competition' in 2021! They had to research a sustainable architectural design for a home in their chosen country, document their findings in a display model, and present their plan.

Congratulations to **Becca and Lizzy**, advisors **Gunnar Thomason, Christine Spaulding, and Dan Lieberman**! Stevens had 19 student competitors at the TSA Competition in March, and 17 went on to nationals.

**Congratulations, Stevens Stampedeers!**

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## Bike-Run-Row

September 26, 2021

4TH THRU 9TH GRADES

Category 1: 4th-6th grade

Category 2: 7th-8th grade

Category 3: 9th grade

Little Hurt includes 3 legs – biking on the Lincoln Park BMX track, rowing on rowing machines provided by the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association, and trail running in Lincoln Park. Each participant does all of the legs – there is not a relay option for Little Hurt.

\$15 – All participants Register at:

<https://bighurtpa.com/little-hurt/>



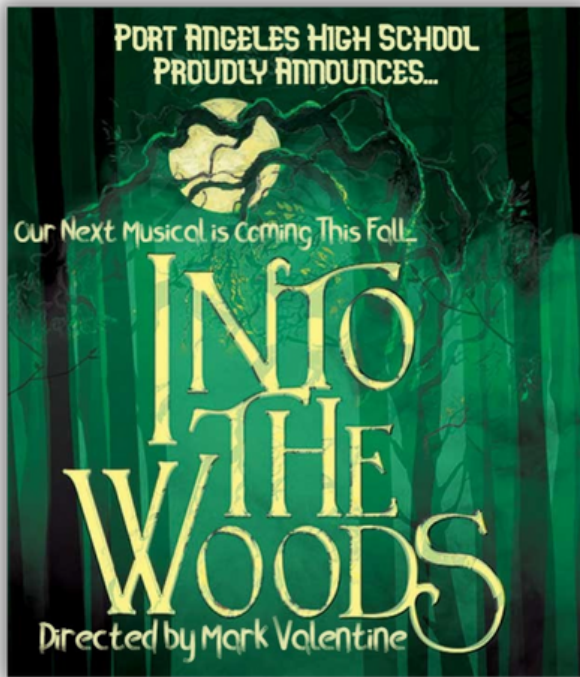
## Backpack Buddies - Take & Make Kits from the North Olympic Library!

Beginning Friday, September 10th, while supplies last, families can pick up a kid-friendly take and make craft! Kids can create and stitch their own plushie to clip onto their backpacks. Simple patterns will be provided, but feel free to use your imagination!

*Recommended for 2nd grade and up. Adult supervision may be required due to sewing needles. Supplies & instructions included.*

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This show will run in the auditorium from November 12 - 21 (6 Weekend Performances).



Fall sports have returned! We can't wait to cheer on our Riders!



For spectator information this year, [click here!](#)



Check out the schedule of games here: [pahsroughriders.com/events](http://pahsroughriders.com/events)



## Toiletry and Clothing Donations

Michell Gentry is hosting a clothing and toiletry drive for PAHS students. Starting this year, students can drop by room 204 to visit the new clothing closet and pick up any needed toiletries. Donations can be dropped off in room 404 from 1pm to 5pm at the high school or the main office.

## City of PA Seeking Student Representatives!

The City of Port Angeles is accepting applications to fill two Student Representative vacancies on the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission.

The two Port Angeles School High School/Lincoln High School students are appointed by the Commission to serve for one school year. They are non-voting positions. Student members must live in the school district boundaries and be between the grades of 9-12 (Freshman-Senior Year).

How to apply: Download an application from [www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us) or request one by mail by contacting City Clerk Kari Martinez-Bailey at 360-417-4634 or [kmbailey@cityofpa.us](mailto:kmbailey@cityofpa.us)

For more information, please visit <https://www.cityofpa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1062>



**NJROTC Cadets volunteered their Saturday at Nor'Wester Rotary's Jammin' in the Park concert on 9/4/21. Cadets helped bands move equipment and managed parking. Funds raised from this event go to local high school scholarships. Thank you, Cadets!**



**Pictured Left to Right:**

**Back: Jay Ketterling, Luke Gavin, Ephrem Ireland, Ashe Thomason. Front: Payton Hines, Emery Pyle, Addie Lomax.**



**Left to Right:**

**Ashe Thomason, Payton Hines, Luke Gavin, William Webber, Ephrem Ireland.**

## **BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

In the past, teachers were issued vouchers from the Port Angeles Friends of the Library (PAFOL) to “buy” books for their classroom libraries before the start of the school year. Due to COVID, PAFOL is unable to offer that program this year.

However, PAFOL has received a big donation of 2,500 children’s books for elementary and middle school students and is selling them for \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. PAFOL invites all teachers and parents to come and purchase these books. They are on a special rack in the lobby of the Port Angeles branch of NOLS. They are being sold through the PAFOL bookstore.

The PAFOL bookstore opens at 10am Monday through Saturday and closes at 5:30 Monday through Thursday, 4:45pm on Friday, and 3pm on Saturday.

**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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