

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

We are excited to move into the next phase in our COVID recovery journey. Beginning March 21, face masks will no longer be required in most settings, including K-12 schools and childcare facilities. This is the next step in returning to normalcy. I hope you all have a nice long weekend and know that I appreciate all you do! Thank you for making a difference.



The old Central Services Building sale to Olympic Medical Center is now complete! Proceeds from the sale will go into the District's capital funds to support capital needs. These funds will help us continue on our 30-year plan to overhaul and replace failing school buildings across the District and build a high-performing athletic field that is a part of the necessary infrastructure in a high-quality district like Port Angeles.

During the Feb. 10th Board of Directors Meeting, the Board unanimously agreed on the design and timeline to construct the synthetic turf field to ensure year-round playability and give our student-athletes the competitive edge they deserve!

To learn more about PASD's 30-year-plan to improve schools and student experiences, visit: https://portangelesschools.org/community/capital_levy

February 16th was School Resource Officer Day!

Please join us in thanking our Port Angeles Police Department School Resource Officer VanDusen! School Resource Officers are full-time law enforcement officers with training in school-based policing and crisis response. Officer VanDusen is a valuable and essential member of our education community, and we thank him for his service in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe. Next time you see Officer VanDusen, give him a thumbs up and thank him for all he does!



NJROTC TAKE ON NATIONALS!

Air Rifle Precision Team placed 6th place in the nation during the Navy National JROTC competition in Anniston, AL! Way to go, Rider Company!



**Pictured left to right:
Brent Maggard,
Cheyenne Maggard,
Brenna Murphy,
Katelyn Sanders,
Senior Chief Beck,
Jenna Sanders, and
Kaeden Murphy.**

Three Lady Rider Gymnasts, (pictured left) Jessamyn Schindler, Mei-Ying, and Kathryn Jones competed at districts in Puyallup this week!! We are so proud of them! Jessamyn Schindler qualified for STATE in beam and vault! Way to go, Jessamyn!



Pictured above: Kathryn on uneven bars

Pictured middle: Mei-Ying on beam

Pictured right: Jessamyn on vault



The Roughrider girls and boys basketball teams are league champions!!! Thank you to our families, coaching staff, and students who worked so hard for this achievement. Playoffs this week have been going great! Stay tuned to see if our teams will head to the next round in Highline this weekend at regionals!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

This weeks' staff spotlight is Miranda Laidig - 6th Grade Teacher at Roosevelt!

·**Where are you from?** · was born in Port Angeles and raised in Clallam Bay until 4th grade. My family then moved to Port Angeles, where I attended Franklin Elementary, Roosevelt Middle School, and Port Angeles High School. I now work at Roosevelt today.

·**Favorite thing about working at Roosevelt so far?** The love, laughter, collaboration, and determination of all the Roosevelt staff has been my favorite thing by far. I began working at Roosevelt in 2019. During this time, I worked in Mollie Plocher's Resource Room two. In this room, I first fell in love with the paraeducators and students I worked with. The R2 team at Roosevelt is truly amazing! Over time, I was given the opportunity to work with other amazing educational professionals inside the building. I am grateful every day to be a part of such a dynamic team of skilled and caring educators.

·**Do you have any pets?** I have three pets. I have two cats that go by the names of Ninja and Shaolin. I also have a pitbull baby named Rollo.

·**Who is your hero?** My hero would be my mom. Remembering the inner strength my mom held, helps me every day to stay grounded.

·**What is your proudest accomplishment?** My daughter. Our children are the greatest versions of ourselves, and they remind of us of what being proud truly means.

·**What was the last book you read?** The Giver Quartet by Lois Lowery.

·**What makes you laugh the most?** I think my daughter can make me laugh the most. We sometimes laugh so hard no sound comes out of our mouths. We look ridiculous.

·**If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** If I could do anything for the day, I would spend one more day with my mom.

·**Do you like to travel?** If I must travel in a car with my husband, no.

·**What's your biggest dream?** My biggest dream is to see my daughter fully raised and to watch her live out her own version of greatness.

