

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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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

Over the last few weeks, I have heard a common message from students. From sharing at board meetings to radio interviews, our students are getting back into the swing of things. The community is rallying behind us, our athletes are competing at high levels, drama's fall play is around the corner, and we can't support our students without your help! We have incredible momentum right now, let's do this!

New Food Pantry at PAHS!



**COLLEGE
SUCCESS
FOUNDATION**

NORTHWEST COASTAL

Special thanks to Grocery Outlet's Melanie Gratton and community member Pat Chambers for establishing a food pantry at Port Angeles High School! Located in College Success Foundation's Room 418, the pantry has fruit cups, granola bars, and crackers for students who are hungry at school, as well as soup, mac and cheese, and microwave meals for students who experience food insecurity after school. Grocery Outlet has pledged to restock biweekly, and we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for our community members who care about our students and their needs!



**Kids in Need
Foundation donated
dozens of wreaths for
school district
employees!**

The wreaths are from JoAnn Fabrics and are a gift to say thanks for all we do! If you would like one, please stop by the Lincoln Center/District Office between the hours for 8am and 5pm. Thanks to Amanda Sanders, parent and liaison for Kids in Need Foundation for dropping them off and thinking of us!



Rider on the Rise!

The **National Academy of Television**

Arts & Sciences (NATAS) released nominations for the National Student Production Awards and Port Angeles High School has been nominated!!

Current Sophomore, **Piper Jensen**, has been nominated for the Sports Story or Segment Category. She represents the Northwest Chapter of NATAS and beat out over 2,000 other submissions to receive this recognition and nomination for a national award in video production. Congratulations, Piper and PAHS! This is a prestigious, national honor! You can watch the video by clicking on the video above and read what the President of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences shared in [this press release](#).



Into the Woods is a little under a month away from opening night on Friday, November 12th! Save the date and plan to attend this fall musical! Pictured: **John Lorentzen**, Musical Director, working with **Rayna Mathison** - Cinderella, **Aidan Butterworth** - the Baker, **Kai Snook** - Little Red Riding Hood, **Tyler Smith** - Jack.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This week's staff spotlight is Carmen Watson-Charles - PASD's Native American Liaison!

Happy October!! My name is Carmen Watson-Charles, and I am honored to say I am the Port Angeles School District's Native American Liaison. I am a Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Member and grew up as a Dry Creek Dragon, Stevens Middle School Stampeder, Port Angeles High School Rough Rider, graduated in 2000, and survived Y2K!!

Growing up with my multicultural family, I was spoiled with many unique aromas filling the air with different types of foods, including jalapeños that made the air so spicy your eyes and throat burn (Good memories).

I am lucky that I was community-raised and got a taste of my culture in so many different ways. The lessons of life were straightforward, and there was no sugar coating the hardships we endured. Thanks to my four mothers, a multitude of aunties and uncles, I persevered to be a *rich woman who is doing whatever it takes for all children to live a much richer life than mine.



*rich: living this far wrapped in my culture, sharing my cultural teachings, raising three of my children, foster mom to a good handful of kiddos, worked side by side with prestigious individuals that enriched who I am as a person, touched tops of many mountains and swam different seas/oceans, fur mom to four dogs, oh and married for 21 plus years to my VERY lucky husband!!

In my culture, the more you give, the richer you are.

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Carmen Kaye Watson-Charles**

Pictured: Carmen with daughter Kiana Watson-Charles, Son Dejon Watson-Charles, husband Mike Watson.

Front: son Sequoia Watson-Charles



Good luck to the PAHS Football team as they take on Olympic High School tonight at Civic Field! Kick off is at 6:30pm!



PAHS Students Peyton Rudd - DECA President, Kimberly Thompson - DECA VP of Communications and Community Service, and Advisor Jennifer Rogers were on the Todd Ortloff Show this week! Check it out! They discussed upcoming community service projects, including a Thanksgiving Dinner Drive for families in need and a stuffed animal drive for the Port Angeles Police Department and Fire to distribute to kids during emergencies. [Click here to listen!](#)



The North Olympic Library System and Feiro Marine Life Center have partnered up to get library card holders into the Marine Center for free! Now you can place a hold on the Feiro pass with your NOLS card. The pass offers free entry for up to 6 people: 2 adults and 4 kids. Library patrons who check out a pass will have access to the Feiro Center for up to 7 days.

Passes may be checked out by any NOLS card holder from any branch, but must be picked up at the Port Angeles Main Library. If you've never been, the Feiro Marine Life Center showcases sea stars, crabs, scallops, anemones, fish and other marine life, all living within 20 miles of Port Angeles, from the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Resilience Month Continues!

October 28, 12:30-1:30pm:

**NEAR is Here: Cultivating Community Resilience
Virtual Event, Hosted by Peninsula College Studium**

Generale. Join the Clallam Resilience Project in our final 2021 training celebration of Resilience Month, and NEAR is here (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Resilience). In the presentation, we will explore the science and impacts of toxic stress on our brains, bodies, behaviors, and choices. Learn about and be invited to become involved in cultivating community resilience. The program and training opportunity will be offered by Kaelan Gilman, learning and outreach coordinator, and Minnie Whalen, project director for Clallam Resilience, United Way of Clallam County.

The event is free and open to the public. Join the Zoom meeting [here](#).

Meeting ID: 820 2786 1421.



Have you received your "**Whatever it Takes**" shirt? If not, you can either send an email with your size to **Laura Arndt**, or stop by the District office and see her in person. Sizes range from small to 3XL. Don't miss out!



The holidays are right around the corner!

Lutheran Community Services NW is once again offering Christmas assistance / Toys for Tots for families in need in Clallam County. To register yourself or a family, please send an email to clallamfamilycenter@lcsnw.org or call 360-452-5437 with the following information to register: Your name, contact information, child's name, and age. We will confirm your registration via email.



"Coco is THE most helpful person I have ever worked with! Her problem-solving skills are phenomenal and I am continually amazed at her thought processes. She always has a sunny disposition and a wealth of knowledge to share with those around her." - Mary Wahlsten

"I don't know what we would do without Coco. I have never met a harder worker, positive person, problem solver, or natural helper!" - Cindy Crumb

"Working with Coco Carlson is like being on the same page as Violet Parr, one of the "Incredibles." Coco has those qualities where she appears everywhere, does everything for Seaview Staff, Students, and Families, but does it quietly behind the scenes. She definitely generates a force field of her own with her brainpower & high energy level, while making a positive difference in our lives. Coco Carlson is most INCREDIBLE." - Janice Rhyne



Join First Baptist Church for their annual Holiday Bazaar and get a head start on your holiday shopping! Stock up on handmade jams and jellies in a wide array of flavors, homemade gifts, plants, baked goods, a quilt raffle, and more! This year their homemade soup and sandwich lunch will be served to go. Enjoy!

"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?", asked the boy.

"Help.", said the horse.

From the book, "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse", by Charlie Mackesy

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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