

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

June 3, 2022

Employee 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.

MARTY'S MINUTE

We are in the final stretch! Only 7.5 more school days to go and this year is in the bag. Make these last few days count and reflect on how far we have come. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many students this year!



Blooming Artists

June 9th -19th, 2022



STUDENT ARTISTS IN BLOOM!

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center (PAFAC) is hosting an opening reception for their "Blooming Artists" Exhibition on Tuesday, June 7th from 3pm to 6pm.

This exhibition features artwork representing the culmination of a year of arts, science, and garden integrated learning with 250+ students within the Port Angeles School District. 14 teachers from 4 schools across the district have participated in the program, and more than 30 classes have been offered throughout the school year.

Through hands-on learning in the garden and classroom instruction, Pre-K to 3rd-grade students had the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of scientific concepts related to the garden. Students learned from teaching artists about basic art principles as they developed works of art related to their teachings.

This exhibit will display until June 19th. The project was made possible by a Creative Start Grant from the Washington State Arts Commission of \$24,300 awarded to the Port Angeles School District. Special thanks go out to Christine Loewe a parent, district advocate, and executive director for PAFAC, for making this programming happen for our district's students.

See what they've learned and created together over the school year!

To read more, [click here!](#)

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION PARADE

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 - PARADE STARTS @ 3:00PM

**1:30PM - Students stage for the parade on Ediz Hook. Must have parent driver.
Only 1 car per graduate.**

PARADE ROUTE:

- Marine Drive to First Street
- First Street to Race Street
- Race Street to Park Avenue
- The parade ends in front of PAHS

Community members are asked to cheer on the students as they drive by and to decorate their businesses and homes! Let's celebrate our seniors!

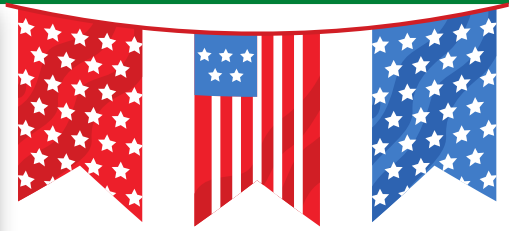
Seeking Floats for the Port Angeles 4th of July Parade



The Parade is Back!

This year's Parade Theme is:

"Service to the Community"



Grab your club, group, or troop and build a float for the return of the Port Angeles Community 4th of July Parade, sponsored by Kitsap Bank. Start Building Your Float Today! Cash prizes awarded for different categories! [Click here for the parade application!](#)

PENINSULA PERFORMS! CALL TO ARTISTS:

Are you a teaching artist (or do you know of one) living on the North Olympic Peninsula that wants to make a difference in the lives of school-aged children?

[Field Arts & Events Hall at the Port Angeles Waterfront Center](#) is launching a new arts education program called PENINSULA PERFORMS that connects arts providers directly to students and educators in the Port Angeles School District. This curriculum-based arts integration approach uses music, dance, theater, and visual arts to find new entry points into learning and aligns with both Common Core State Standards and National Core Arts Standards.

Arts providers can be independent teaching artists, cultural & heritage organizations, performing artists/companies, or art institutions. All arts providers working with PENINSULA PERFORMS will be fairly compensated. Supporting artists is one of our core values.

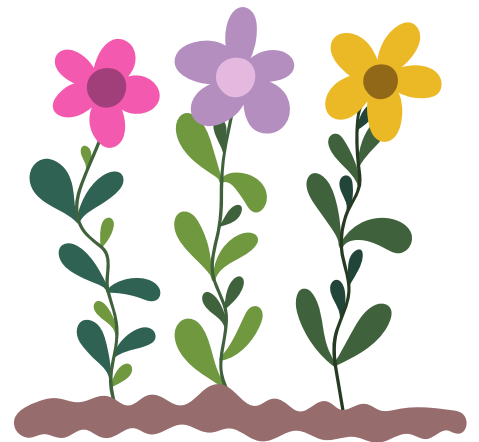
Interested arts providers must:

1. Be at least 21 years old.
2. Reside on the North Olympic Peninsula.
3. Represent a unique and clearly articulated art form.
4. Have previously taught, led, or performed your program before a group of people or students.
5. Identify a natural connection between your program and an academic area.
6. Be flexible in adapting your program to a school learning environment.
7. Be available during some traditional school days/hours.

The first step to applying is completing the Teaching Artist Program Proposal below.

PENINSULA PERFORMS is expected to launch for the 2022-2023 academic year this fall!

[Teaching Artist Program Proposal](#)



STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE POSITION

The PASD Board of Directors is looking for applicants for the 2022-23 student board representative positions. Students must be a junior or senior next year to apply and will receive .5 elective credit for each semester. Click here for the application.



49TH ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

Over the past year, high school artists across Washington state have channeled their emotions into their art, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) honored some of their work at the 49th Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show last week. Watch as Superintendent Chris Reykdal hosts this virtual awards program to celebrate student artists. PAHS student Piper Jenson is featured and her segment starts at 54:18 of the video that can be viewed here!



PASD's own, Vickie Helwick will sing the national anthem at this Friday's Leftie's game against Canada's Kamloops Northpaws! Head on out to the ball field and have a good time!

