

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



December 3, 2021

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"Whatever it Takes"
in Klallam

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

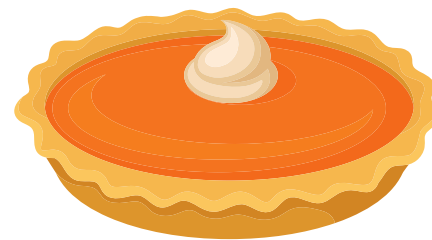
MARTY'S MINUTE

Welcome to December! Where did November go? I hope you all had a relaxing and restorative Thanksgiving Break. As we travel through these last few weeks of 2021, I hope you are able to embrace the season, finish the year strong and begin to look forward to a new year ahead.

Spreading Holiday Cheer!

Students in Stephanie Gochmour's Seaview class and Lincoln High School Students decorated wreaths and swags in an enrichment opportunity for Crestwood residents to hang from each of their doors. Amanda Sanders-Seaview Parent helped with supplies and volunteered time!





Calligraphy Class Students & Teachers:

From Left to right
Harmony Myers,
Fiona Cunningham, Mrs. Rhyne,
Brooklynne Jacobs,
Alyssa Peppers, Mrs. Crumb and
Rayin Blewitt.

Mrs. Rhyne's Calligraphy Class meets every Friday for 2 hours for learning old Book Hand calligraphy writing from 1500 years ago. Last week, they met for a different kind of activity. The class enjoyed making pumpkin pies together on November 23 at the Lincoln Center Kitchen. Many of the students had never made a pie on their own and it was fun for them to be engaged while getting to know one another better! They plan to have more mini cooking or art lessons in the future.

Mrs. Crumb stopped in and brought each student an apron to wear. The aprons were made by Cindy Rogers, Paraeducator and Seaview's Temporary Secretary!

*3rd Annual Caring
for Kids at Christmas*

CARING FOR KIDS IS PARTNERING WITH SERENITY HOUSE AND THE
PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR OVER 70 KIDS!

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.
[CLICK HERE](#) TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP!



The PAHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter participated in a Fall Conference on Friday, November 19, 2021. The chapter had 18 members who participated in a virtual conference and met in the high school library. The FBLA Fall conference consisted of five state regions, 45 chapters, and approximately 500 students and 55 advisors. Way to represent, Riders!



Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue is joining forces with the Port Angeles Fire Department for the annual Operation Candy Cane food drive this year. Crews will be set up at two locations on Friday, December 10th, and Saturday, December 11th. We invite everyone to come out and see Santa, along with the decorated fire engine and firefighter/elves at:

Friday, December 10th 6-8 PM
Roosevelt School Parking Lot
106 Monroe Road



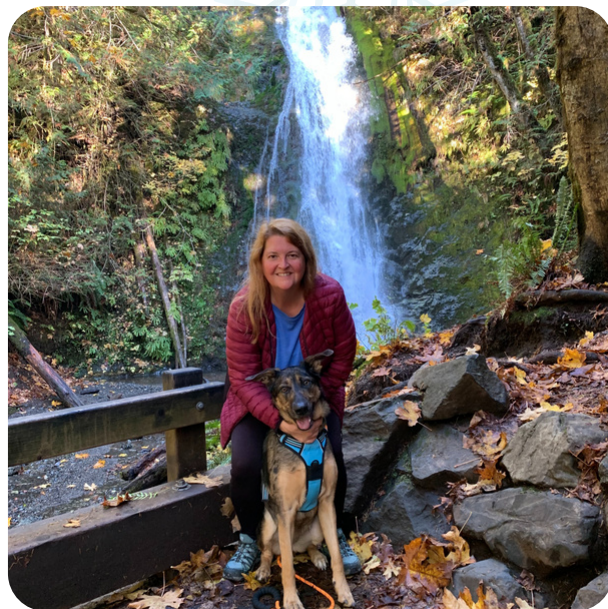
Saturday, December 11th 6-8 PM
Dry Creek School Parking Lot
25 Rife Road

We will be collecting food for the Port Angeles Food Bank so if you can, please bring some food for donation. We hope you can come to visit there and grab a photo with Santa and the crew.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This weeks' staff spotlight is Tami Parril, 3rd-grade teacher at Dry Creek!

- **Where are you from?** Born and raised in Port Angeles, but escaped a few times for college.
- **Where did you go to school?** Jefferson, Roosevelt MS, PAHS, multiple community colleges, WWU, Lesley University
- **Favorite thing about working here?** My teacher partner, the excitement kids have when reaching a goal, and the dedication all the staff have for our community.
- **What was your first job?** Motel Maid at Aircrest Motel at 14 years old
- **Do you have any pets?** Piper, my Catahoula/Shepard mix, Luna, the weirdest cat ever, and Pip, the aggressive snuggle cat.
- **Favorite foods?** Anything with friends!
- **Who is your hero?** My mom and dad for teaching me to stand up for myself, be honest, and to work hard.
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Watching my girls grow into amazing women.
- **What was the last book you read?** Behavior: The Forgotten Curriculum
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?** 1954, the year my parents got married.
- **What makes you laugh the most?** My granddaughter, Ellie.
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Visit with my family, go on a hike with Piper, and have an outing with friends.
- **Do you like to travel?** YES!! The more adventures and new places the better.
- **What's your biggest dream?** Be debt free.
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I started to coach at Angeles Fitness on Dec 1!
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Christmas
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Little of both
- **How many languages do you speak?** 3 (2 not very well, but I get by with the basics)



