

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



November 19, 2021

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ʔuʔstáŋəs!  
“Whatever it Takes”  
in Klallam**

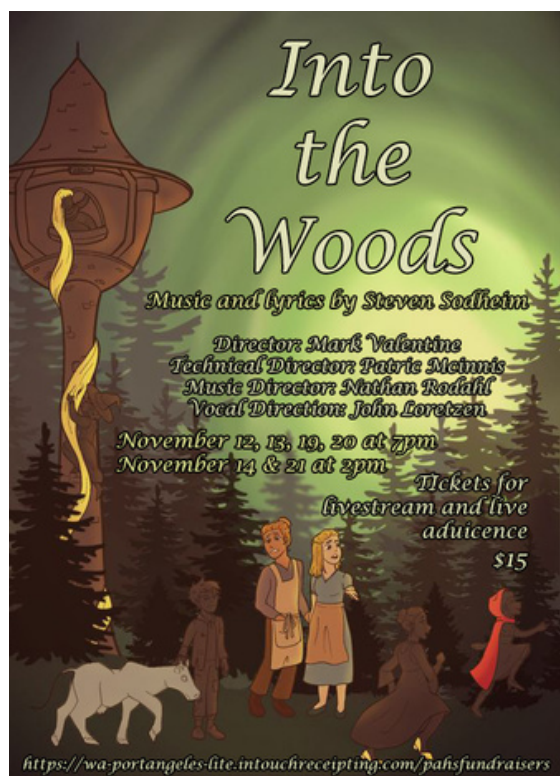
**STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.**

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

## MARTY'S MINUTE

The holiday season is almost upon us. I wish you and yours all the best for whichever holidays you celebrate. Now, more than ever, it's important to slow down and take the time to rest and fill your cup.

**I cannot be more proud of the work that our District has done to provide the best possible education for our students. Thank you!**



*Don't miss out on this year's fall performance of Into the Woods!*

**Audiences can watch from home OR physically in our Port Angeles High School auditorium for the first time in TWO YEARS!! (Masks and social distancing required)**

**Only 3 more chances to catch this stellar musical:**

**-Friday, November 19 -Stream starts at 6:35PM  
(Curtain @ 7PM)**

**-Saturday, November 20 -Stream starts at 6:35PM  
(Curtain @7PM)**

**-Sunday, November 21 -Stream starts at 1:35PM  
(Curtain @ 2PM)**

**Click the poster to get your tickets today!**

**Poster created by: Kai Snook**

## **KONP's Todd Ortloff hosted Superintendent Brewer this week!**

**The two discussed an update on the Capital Levy, including the latest on the athletic field on Monroe Road, and answered questions about recent news on the county's assessed property values. Superintendent Brewer also shared what's next in the District's plan at Stevens Middle School and provided highlights on our government-to-government partnership with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. Check it out by [clicking here!](#)**





**The All Kids Bike® (AKB) program for kindergarten and first-grade students is officially underway!**

AKB is a national movement led by the Strider® Education Foundation. Hamilton Elementary first-graders tried out the Strider bikes for the first time this month! Students learned how to put on helmets correctly, and staff made sure they fit properly. After the safety talk, students spent a few minutes practicing putting the kickstand up and down, and then it was time to straddle the bikes and take them for a spin! For some students, this was their first time on a bike. The goal of this program is to teach safe riding skills and build confidence.

PE Teacher Krista Winn shared this “aha” moment: A little girl was scared of the bike and hesitant to try. I asked her to straddle the bike and stand in one place. Then I went off to watch others (but was really watching her). She started taking tiny, tiny baby steps with the encouragement of another student who stopped to help her. It was like teaching a baby to walk their first steps. I went back over to her and stood about two steps in front of her and said, “See if you can walk to me!” and she did! The next thing I knew, she was circling the gym with the other students. After class, she came up to me and asked, “I did good today, didn’t I?”. I told her how proud I was of her and her bravery gave me goosebumps!

PASD is the first kindergarten and first-grade AKB PE Program in the state of Washington. We are able to offer everything teachers need to teach our youngest learners how to ride bikes! Special thanks to our community sponsors, Lincoln Park BMX Track and Sound Bikes & Kayaks, who made this possible for our youngest learners.

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Please share open opportunities throughout the District with your networks! From paras, secretaries, coaches, to maintenance, there is something for all levels of fun!

