

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Parent Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



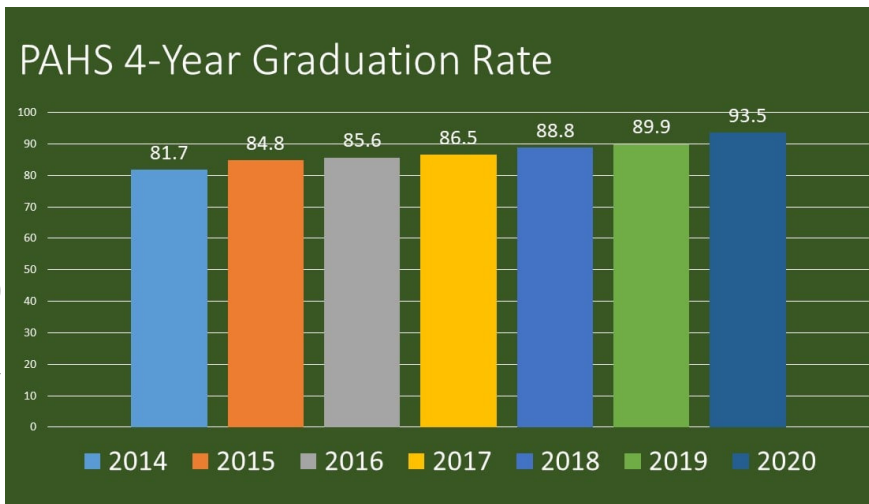
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## STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

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

### Port Angeles High School Grad Rates are on the Rise!

The Port Angeles School District has another reason to celebrate student success. For the seventh year in a row, graduation rates have increased at Port Angeles High School (PAHS). The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) releases graduation rates each January, and the PAHS class of 2020 had a 93.5% graduation rate among 262 students. These graduation rates have steadily climbed since 2014, and this last year they leaped into the 90th percentile.



Graduation rates for students from low-income households and students with disabilities are also on the rise. In 2020, 90.7% of students from low-income households graduated from PAHS compared to the Washington States rate of 75.1%. Last year, PAHS saw an incredible jump to 84.2% for graduation rates of students with disabilities, compared to 2019's graduation rate of 62.5%. Gains for PAHS students with disabilities continue to outpace the state's overall percentage rate of 64.5%.

Congratulations to the students, families, staff, and our community who have played had a part in achieving our highest graduation rate in recent history! Check out this article and interview with KONP's Pepper Fisher and PAHS principal, Jeff Clark [here](#).

Please join us in congratulating PAHS's newest National Merit Scholar Finalist, **Talia Anderson**. The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year but only 15,000 advance to Finalist standing. PAHS has not had a National Merit Finalist since Leah Marsh in 2015. Talia shared that she has always been very passionate about school and wanting to do well. She is grateful for the support and encouragement she's received from people around her. Congrats, Talia! We are PROUD of you!!



PAHS Senior Talia Anderson receives her National Merit Scholar Finalist certificate from Principal Jeff Clark 2/23/21

# Celebrating Student Success!



Lincoln High School's newest graduate is Josh Houts! Josh earned his high school diploma in February. Great job, Josh!!



Logan Williams graduated from Seaview Academy in February! Logan will be attending UTI in Arizona this fall. Please join us in wishing Logan good luck and congratulations on graduating! Pictured Logan and Principal Cindy Crumb.



Congratulations to John Ruddell of Dry Creek, for winning the 2021 North Olympic Discovery Marathon Kids Medal Design Contest! Shout out to runners-up Abby Schildknecht, Dry Creek Elementary, and Skylar Lockhart, Jefferson Elementary.

All contest winners receive an entry into the Kids Marathon event, a special certificate, and a goody bag. We are so proud of our artists!

The 18th Annual Kids Marathon will be held at 3pm on June 5th at City Pier. Registration details for all events can be found at [www.nodm.com](http://www.nodm.com). Email the marathon at [nodm@nodm.com](mailto:nodm@nodm.com) with any questions.

## THE NEW 2021-22 PASD SCHOOL CALENDAR IS HERE!

CLICK HERE







We are in the final weeks of Season 1 for high school sports! Season 2 will run from March 15 – May 1. Click the image to the right for registration.