Tami and Piper



**Pictured left:
Granddaughter Ellie**



**Pictured right:
Daughters
Evian (Schmitt) Fogle,
Kiara Schmitt,
Leandra Schmitt**

Check out this video, featuring PASD's Family Navigators Becca Larson and Kelsey Lane! This video is produced by Seven Griddle Media through a contract with OSPI and is a McKinney-Vento Awareness video series, intended to help school districts bring awareness to the services available for students and families experiencing homelessness in Washington state. Way to go, Kelsey and Becca!



Click the image above to watch the video!



Please join us in welcoming Summer Cooper to her new position as our District's Native American Family Navigator!



Wintertide Festival of Lights

-----DEC 10-11TH, 2021-----

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center invites you to enjoy food & drink vendors, lighted art illuminating the forest paths, lantern workshops and a lantern parade, glow-in-the-dark art stations, and thrilling performances down in the meadow! Visitors can also enjoy the Makers Market from 11AM-8PM each day.

Location: 1203 E. Lauridsend Blvd

[Click here](#) to learn more!

Need Firewood?

Support the class of 2022, contact Sarah Tucker at 360-775-4154 for more information.





**Port Angeles
School District's
Highly Capable
Program**

**The referral window for
the identification process
is now open! The deadline
to submit a referral is
January 21st.
Please share the news!**

**CLICK THE
LINK TO
LEARN MORE!**

Annually, we put out extra effort to identify gifted learners, known as Highly Capable students. This program is for students who may have talents and needs beyond the scope of the general classroom environment. Parents and educators recognize that all children and students have unique skills and strive to meet their needs through various curriculum and learning activities within the general classroom. Click here to learn more:

Please join us on Thursday, December 9th at 4pm at the Lincoln Center to celebrate and honor our outgoing School Board Director, Cindy Kelly.

Director Kelly has donated 20 years of service to the Port Angeles School District, and we are grateful for her knowledge, time, and support.

If you would like to attend virtually, please [register here](#) to receive a link.

Light refreshments will be provided.
We hope to see you there!



You are warmly
invited

**Appreciation Celebration
of Outgoing
Board Director
Cindy Kelly**

Thursday, December 9, 2021
4pm to 5pm at the Lincoln Center
905 W 9th St.
Port Angeles, WA 98363

RSVP to attend virtually

Questions? Contact
Jennie Wilson at 360-565-3702

Share Your Voice! Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition Annual Community Survey

To assess and respond to the needs of young people in Port Angeles, the Port Angeles Healthy Youth Coalition (PAHYC) is participating in the annual Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) Community Survey. For over a decade, Washington Health Care Authority's CPWI has conducted a statistically valid community survey to learn more about the impact of underage substance use across the state.

All Port Angeles residents and professionals working in our community are encouraged to participate in this annual survey, available online until December 16. Community members and partners are welcome to reach out to the Coalition directly to provide additional input by emailing rray@co.clallam.wa.us. Find the survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/PAHYCCommunity>.

KUDOS KORNER THANKFUL EDITION



I am thankful for our admin- Rhonda Kromm. She does so much to show appreciation to the staff members in our building and is always working hard on fun new ideas to make things exciting and interactive. She helps to find creative ways to solve problems and is always a great ear when we just need to work through the numerous things that come up. Rhonda makes sure that she is available for staff and students as much as possible. I always appreciate her insights, stories, and willingness to help. Our building is truly #bettertogether thanks in huge part to her.

-Richelle Kimble

I am grateful for Dr. Julie Bryant, Dry Creek principal, for her caring, strong and clear leadership.

-Anne Mitchell

I am thankful for my health, my family and their health, and that I have a warm home to return to every day. I am also grateful that I have a job I love. Finally, I am grateful that, in my music, I have found an outlet that I am passionate about which fills me with purpose and satisfies my sense of who I am.

- Bob Allen

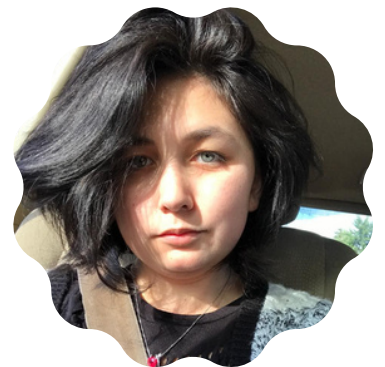
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**Congratulations to
Zelby Gloria, Klallam Language
student and PAHS' Language
Student of the Month.**

Congrats, Zelby!

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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.