

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



November 5, 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 OR TWO

Welcome to Native American Heritage Month! It was nice to see some of you during the District's Collaboration Day on Monday. If you missed or want to re-watch Carmen Watson-Charles' keynote presentation from our day, you can do so in the article below. Carmen's presentation features history, culture, and stories of our region's first peoples, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. We are fortunate to have a solid government-to-government partnership with the Tribe, who welcome open dialogue and help us better understand their heritage and rich culture. Throughout November, let us look at this month not just as a celebration but as the start of an ongoing journey to understand our partner's true history better. With gratitude, I acknowledge and value the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe as our partners in education and community of friends.

A Coming Together

Teachers, Paraeducators, and Administrators spent the day on November 1st, learning, reflecting, and collaborating with peers in their school buildings and throughout the District.

The morning started with a welcome from Superintendent Marty Brewer, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Olsen, and Tribal Chairwoman Frances Charles.

Our new Klallam Language Teacher, Wendy Sampson, shared a Klallam prayer. The keynote speaker for our day was Carmen Watson-Charles, the District's new Native American Liaison. Carmen helped us kick off and acknowledge Native American Heritage Month by sharing the history of the Klallam people. Carmen's powerful presentation brought awareness of her ancestors' struggles, Klallam traditions, and shed light on how they lived off the land along the strait and throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

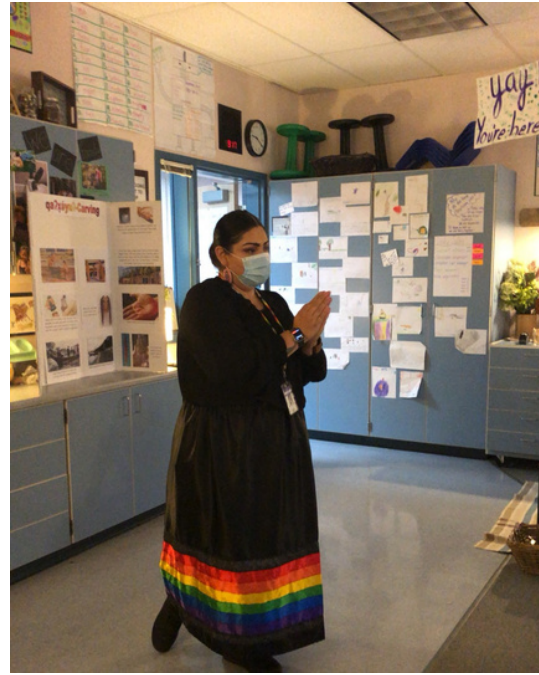
(To read the full story and watch Carmen's presentation, [click here.](#))



Carmen Watson-Charles delivers the District's Keynote Presentation to kick off Collaborative Day.



Dry Creek Elementary celebrates Native American Day!



On Tuesday, November 2nd, students experienced drumming and singing, storytelling and beading, weaving, and carving. Members from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe shared their stories, traditions, and Klallam Language with students. Stations rotated through classrooms every 15 minutes with educational and engaging experiences for students and staff. Thank you/há?nəŋ cn to the staff and volunteers who organized and made this special day possible for Dry Creek students!

