

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

April 15, 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

I hope you enjoyed spring break and are ready to make the most of the rest of the school year! We are finding our groove as COVID restrictions ease. Please stay vigilant. We have come so far, let's stay healthy and focused on supporting our students and co-workers!

PORT ANGELES *Community Awards*

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating the winners and nominees in our district for this year's Port Angeles Community Awards! Members of the community nominate individuals each year and a panel of 6 local judges decide on the winners. Here are the results from 2021 below. [Click here to read the full article on the PASD website.](#)

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR -WINNER- ANGIE GOODING!

Angie was nominated for her excellent rapport and relationship with students and for her creativity in generating thought-provoking assignments. She is also acknowledged for being highly respected among her fellow educators.

Pictured right: Angie with kids Gloria and Josiah.



YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR WINNER - LUKE GAVIN!

Luke is the only student nominated for this award, with judges recognizing his leadership skills with the NJROTC, and involvement in various volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

Pictured left: Luke receiving his award from chamber director Mark Abshire.



The new memorial bench for Mrs. Lisk is now at Dry Creek! To those who didn't know Lisa Lisk, she was a beloved friend and teacher at Dry Creek for many years. Sadly, she passed in June 2020 after a difficult 6-month battle with colon cancer. Due to the pandemic restrictions, the Dry Creek team couldn't properly honor her, leaving a hole of sadness and loss. Mickey Branham retired 1st-grade teacher, planned and organized this bench to honor her. Her favorite saying was "Hold on to kindness," which is on the bench.

Thank you to the PASD Maintenance team for installing the bench. It looks beautiful!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join us in congratulating Jessica Elofson for recently being sworn into the WA State Indian Education Association Board during the 37th annual conference in Suquamish! Indian Education Association members are dedicated to improving the quality of education for Native Americans. We are grateful to have you in our district, Jessica!

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OLYMPIC STRINGS WORKSHOP SUMMER STRINGS CAMP

Olympic Strings Workshop is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to promoting talented youth by providing an immersive experience of music and nature at its best in the beautiful setting of Olympic National Forest. High school string students spend five days playing chamber music, creating videos, exploring nature, and making friends. Online workshops begin in June. [Click here](#) to learn more!



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

You are invited to attend a community Earth Day event at the Port Angeles City Pier from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd! The event will include music from Peninsula favorites The Lost Trio, playing blues and Americana. Principal speakers will be Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias, addressing the climate crisis, and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Chairman Ron Allen, on critically endangered salmon and orcas.

The event will also include an exhibition of locally-owned electric vehicles (owners will be present to talk about their experience) and a 1:15 presentation on EVs by Olympic Climate Action's Tony Billera, in the Fiero Marine Center.

Fiero Marine Center will offer a Buy One Get One for free admission for youth 17 years old and younger!

Continue the festivities and head to Ediz Hook for a beach clean-up organized by Olympic Peninsula Surfriders at 1:30p during low tide. More information and clean-up registration found [here!](#)

"To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow" - Audrey Hepburn

The Port Angeles High School Community Garden Collective will host its first Annual Plant Sale in the garden on Friday, May 20, 2022, beginning at 3pm, lasting until 7pm. Perennials, annuals, mixed planters, and tomatoes will be available at reasonable prices. Plants always make great gifts!

There is also a garden work party on Earth Day, April 22, right after school! Please bring your favorite weeding tool and clippers. There are shovels and rakes galore

Please contact our garden volunteer coordinator Shawne Johnson at sjohnson@portangelesschools.org for more information.

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



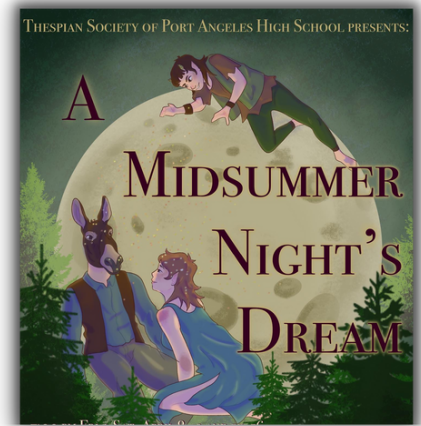


Only three more chances to catch the spring play!

- April 15th, 16th at 7 pm
- April, 17th at 2 pm

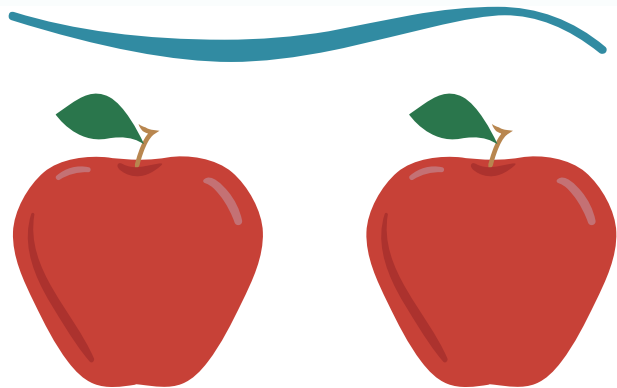
Tickets are only available at the door and are \$10 for everyone and free for kids under 5! Food and drinks are available for sale.

