

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

January 21, 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

Thank you for being a partner on this year's educational journey. Without your goodwill, patience, and flexibility, none of our work as a district would be possible. You make a difference!

Hamilton Elementary 5th Grade Students in Mrs. Gunderson and Mr. Kheriaty's class created these murals in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Excellent job, students and teachers!



Mr. Kheriaty's Class



Mrs. Gunderson's Class



PAHS NJROTC ON AIR!

Senior Chief Justin Beck and Cadets Naaman McGuffey, Addie Lomax, and Ashlyn Helgeson were guests on the Todd Ortloff show this week! They shared news about their successes at recent competitions and an upcoming

competition hosted at PAHS on February 26th! During this competition in February, different NJROTC schools will compete, including Oak Harbor, Everett, Snohomish, Marysville, Arlington, Burlington and Peninsula HS. [Click here](#) to listen and learn more!

THE DROP



The Drop is a youth and young adult drop-in center made possible through the incredible efforts of the Port Angeles First United Methodist Church and the generosity of local community donors. The drop-in center is a safe, warm, welcoming, and judgment-free space where youth receive services like housing assistance, employment and education referrals, mental health and counseling referrals, schooling and program availabilities, communication tools, and much more. Youth or young adults ages 12 - 24 who are in need of a safe place can come and hang out!

Street Address: 110 E 7th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Hours: Monday-Friday : 9:00am-5:00pm

Phone: 360-504-3387

Email: youth@serenityhouseclallam.org

Mail: PO box 4047, Port Angeles, WA, 98363

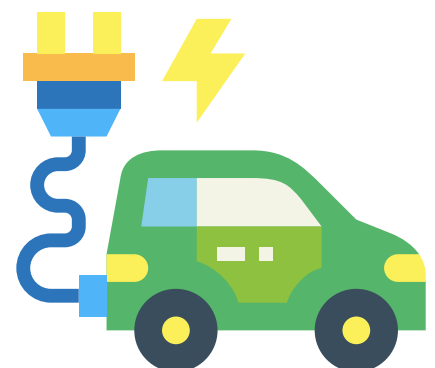
Fax: 360-452-0806

OLYMPIC CLIMATE ACTION SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE REVOLUTION

If you've been thinking about electric vehicles but have questions or just want to learn more, join **Olympic Climate Action member** and **PASD Bus Driver Tony Billera** for a virtual program on electric vehicles (EV) on January 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by Olympic Climate Action, a grass-roots group seeking a safe, prosperous, sustainable future for residents of the Olympic Peninsula by addressing the threat of climate change.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register!

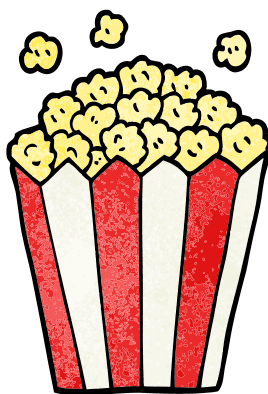
Tony will also be on KONP's Todd Ortloff show on Tuesday, January 25th talking about the EV talk on the 27th. Tune in to learn more! Way to go. Tony! Thank you for being a climate hero!



KUDOS KORNER



Big shout out to Kristen Lunt, Paula Elder, and Shelley Adams for putting together a tasty popcorn bar for Stevens Middle School staff on January 19th, National Popcorn Day! Staff was able to mix sweet & salty treats to enjoy with their popcorn! Thank you, Kristen, Paula and Shelley! Yum!
~SMS Staff



Smart[]Health

www.smarthealth.hca.wa.gov

It's a new year! That means you have another opportunity to earn the \$125 Smart Health Wellness Incentive for 2023!

SmartHealth is our voluntary wellness program that supports whole-person well-being. Participate in activities that support all of you, including managing stress, building resiliency, and adapting to change. As you progress on your wellness journey, you can also qualify for a \$125 wellness incentive.

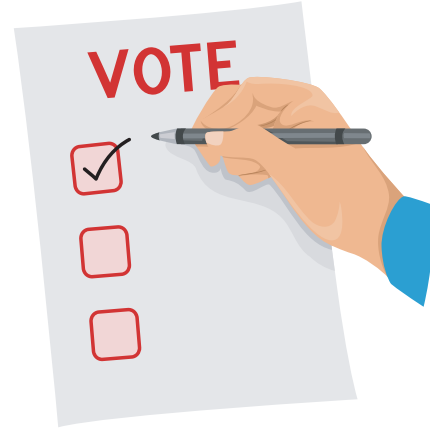
A NOTE FROM HR

Please join us in welcoming back Alita Amsdill. Alita is now the Records Request and Human Resources Assistant. Audrey Thornburg has moved from Records to Payroll for Certificated Staff.



WASHINGTON STATE FUTURE VOTER PROGRAM

In 2018, legislation passed allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to sign up and be automatically registered to vote once they become eligible. As well, 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in the August Primary.



Here is a link for Washington State's Classroom Guide to Voter Registration.

FOUR FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS!

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Fill in this form with your contact and shipping information to order your tests.



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF



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.

Port Angeles School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinators,

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinators: Scott Harker, 905 W 9th St.

Port Angeles, WA 98363, (360) 457-8575, sharker@portangelesschools.org, and for Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Pam Sanford, 905 W 9th St. Port Angeles, WA 98363, (360) 457-8575, psanford@portangelesschools.org.