# ATHLETES

The first day of practice/tryout is March 15th for  
**Baseball**  
**Softball**  
**Girls Tennis**  
**Boys and Girls Golf**  
**Boys and Girls Track**  
**Boys Soccer**

Sign up on Finalforms (PAHS website/Athletics) starting Monday, March 8th



## STREAM RIDER SPORTS



SELECT GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STREAM FOR FREE ONLINE AT NFHS NETWORK.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SCHEDULE AND CHEER ON OUR RIDERS!



## SPORTS ARE A GO AT STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL!

### Three seasons:

Season 1 (March 8-April 2) Girls Volleyball and Boys & Girls Cross Country

Season 2 (April 12-May 7) Girls Basketball and Football (flag)

Season 3 (May 10-June 4) Boys Basketball and Track

All athletic fees for Stevens student-athletes have been waived for this year only. To register please [click here.](#)





The SmileMobile is coming to Jefferson Elementary March 23rd-26th. SmileMobile dentist, Paul Phillips, DDS and dental team will provide examinations to babies (first tooth), children, youth, pregnant/postpartum people and adult family members with Apple Health coverage and who are uninsured. The program is implementing COVID-19 protocols to ensure families and the dental team are safe. Need a dental exam? Please call 888.286.9105 or check out the Facebook event [here](#).

## Franklin Elementary Celebrates Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America!

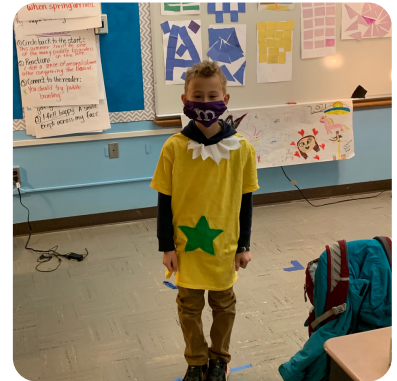
**Chloe Fortman**  
**4th Grade**



**Principal Lunt and**  
**Rylee Haag Kindergarten**



**Isaac Wendel**  
**3rd Grade**



Need book suggestions for your child? North Olympic Library staff can help you find books for your student. They currently have these great options:

- **Grab Bag:** <https://www.nols.org/grab-bag/>
- **Book Match:** <https://www.nols.org/bookmatch/>
- NOLS newest service is a Teen Lit Bag, a subscription-style program just for teens!  
<https://www.nols.org/teen-lit-bag/>



The NJROTC Precision Air Rifle Team competed in the Secretary of the Navy Nationwide Air Rifle Postal Competition this year and placed 1st in Area 13 (out of 42 schools) and 9th in the nation out of 583 schools.

The cadets shoot three-position air rifle which consists of prone, standing, and kneeling positions. As a result of their success, they have qualified for the 2021 JROTC Air Rifle Championships. The Championship is normally held in Ohio or Alabama, but this year it will be virtual.

Pictured left: Prone position: Cadet Lieutenant Meagan McCann

Kneeling: Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Kaeden Murphy

Standing: (Left) Cadet Petty Officer First Class Cheyenne Maggard  
Standing: (Right) Cadet Chief Petty Officer Jenna Sanders.

Go Roughrider Company!



LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND  
PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENT:

## SCHOOL SUPPLY

## SHRED EVENT

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.

Suggested \$10 donation for 3 grocery bags of paper, additional donation encouraged for larger amounts.

Saturday, April 17th,  
10am - 1pm or until the truck is full!

State Farm Insurance  
611 E Front St, Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(Please enter through alley off of Albert St.)

THANK YOU SPONSORS:

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**Kiwanis**

## Parent Notice

Please [click here](#) to learn about a notification from the Clallam County Health Department regarding several overdose reports, most including younger people (under 20) who have taken counterfeit pills that look like the prescription Percocet 30 mg in our county.

Click the photo below to learn more about Kindergarten registration!

**Do you know a great educator?  
An inspiring leader?  
If so, click the links below to  
nominate them for an  
education award!**

- **Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**
- **History Teacher of the Year**



**It's time for....  
Kindergarten Registration!  
March 1 - 31**



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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