

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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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

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! I've seen many special gestures for our teachers this week, thank you. Our district really knows how to make one another feel appreciated. On another note, check out our upcoming Focus Groups that will help guide our strategic planning process! Thank you for helping shape the future of PASD. Our goal is to hear from ALL staff, parents, secondary students, and community members.

## THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

We have some of the best teachers around! Here are photos from our school buildings during teacher appreciation week! Check out our website for parent and student kudos that families sent in to help celebrate this special week!



## **PASD ACKNOWLEDGES MAY 5TH AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

*We honor this day as a time when the Indigenous community and their allies wear red and gather to remember, honor, and give voice to women whose stories have not been heard. Congress passed a resolution creating the designation to honor Hanna Harris, Northern Cheyenne, who went missing and was found murdered on the Cheyenne Reservation in July 2013.*



*Pictured is Maddie Greene, a 5th-grade Dry Creek student with her teacher, Mrs. Tamas. Maddie shared that she wears a red handprint on her face to increase visibility and awareness of this important cause. Maddie is an enrolled Makah tribal member and the daughter of Crystal Bennett.*



Courtesy of Peninsula College, the 2022 Writer-in-Residence author, David Guterson, will speak with student writers at the Port Angeles High School Library on Wednesday, May 11th, from 1:35 to 2:35 p.m., with Mark Valentine facilitating. Guterson has written 11 books, notably *Snow Falling on Cedars* and his latest, *The Final Case*.

(Proof of vaccination is required for community attendance at this location.)



Tickets are almost sold out for Feiro's Annual Gala! A portion of proceeds of funds raised from this night goes towards providing marine and watershed learning experiences in our schools! **Get your tickets today!**



# WHAT MY HOME MEANTS TO ME CONTEST

The Port Angeles Realtors Association (PAR) brought back the “What My Home Means to Me” poster and essay contest for the 39th year! Third-grade students across the district were invited to write a 50-word essay on what their home means to them and draw a picture that corresponds.

Congratulations to all of the student entries and winners! All kids will receive a participation certificate. Thank you to the teachers helping with this contest and the PAR for bringing back this tradition after a two-year hiatus. First-place winners, their families, teachers, and district administrators attended a celebration breakfast where students read their winning essays.

Winning essays and posters will be announced to the public in a special insert of the PDN, available on June 4th.

## WINNERS

**Roosevelt: Mrs. Kuch**

1. Bella - first in class and 1st place grand prize winner

**Roosevelt: Mr. Prorok**

1. Brayden
2. Myah
3. Hunter

**Roosevelt: Ms. Kite**

1. Jaiden
2. Ryan
3. Samantha

**Roosevelt: Mr. Gapper**

1. Eleonora
2. Elliot
3. Charlie

**Hamilton: Mrs. Anderson**

1. Clara Kohl- 1st in class and Third grand prize winner
2. Saylor
3. Skylar

**Hamilton: Mrs. Ritchie**

1. Rylee
2. Nathan
3. Emily

**Franklin: Mrs. Erickson**

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**Franklin: Mrs. Soule**

1. Noah
2. Tyler
3. Nola

**Jefferson: Mr. Murphy**

1. Faith
2. Taylor
3. Dreyson

**Dry Creek: Mrs. Davis**

1. Noelani- First in Class and 2nd grand prize winner
2. Zyrriah
3. Elizabeth

**Dry Creek: Mrs. Schmitt**

1. Laci
2. Isabella
3. Zebastian

**Dry Creek: Mrs. Grimes**

1. Violet Austin
2. Shelby
3. Violet Mai



## **WIAA/WMEA STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST**

**40 Port Angeles High School music students went to the State Contest this past weekend, nearly twice as many as most of our competitors, and capitalized on the hard work which brought us there.**

**All PAHS performers received at least 1 superior rating, Chamber Orchestra received a perfect score--which put them in the top 5 orchestras throughout the state.**



**Also exceeding all expectations was Timpanist Will Rife, who took 3rd place in the Timpani category. Congrats, Will!**

**We had a strong showing which perpetuated our reputation of excellence in the most competitive music circles. Please join us in celebrating our students and incredible music department!**



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## **ARTS IN EDUCATION: WASHINGTON YOUTH ARTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHES**

**The Washington Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) Program is a yearly cohort of youth and young adults (ages 16-19) from across Washington State. WAYAL leaders work with the Arts in Education (AIE) team at ArtsWA to communicate the important role of arts education in their communities. Young artists in the program explore arts and arts administration careers with mentors in the field.**

**Applications to the WAYAL Program must be submitted through the online application platform called Submittable. ArtsWA will accept applications in Submittable through May 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)**





## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

We Cordially Invite You to Join Us  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Port Angeles High School Auditorium

Please check in at the table set up in the Lobby of the Auditorium  
between 5:30 and 6:00pm.

After the awards ceremony we will have a meet & greet and reception in the  
student center.

Please let us know if you have any questions:

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Sincerely,  
*The Scholarship Notebook Committee*

# SAVE THE DATE

It's the return of All-City Strings! This district event takes place at the high school and features the performance of every strings student in the Port Angeles School District. We are happy this performance returns after a two-year hiatus. Please join us on Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30pm in the PAHS Gym!



**College in the High School courses gives Port Angeles School District students a jumpstart on college. [Click here](#) to read the recent article in the PDN.**

**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](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org) by the Wednesday before.**

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