

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



September 24, 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

Another week is in the books! I hope all of you can take some time this weekend to recharge and acknowledge all of the hard work you have put into this school year so far. I know things seem to be moving at warp speed, and I appreciate and know that everyone here in our District is pulling together for our students. Thank you for all you are doing. Enjoy the weekend!

Homecoming is back for 2021!

Homecoming is a time for all students, staff, families, and alumni to come together to celebrate the history, traditions, and spirit of PAHS. Due to the pandemic, last year's homecoming events were canceled, but staff and students are excited to bring back the tradition this year! PAHS will celebrate homecoming with a series of events starting Monday, September 27, and culminating with the homecoming dance on Saturday, October 2, at the high school from 7pm to 10pm. [Click here](#) to learn more about this year's events!

Port Angeles High School HOMECOMING DANCE

Outdoor under
the tent on the
PAHS campus

7-10pm
October 2nd

Our homecoming week events and dance are being held in accordance with health and safety guidelines. Masks will be required at all events, including this dance.

Tickets: 10.00 with ASB, 15.00 without.

Tickets available for purchase on the PAHS website under Web Store or from Tanya Jeffers, Bookkeeper, by 1:00pm October 1st.

Formal Dress Not Required

September 27-October 1st Monday Surfer vs. Biker Theme Day

Class Murals Due in Student Center by 7:30am
Buff Puff Game in Main Gym @ 6:30pm (Cost: Can of Food)

Tuesday Favorite Holiday Theme Day

Wednesday Class Color Theme Day

Capture the Flag - Advisory
Ultimate Frisbee and Tug of War at Elks Playfield 6:30pm

Thursday Class Theme Day

Capture the Flag - Championship - during advisory
Food Drive Ends

Friday Green and White Theme Day

Homecoming Assembly
Parade starts at 5:15
• Carriages delivered to courthouse parking lot by 5pm sharp
• Judging at 5:00
Varsity Football Game @ Civic 6:30pm

KUDOS CORNER!

Please join us in giving a special shout out to our Transportation Team! We have heard great things about how amazing our drivers, dispatch, and secretary team have been this year and always! Mechanics, Dispatch and Director Karen Ross, have all been driving the big yellow busses to make sure our routes are covered! Thank you! Thank you!

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Pictured Inside bus: L – R, Michelle Farmer, Sarah Hinsdale, Tamra Northern, Sue Peterson, Rob Hansen, Shirley Gagnon, Apple Zeng, Blanche Sifagaloa, Director of Transportation - Karen Ross.

Outside: L – R, Burdette Greeny, Mechanics: Aaron West, Craig Bourm, Dave Dearing, Billy Williams, Dispatcher: Debra Groff, Jess Peinado, Bill Spear, Don Gaiser, Tom Higgins, Pat Jarnain, Tony Billera Secretary -Laurie Rentas in front of Craig Bourm.

**Not pictured but always appreciated: Butch Webb – helping fill out in office.
Drivers: Deb Gores, April Hull, Mark Kiteley, Russell Tucker, Scott Fennell, Cori Rice, KC Collins.**

Kudos to Transportation from a Dry Creek Family:

We're really happy with how they are looking out for these kiddos and we appreciate the support! We really appreciate how hard they are working to take care of all our students and make sure they are getting home safely even though they have few resources!

Kudos to Transportation from Carmen Geyer:

Thank you to the office transportation team for always being super helpful and fast to respond with questions that arise. Your attention to detail and kindness are very much appreciated! To all of our drivers and mechanics, thank you for going above and beyond to get our students to and from school. You are heroes and I thank you!!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month's staff spotlight is **Skylar O'Connor - K-3 Resource 2 Teacher at Franklin.**

- **Where are you from?** Port Angeles, born and raised
- **Where did you go to school?** Gonzaga! Roll Zags!
- **What is your job at Franklin?** I am the K-3 Resource 2 Teacher.
- **Favorite thing about working at Franklin?** The staff! My para educators make everyday fun, even when it's crazy.
- **What was your first job?** A receptionist at Wilder Auto. I frequently tried to answer the phone and broadcast my voice over the car lot instead. Dan Sr. and Jr. were very patient.
- **Do you have any pets?** I do not. Team cat, though.
- **Favorite foods?** Seafood and Chinese dumplings
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** Grandma Pat Jones' Tuna Noodle Casserole
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** Anywhere warm with sand and limited physical movement required.
- **Who is your hero?** Zach de la Rocha- Rage Against the Machine (and my mama!)
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Becoming a mom in a pandemic
- **What was the last book you read?** A biography of Gustav Klimt
- **Who is your favorite author?** Jodi Picoult
- **What's your favorite movie?** Dumb and Dumber
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?** Now is the best time to be a woman in history, so probably just back to 2012 to tell me to moisturize.
- **What makes you laugh the most?** Currently, my baby and a kazoo. It's the dumbest sound in the world, and it's hilarious.
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Read on a beach
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** Basketball!
- **What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Amish Paradise-Weird Al Yankovic
- **What about hobbies?** I listen to a ton of stand-up comedy and may give it a try someday.
- **Do you like to travel?** When I have the money! My favorite trip was to Ireland and Scotland in 2018.
- **What's your biggest dream?** To run a job center that helps train special education students of transitional age to participate in the workforce.
- **What is your goal for this year?** Avoid the 'vid, have minimal breakdowns in the staff bathroom
- **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Being better at my job
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I wear a size 13 shoe and have to get most footwear custom made
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Christmas!
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** Extrovert all the way
- **How many languages do you speak?** English and a fair bit of ASL.
- **Anything else you'd like to share?** I'm so happy to be back home!



RESILIENCE MONTH

OCTOBER 2021



N.E.A.R. stands for:
Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences & Resiliency

Explore the impacts of trauma & resiliency on our brains, bodies, behaviors and choices with the N.E.A.R. Sciences.

Did you know that October is Resilience Month? [Click here](#) to learn more about upcoming events and ways the Clallam Resilience Project and partners are supporting our community. There is something for everyone!



Superintendent Brewer chatted with Todd Ortloff this week about the new Handle With Care Program, our government-to-government partnership with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and provided an update around the new athletic field.

[Click here](#) to listen!



Have you seen Seaview Academy's tv advertisement on King 5?
[Click here](#) to watch our ad on youtube!

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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