

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**

Each one of you is making a difference. If you are tired at the end of the day, it's because you are helping seeds grow in to mighty trees. Please take great care of yourselves as we guide and support our district's students.



PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION!

PASD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 23rd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

PASD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs to qualify for the Best Communities designation. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"As a music teacher and a parent of music students, I know how amazing the music program in our district is," said Seaview Teacher Vicki Helwick. "This program would not be as strong as it is without community support, and that is exactly what this award recognizes - our amazing teachers and their programs, as well as the community support, including from the PA Symphony, Sequim City Band, service clubs, and so many others."

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music: After two years of music education, researchers found that participants showed more substantial improvements in how the brain processes speech and reading scores than their less-involved peers and that students who are involved in music are not only more likely to graduate high school, but also to attend college as well. Everyday listening skills are stronger in musically trained children than in those without music training. Significantly, listening skills are closely tied to the ability to: perceive speech in a noisy background, pay attention, and keep sounds in memory. Later in life, individuals who took music lessons as children show stronger neural processing of sound: young adults and even older adults who have not played an instrument for up to 50 years show enhanced neural processing compared to their peers. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.

Congrats to the PASD Music Departments and their commitment to continue to build our music programs throughout the years!



Life Cycle of Salmon Project



Hamilton Elementary students participated in a 'Life Cycle of Salmon' project that culminated with the release of over 150 Coho salmon fry! Students watched the salmon in a tank housed in the library, and the entire school was able to follow the experiment to make scientific observations. The salmon eggs came from the Hurd Creek hatchery on the Dungeness River. Their permit required them to plant the salmon in Valley Creek in Port Angeles. Fifth-grade students had a series of lessons provided by the North Olympic Salmon Coalition that taught students all about the life cycle of the salmon and the importance of this species. Very cool!



Three Hamilton students cleaning out the tank and preparing the salmon to travel. (Kylie, Travis, and Seth Baros)



A Hamilton student and an SMS student releasing salmon into Valley Creek. (Kylie and Olivia Baros)



Seth bringing salmon to the creek.



JOE GLATZ'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

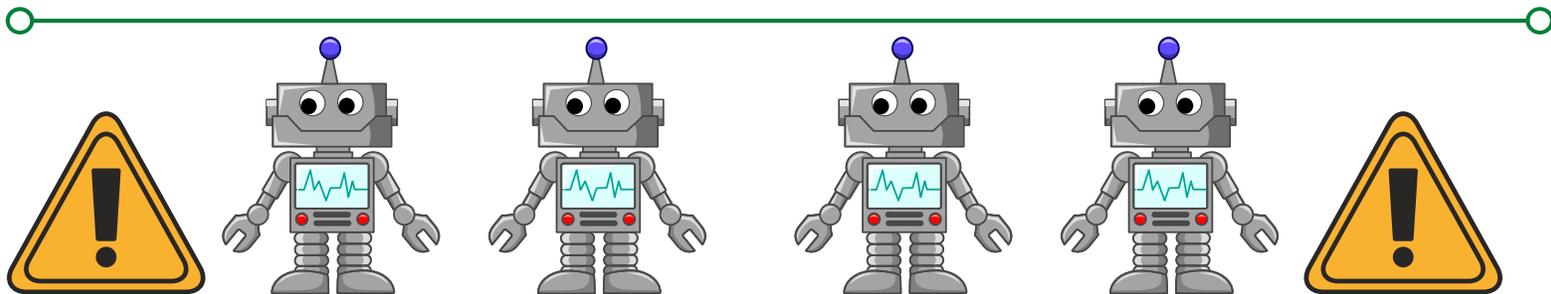
Joe taught in the Port Angeles School District for 29 years at Monroe, Stevens, and Hamilton. The family has finally been able to set a date and time to honor his life and would like to share it with the many school district people who worked with him.

A Celebration of Life for Joe Glatz

- * Saturday, May 14th, 2022
- * 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- * On the shore of Lake Crescent at the Nature Bridge Campus.
- * Join as we share stories and honor the life of a long-time PASD educator, family man, naturalist, baseball enthusiast, and outdoor adventures.



Stevens Middle School 8th Grade CTE Students – Becca Manson and Lizzy Shaw discussed Stevens’ Career and Technical Education program with KONP’s Todd Ortloff show this week! These two young ladies shared about their road to state and national competitions last year. This year, they came in first at state and are heading to nationals once again! [Click here to listen to the show!](#)



PLEASE STORE YOUR IMPORTANT FILES ON YOUR S: DRIVE.

It is more important than ever to make sure you have redundant copies of your files. If your computer stops working, any files stored on it will be gone forever. Files saved to the S: drive are backed up every 4 hours and are available to you on any computer connected to the campus network.