Come out and enjoy the mischief of Robin Goodfellow!

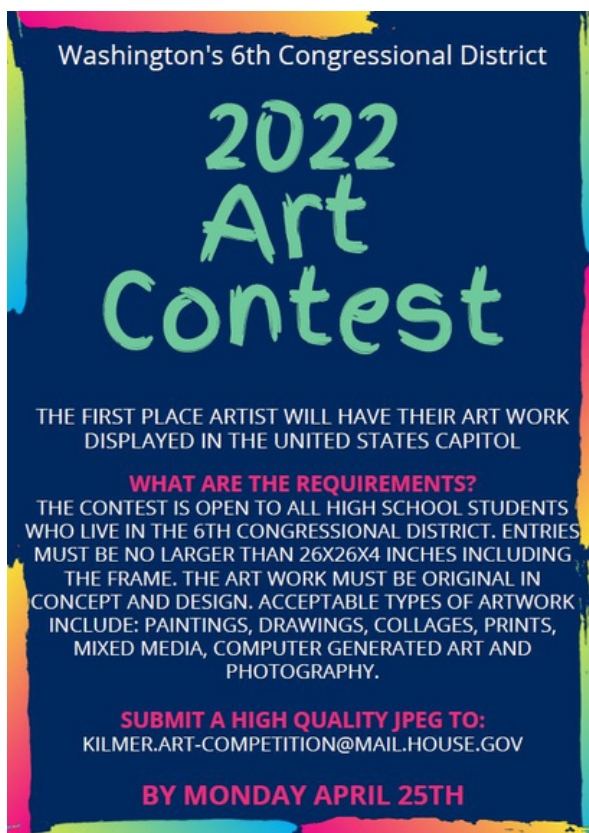


Spotted in the Peninsula Daily News:

HUGE THANK YOU
to the Port Angeles High School counselor, Dana Snell, who went above and beyond helping to make sure that our son was all set for his freshman year classes next year at the high school during registration.



*Teacher Appreciation
Week is May 2nd - 6th!*



The annual congressional art competition for high school students is back! This nationwide competition allows students from across the country to showcase their artistic ability - with winning artwork from our region and across the country displayed at the U.S. Capitol.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

This weeks' staff spotlight is Jarom Packer - Dry Creek Elementary PE Teacher!

- **Where are you from?** Treasure Valley, ID
- **Where did you go to school?** Weiser High and Boise State University
- **Favorite thing about working at Dry Creek so far?** The kids reciprocate my silly side 😊
- **What was your first job?** Little League Camera Crew
- **Do you have any pets?** Black Poodle - Romeo and Cat - Apple
- **Favorite foods?** I love a good burrito with fresh garnish
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** Mom's taco soup
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** Family reunions at our family cabin in Council, Idaho
- **Who is your hero?** My Dad
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Serving a 2-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- **What was the last book you read?** New Moon (Working on the Twilight Series. I Felt it was appropriate now that I live here.)
- **Who is your favorite author?** Bill Watterson (No literature has touched me more than Calvin and Hobbs did as a young boy.)
- **What's your favorite movie?** I'm a goober for Star Wars
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?** 1977. I'd love to witness what it was like to see the first Star Wars in Theaters
- **What makes you laugh the most?** My wife says it's Middle School Boy Humor
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Hiking with my wife on some new trail we discovered.
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** Football!
- **What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Something from High School Musical.
- **What about hobbies?** Exercise, Video Games, keeping up with football, Reading
- **Do you like to travel?** Love it!
- **What's your biggest dream?** That my family will know that experiences and connections are more valuable than things.
- **What is your goal for this year?** Adopt our Foster Son
- **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** In the education world. Potentially teaching, along with being an Athletic Director.
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I lived in Ireland during my Sophomore year of High School
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Memorial Day.
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** 25% Introvert 75% Extrovert
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Zac Efron
- **Anything else you'd like to share?** I LOVE it when I run into my students outside of school. I know other teachers feel differently.



PAHS BOYS GOLF



Boys golf is 5-0; tied with League Champion Sequim (which hasn't lost a match since 2015).

PA will play Sequim on Friday, April 15, at the Peninsula Golf Course. A word from Coach Bob Anderson: This team is made up of 13 gentlemen that I'm extremely proud of. They are not afraid of the work and are improving each week.

Way to go, Riders, and good luck against Sequim!

Pictured: Nate Anderson (Left) and Edun Bailey (Right) at Wing Point Golf and Country Club in Bainbridge.

Wellness
Wednesdays
are back!

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.

March's Wellness Wednesday's timely, informative 22-minute presentation from Coordinated Care's Lindsey Greene can be seen here until the end of April. Check out the below highlights:

- Understanding some connections between toxic stress and the pandemic at [5:13](#)
- Common pandemic stress reactions for educators: You are not alone at [10:00](#)
- Naming the stress: Compassion Fatigue at [11:40](#)
- What can we do? Talk about Behavioral Health at [14:36](#)
- How we talk about our stress at [15:33](#)
- Healthy Boundaries at [18:00](#)

Zoom Meeting #:

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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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