·**What is your goal for this year?** My goal for this year is to not let my 6th graders eat me alive! So far, I'm still here!

·**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** I don't even know where I see myself 10 minutes from now. I am a first-year teacher for goodness sake!

·**One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I used to be able to catch stacked quarters off my elbows. I learned it from the Fonz in a rerun of Happy Days when I was a kid.

·**What's your favorite holiday?** I would say Christmas as of this year. My daughter and I decorated our entire tree with origami stars, cranes, and paper chains, so our animals would not chew up our good ornaments. We had so much fun, and our tree looked amazing!

·**What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** I would love to meet Carol Burnett. I adore strong iconic female comics, and Carol is one of the best. Right up there with Lucille Ball, Betty White, and Joan Rivers. Can you tell what my mom had me watch as a kid? I grew up thinking these women were currently performing the shows I watched on television. I had no idea I was watching reruns.

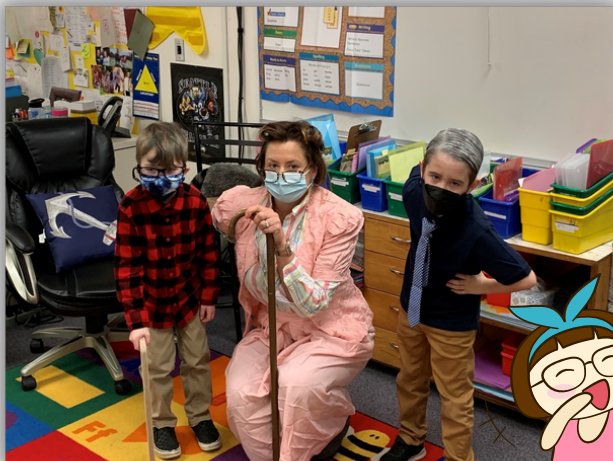


100 Days Smarter!

Students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school!



Ms. Baird's kindergarten class made "100" shirts and crowns, and waved at passing cars!



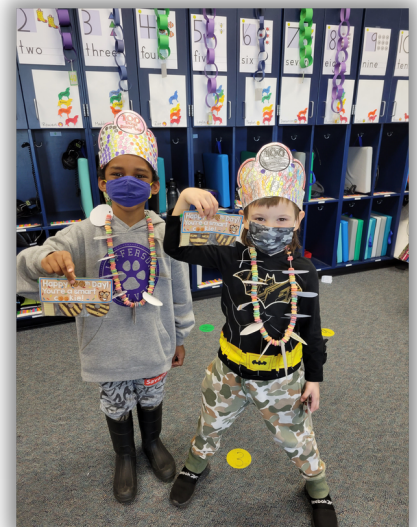
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Franklin's 100-year-old Sarah Schaefermeyer and her 100-year-old students!

**Jefferson Kindergarten Teacher
Melissa Holcomb's
100 Day Celebration!**

**100 sticker hats and
100 fruitloop necklaces!**

**Students received cookies
with a message, "Happy 100th
Day! You are a smart cookie!"**





Click here to listen to Port Angeles School District Band Director Jarrett Hansen and Orchestra Director Nathan Rodahl, with a few students, discussing upcoming events and what's happening with the music department.

**MAKE
today
GREAT**

KIWANIS CLUB OF PORT ANGELES BOWL-A-THON!

**Saturday, March 5th | 12pm - 8pm
Laurel Lanes**

RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!

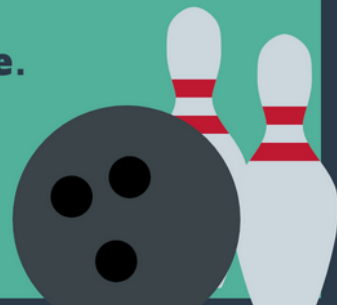
Reserve your lane today! Call 360-457-5858

**\$4 per game,
\$2 for shoes for everyone.**

**RAFFLES!
FOOD!
FUN!**



Kiwanis



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