Tune in to the LAST KONP show of the school year as Todd Ortloff interviews some graduating seniors from Port Angeles, Lincoln, and Seaview! The show starts at 1:05pm, on Tuesday, June 7th. You can listen live HERE!



AN INVITATION FROM CARMEN WATSON-CHARLES

ʔáy'skʷáči/ Good day, we would like to invite you to join us June 6th in welcoming **Lynda V. Mapes** author of "Breaking Ground" at PASD central building room 208 at 3:30pm to have open discussion around her book "Breaking Ground". If you have read "Breaking Ground" or plan to read it and have questions and/or you would like to share your thoughts, this is a perfect time to do so!

Lynda V. Mapes also is a reporter specializing in environmental awareness, natural history and Native American Tribes for The Seattle Times and wrote another book titled "Orca" that she will be presenting later that evening at 7pm in the same location with a slide show.

Both "Breaking Ground" and "Orca" will be sold at both events. We hope to see you there.

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I thank you,

Carmen Watson-Charles

A REASON TO CELEBRATE

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will host their 2022 High School Graduation Celebration on Tuesday, June 8th, at 5pm. Seniors will participate in a car parade to celebrate their achievements and the community will cheer them on! The parade route starts at Elwha River Casino, up to the Elwha Gas Station, and ends at the Tribal Center. Join in the fun and let's support our Native Graduates!



PLEASE SAY HELLO AND FAREWELL TO TERRI LONGIN

Mrs. Longin is a 4th and 5th-grade teacher at Dry Creek Elementary. She will retire at the end of this school year after twenty-two years with the district. We caught up with Mrs. Longin and she shares some of her story below.

Where are you from?

I was born in Missoula, Montana. At the age of two, my family moved to Honolulu just before Hawaii gained statehood where my father began his business as a piano dealer. In the middle of my fourth grade year, we returned to Montana where I eventually graduated high school and college. My first teaching position was second grade in a small Catholic school where I remember asking the parish priest on the first day whether or not I looked like a teacher! I was certainly very nervous, but that school family nurtured me through my first four years. I went on to teach in elementary schools in Montana and Wyoming before taking a position at Clallam Bay School. Moving from Wyoming to Washington was a huge weather change. Our family learned, during those four years, that there are many different types of rain!



What do you like best about teaching for the Port Angeles School District?

I joined the staff of Monroe Elementary in 2000 where I worked with and learned from so many wonderful staff members who continue to be lifelong friends today. When Monroe was closed I was fortunate to teach in the MAC program at Franklin Elementary, an experience that truly enriched my teaching and cemented wonderful relationships with administrators, teachers, and families. When the opportunity arose to help establish a self-contained program for highly-capable students, I jumped at the chance as gifted education has always been my passion. The Ridge Program has been my career's most challenging and best work.

These past twenty-two years in the Port Angeles School District have provided me with incredible professional development opportunities, challenging teaching assignments, and really amazing people to work with side-by-side. I will always be grateful for the ways the district supported me during a personal health crisis and the illness and death of my husband.

Who is your hero?

I would have to say that my hero is my husband, Jim, who was a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and college dean for 45 years. His mantra was always "put kids first." He cheered me on through good days and bad and always said I was the best teacher he knew.



Where do you see yourself in the next 10 years?

As I close this school year and begin my "retirement", I am anxious and blessed to have time to spend with my children and grandchildren; the lights of my life. Now, every day will be a holiday, and our time together will be precious. I will also be watching all my former students go on to make the world a better place for them and their families.

PROMISE SCHOLAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

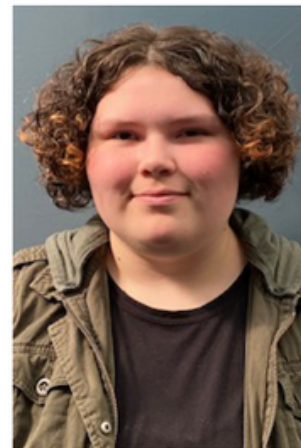
Congratulations to Stevens Middle School eighth grade students Maya Garrison, Ruby Johnson, and Tallulah Meneely for being named the 2022 Pollanz Promise Scholars. These students are awarded the promise of a \$40,000 college scholarship – \$10,000 per year for four years – by the family of Gladys Christopher Pollanz, providing they meet scholarship criteria and graduate in four years from Port Angeles or Lincoln High Schools. Congratulations, students!



Maya Garrison



Ruby Johnson



Tallulah Meneely

[Click here to read the full article!](#)



Thank you Port Angeles School District staff for your commitment to supporting and educating our children and community's youth. If you missed May's Wellness Wednesday or want to share pieces of it, you can still view it [here](#) or by subject matter below. Also available: [the slides from this Spring's training](#). Enjoy a healthy and happy June and summer.

Wellness Wednesday - 5.25.22 - Lindsey Greene - YouTube

00:00 Welcome, Introduction

01:13 Lindsey Greene Intro

03:24 Recap

06:37 Tools for Your Toolbox

07:45 Distraction vs Leaning In

09:22 Distraction

16:11 Leaning In

26:36 Summary

28:51 Cognitive Behavioral Triangle

30:50 Positive Self Talk

31:44 Additional Resources



News and Notes, our PASD staff newsletter, is emailed out each week on Friday during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. Do you have a news item for the staff newsletter? Send an e-mail to Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org by the Wednesday before.

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