**A word from
Jessica Elofson:
Click the image
to register for
the Share our
Voices, Hear our
Stories Event!**



NOVEMBER 17 | 6 P.M.
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SHARE OUR VOICES, HEAR OUR STORIES

LISTENING SESSION



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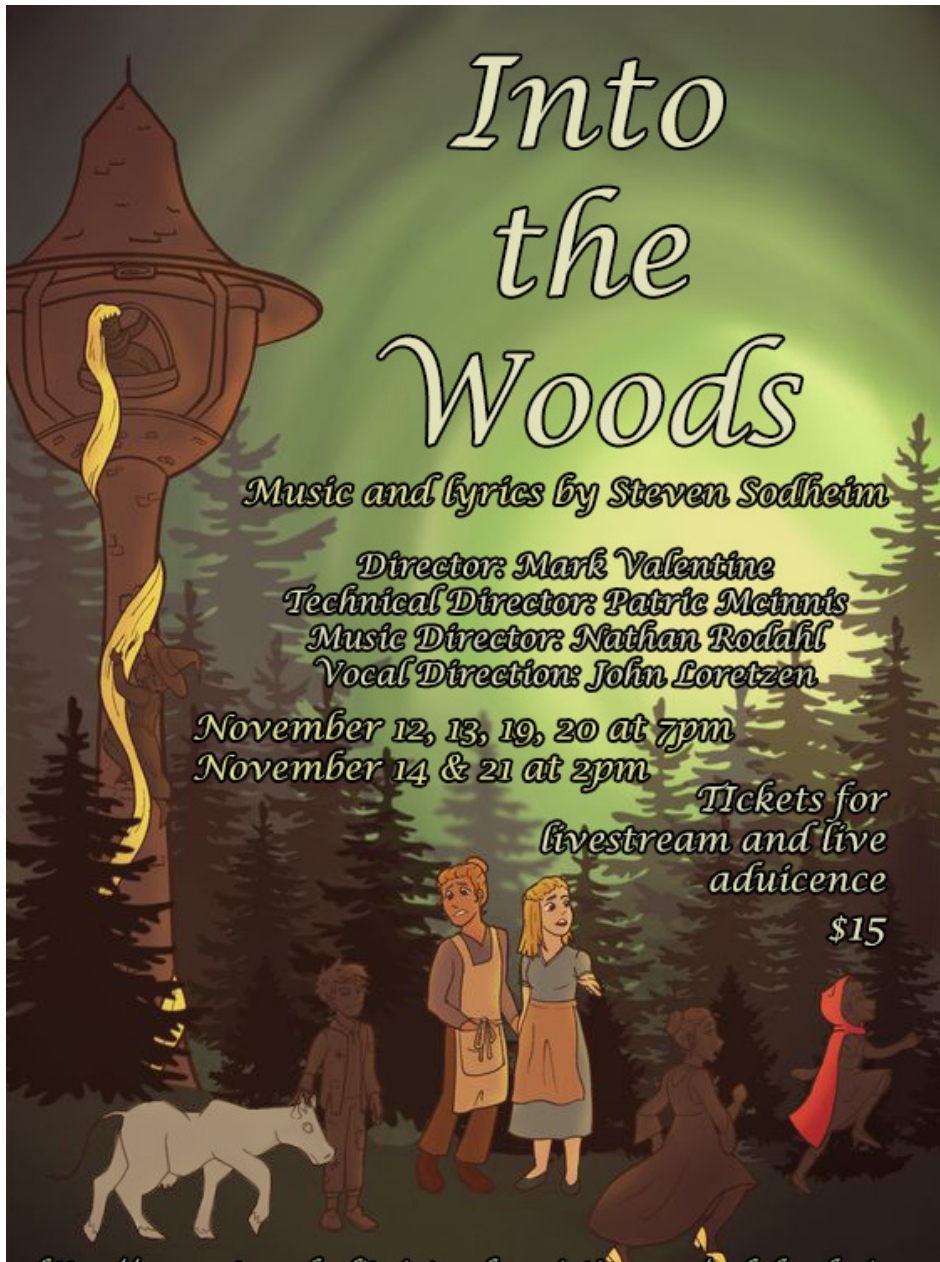


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Live theater is back! The Port Angeles Theatre Department, in partnership with the Music Department, presents ***Into the Woods***, directed by Mark Valentine. 21st



The famous Stephen Sondheim musical combines several well-known fairytale stories and characters to create a funny, poignant, convoluted, tragic, and entertaining musical yarn.

Tickets (\$15) are on sale now for "Into the Woods" running for 6 performances between Nov 12th to 21st. Click the flyer to purchase tickets!



Daylight Savings Time Ends on
Sunday, November 7th!
Fall back 1-hour.
Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This weeks' staff spotlight is Tasha Clark - School Nurse at Roosevelt Elementary

- **Where are you from?** Elma, Washington
- **Where did you go to school?** Elma High School
- **Favorite thing about working at Roosevelt?** Jami Wood and Jennifer McDonald
- **What was your first job?** Subway Sandwich Maker
- **Do you have any pets?** Dog-Copper, Cats-Dexter and Titty, Cow-Daisy
- **Favorite foods?** Carne Asada
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** Pork chops and gravy
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** 20 year anniversary trip with my husband and kids in 2018
- **Who is your hero?** My husband...he's the best example of how to give all of oneself to those around him. He wants what is best for not only my kids but all the kids in the PA community.
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Being a mom to 4 amazing kids!
- **What was the last book you read?** 28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand
- **Who is your favorite author?** Taylor Jenkins Reid
- **What's your favorite movie?** Fast and The Furious Saga
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?** 1999
- **What makes you laugh the most?** The jokes my husband says that my son laughs so hard at.
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Spend time with my family
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** BASKETBALL
- **What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Nothing! I would never do Karaoke
- **What about hobbies?** Watching my kids play sports! It's my favorite thing to do!
- **Do you like to travel?** To sporting events!
- **What's your biggest dream?** That I have raised capable, warm, and caring humans to provide this crazy world with people who are good examples!
- **What is your goal for this year?** To make it through all the crazy Covid hoops we are currently having to manage and jump through
- **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Retired and holding grandbabies!
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I married my high school sweetheart!
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Christmas!
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Half and half..depends on the situation
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Ryan Reynolds



Pictured From left to right:
Tasha's husband Dustin, Tasha, son-in-law Matthew, oldest daughter Taylor, son Dru, daughter Teagan and youngest daughter Teanna.

On the horizon....

You're invited to attend the next Board of Directors meeting on Nov 10 at 7pm. We will acknowledge and honor Native American Heritage Month and review the partnership with The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

During the week of November 8-12, 2021 schools throughout the United States will celebrate National School Psychology Week (NSPW) to highlight the important work school psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive. This year's theme is "Let's Get in Gear." The theme's acronym provides a challenge to grow both personally and professionally. It encourages us to engage in best practices and advocate for children's access to mental health and learning supports. To rise implies resilience and renewal despite the challenges of the past. Thank you to our District's School Psychologists and Educators!

Check out this recent segment of CBS Sunday Morning about an FBI officer and Industry Exec that became a school bus driver. Bus drivers truly are superheroes!

Reminder: No school on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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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