Your S: drive is a virtual mapping to a server at the Port Angeles High School where the actual file is saved. This is a secure space that others cannot see. Files saved here are backed up regularly with long-term, off-site, and off-line storage solutions. You are able to use this S: drive the same way as saving to your My Documents folder.

Cloud storage is also an option. The district provides access to cloud storage services. Both OneDrive and Google drive are HIPPA and FERPA compliant and provide a safe place to store files. These services have a limit on storage space but make files available to you while you are away from campus.

If you have any questions or would like help managing your files, please contact Jarred Blauser at jblauser@portangelesschools.org

PUBLIC SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS WEEK-April 18-22

We are so grateful for our public school volunteers, and we have missed them these past two years! Please join us in thanking our volunteers for caring for and supporting our students and staff! It is terrific to have them back in our schools and classrooms!



**Jefferson Elementary
volunteer Clancy Blakemore
from the Retired Senior
Volunteer Program.**



**Franklin Elementary
volunteer
Ray Weigel.**



**Franklin Elementary
volunteer
Diana Reinhart.**

Searching for something new? WELLAPALOOZA



IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

PAHS Students spent the morning on Wednesday, April 20th hearing from more than 35 community members, teachers, businesses, and organizations. Students learned a variety of things, including new skills like how to tie flies, salsa dance, and lift weights. The Port Angeles Police Department members shared valuable thoughts on making good choices. Thank you to all presenters!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

This weeks' staff spotlight is **Danika Johnson - Hamilton Elementary 1st Grade Teacher**

- **Where are you from?** Port Angeles, born and raised. I live on the same street I grew up on – my dad lives just down the road from us.
- **Where did you go to school?** I Graduated from PAHS in 2009. Lots of colleges: played college basketball at Peninsula College and New England College (in Henniker, NH), Bachelor's in Elementary Ed from Western Governors University, earned Masters in Teaching from American Public University in 2019.



- **Favorite thing about working at Hamilton so far?** That's hard to pin down...the atmosphere and the people who make the atmosphere what it is.
- **What was your first job?** One of the many coffee stands here in PA.
- **Do you have any pets?** 9-year-old hound named Boone, thousands of bees -- we run our an apiary called Miss BeeHaven and have hives all over Sequim and PA.
- **Favorite foods?** My grandma's German Goulash with Spatzle
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** Same as 7.
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** My kids' first camping trip last summer, we camped our way down to visit my husband's family in Huntsville, UT. We stopped at various places in Washington, southern Idaho, Oregon, and southern Utah.
- **Who is your hero?** My mom.
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** My kids, Ellie (5) and Wyatt (2) – watching them become independent and work hard to learn new skills is inspiring.
- **What was the last book you read?** The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- **Who is your favorite author?** Shari Lapena
- **What makes you laugh the most?** My first graders – if you've never spent time in a first-grade classroom you're missing out.
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** Basketball and Tennis
- **What about hobbies?** Reading, working in my yard, listening to podcasts/audio books.
- **Do you like to travel?** I like to travel – but I hate the traveling part.
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** Both my parents were born in Europe. My mom in Germany and my dad in the UK.
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Halloween
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Extrovert, but I definitely value my alone time.

Join us for

PORT ANGELES EARTH DAY

April 23, 2022
11 am - 1 pm
@ PA City Pier

CELEBRATION, INFORMATION, INSPIRATION
SPEAKERS:
JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE CHAIRMAN
RON ALLEN (on Endangered Salmon & orcas)
CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MARK OZIAS (on the Climate Crisis)

Plus: Live Music, EV Show & Presentation, & Informational Tables

Participating Organizations:
Sierra Club, Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition, City of Port Angeles, Clallam Co. League of Women Voters, Port of Port Angeles, Olympic Climate Action, North Olympic Land Trust, Clallam Marine Resources Committee, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, Olympic Forest Coalition, Wild Olympics Campaign, Clallam Co. Democrats, Friends of Ennis Creek, Dungeness River Center, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Natural Resources Dept., Holy Trinity Church [Port Angeles] Creation Care Team/Interfaith Earthcare

Questions? Contact Marc Sullivan: sullivanmarc@hotmail.com

Port Angeles High School Community Garden

Please Join Us

Garden Opening and Plant Sale

Bring a picnic blanket, some snacks, and the whole family! We have coloring activities and face painting for the littles!

May 20
3-7 PM

High School Community Garden
304 E Park Ave
Port Angeles



Wellness Wednesdays

LAST LATE START WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH: 4/27 & 5/25

You are invited to attend these opportunities featuring Lindsey Greene, Coordinated Care Apple Health. Participation is voluntary.

Zoom Meeting #:
882 6214 1245
Passcode: WELL

You can drop in for the next meeting on "Youth Mental Health and Stress: How to Help Youth," April 27th at 7:45 on Zoom here, passcode: WELL.

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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