[Click here to learn more.](#)







**Port Angeles Girls Swim & Dive Team place 9th  
at the 2A State Meet with 90 points overall.**

**GREAT JOB, RIDERS!**



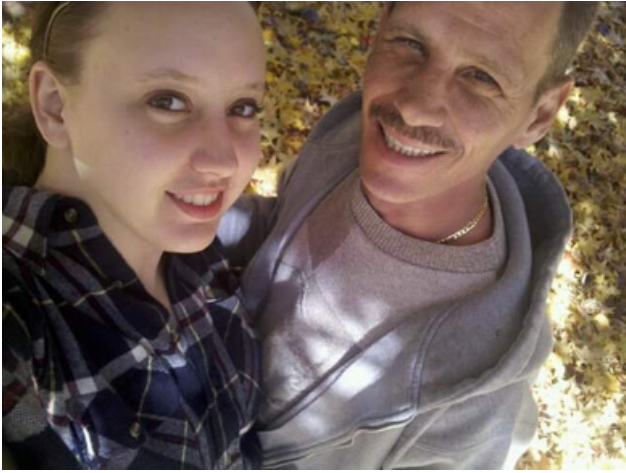
**We are so proud of our girl's soccer team  
for making it to state!**

**WAY TO GO!**



## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**This weeks' staff spotlight is Jamie Williams - Office Administrator – Sodexo Food Services**



**Hello!! My name is Jamie Williams and I was born in Florida and have lived in Illinois, North Carolina, Virginia, and Montana. I am in my third year with the district Food Services as office admin to the Director here. I track all of the meals served at all of the schools every day! I love getting to see all of our students and faculty and the community vision we are all working towards. I have worked in various food service positions over the last 15 years.**

**I am married to my best friend and we just passed our 11th wedding anniversary! We have three children, my oldest daughter is 8, my middle child is a 6-year-old little girl in Kindergarten and we have a little boy at home with Dad age 2. We have two cats, Snickers (13-year-old Calico) and Mokesee (7-year-old grey Tuxedo) My little girl couldn't say Smokey when we adopted her. Both kitty cats are rescues from shelters and we adore them.**

**When I am not working I enjoy several hobbies. Baking, crochet, painting, music, and reading are the first few that come to mind. My favorite author is Jane Austen and I am currently re-reading Pride and Prejudice for the fourth time. Music is something that draws everyone in, I play many musical instruments - piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, dulcimer and I hope to pick up even more as time continues.**

**I can't express how genuinely thankful I am to be a part of the team we have here through Sodexo, and the District we serve. My drive and a lot of who I am are attributed to my late grandmother. She was so steady and sure amidst the life we led and I miss her every day. I hope that over the next few years we are able to buy a home in the area and permanently settle down here on the peninsula.**



# KUDOS KORNER



**From Cindy Crumb:** Cindy Rogers is the best para educator out there. I've never met anyone that loves her job and her kids more than Cindy. She stepped up this past month when we couldn't find a secretary; she is filling in for Katrina until she gets back from student teaching. Cindy is awesome!

## From Pam Helpenstell:

A huge shout out to John Gallagher who owns student recognition at PAHS! He never fails to ensure we are all on top of recognition. In our crazy days and lives of doing everything in our power to help kids prepare for life beyond high school, John never fails to remind us to keep positive recognition alive at PAHS.

KUDOS to Tanner Zahrt, the extra touch of reading the reasons the students were selected for the awards on the bulletin made them even more meaningful. He continued the recognition by personally delivering recognition certificates to students, but he still wasn't done -he personally made phone calls home.

These two certainly inspire me to pick up my recognition game! My classes had a lot of chatter about recognition and wanting to know how they can be that student to be recognized. I've never heard them so excited for recognition before! Thank you!



## From Coco Carlson:

I recently had a great experience at Safeway, I was walking down the yogurt aisle when this little girl said to her mother, "My teacher, Ms. Robin is the happiest person I know, she is so happy all the time, she makes me happy just being around her." I asked the girl and her mother if I could tell her teacher about this beautiful compliment she shared and they beamed with delight to be able to share. The girl was referring to Franklin's amazing para-educator Robin Schwab.

Way to go, Robin!!



# KLALLAM KORNER



## Resources from Jonathan Arakawa: If you are interested in learning about what Thanksgiving means to Native Americans, [click here!](#)

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](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org) by the Wednesday before.

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