

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



September 17, 2021

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"Whatever it Takes"  
in Klallam

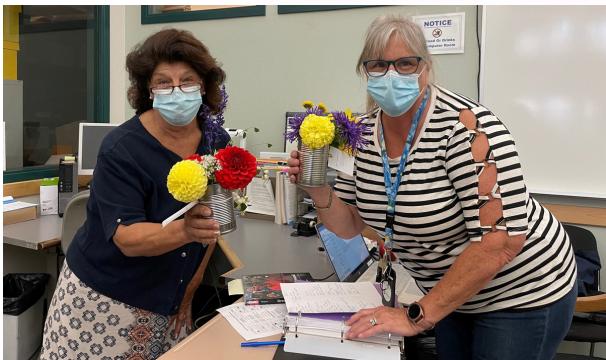
## STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

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

### MARTY'S MINUTE

I want to commend our staff, students, and district team for executing our safety plan on Tuesday after the bomb threat. I know how stressful events like this can be for all involved, and I am very proud of our students and the staff's response. Please take this time to review your safety manuals and procedures. There is never a dull moment around here, but I am glad we can end this first full week of school on a safe note. Keep up the great work, everyone!

## GROWING *kindness*



Seaview Staff Cookie Kalfur, Teacher and  
Trix Donohue, Para Ed.



Shannon Hamblin  
PAHS Science Teacher



Barb Boston  
Roosevelt Para

Last Friday, 9/10, each staff member in our District received flowers from local farms and businesses as a token of appreciation. More than 450 floral arrangements were created! If you would like to learn more and support the farms and businesses who donated time and resources, check out:

**Rivers Edge Farmstead, Tin Can Floral Co, Rancho La Morada, Renown Farm, Back to Dirt Farm, Bada Bloom, Graystone, Two Peas Garden, Safeway, Swain's General Store, Cathy Abandonato, Marlene Church, Rachel Kroh, and Su Howat.**

Julie and Jenny from Rivers Edge Farmstead and Tin Can Floral organized this event through the Growing Kindness Project. Over 20 volunteers donated their time and materials to create these bouquets for us! How special! To learn more about this non-profit project, visit [www.growingkindnessproject.org](http://www.growingkindnessproject.org) and

follow along on Instagram  
[@growingkindnessproject](https://www.instagram.com/growingkindnessproject)



Please join us in celebrating and congratulating Mary Krzysiak as our Region's Teacher of the Year!

We will honor Mary's award during the next Board Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 7pm. We hope to see you there! You can also check out the video highlighting Mary's accomplishments [here](#). (Her section starts 4:50 into the video.) We are proud of you, Mary! Thank you for all that you do!

**Good luck to the PAHS Cross Country Team at the 43rd annual Salt Creek Invitational on Saturday, 9/18!**



## KUDOS CORNER!

**This week's kudos are from community members and a family for the Port Angeles High School Team:**

Dear PASD, We live up by the high school, and it was sad to hear about the situation on Tuesday, but the amazing part was seeing teachers, admin, coaches, you name it, out directing kiddos, parents, and busses from Laurel street to Peabody. Everyone was working together, trying to get the kids safe and home. It was incredible! Way to go, everyone! Would you please let all of them know they were seen at their very best?

-Julie and Jim Haguewood

Thank you guys for notifying us about the bomb scare. You were very professional and helpful in the way you carried the evacuation of the school. You guys did a great job and we would just like to say thank you.

Bob & Marilyn Love  
Grandparents of Allysan Bristow



## Have you seen your building's Health and Safety posters in Klallam yet?

Jonathan Arakawa created and presented Health and Safety Posters to each school principal during the Summer Administrators Institute. The posters will hang in classrooms and throughout all of the school buildings. We are grateful for the tribe's partnership and willingness to share their language and history with us!



Jonathan presents Hamilton Elementary's posters to Principal Gary Pringle.



Pictured above: Klallam welcome message on the reader board sign at Stevens. Photo by **Jessica Elofson**.

All schools with readerboards like the one at Stevens Middle School, which is every school except for Jefferson, have a set of welcome and congratulations messages to display. Other messages include:

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'Welcome' literally meaning 'Come inside'.

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'Congratulations' literally meaning 'Good job'.

## DOH COVID-19 Back-to-Classroom THINK Toolbox:

### Teaching with Healthcare Informed Neurological Strategies for Kids

Teachers, school staff, parents, caregivers, and students may experience emotional responses as they return to in-person school during the COVID-19 pandemic. This toolbox provides behavioral health tips and resources for navigating some of those responses. The toolbox includes general information about common emotional responses of children, teens, and adults during disasters and how these may present in the classroom and other areas of school life.

As schools are now open for in-person learning, 'back to classroom' education and recovery for students are also underway. When promoting recovery in the classroom, it is important to remember that some students come from groups that have been more severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, [click here.](#)

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month's staff spotlight is Tanner Zahrt - PAHS' new Principal!

- **Where did you grow up?** Winnemucca, NV.
- **Where did you go to school?** University of Nevada, Johns Hopkins, and Western Governors University.
- **What was your favorite subject in school?** English and Science.
- **Favorite thing about working at PAHS so far?** The amazing people.
- **What was your first job?** Ranch hand.
- **Favorite dinosaur?** Pteranodon—my four-year-old loves dinos so I have very informed opinions.
- **Favorite foods?** Mexican and Chinese.
- **What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?** Balut—look it up... I was living in Asia at the time.
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** My grandma's egg rolls.
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** Camping with my family in Humboldt California.
- **What is your proudest accomplishment?** Birth of my daughter.
- **What was the last book you read?** Fantasyland by Kurt Anderson.
- **What's your favorite movie?** Empire Strikes Back.
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you choose?** 1981.
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Tom Robbins.
- **What makes you laugh the most?** Bad puns.
- **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?** Outside, on the water...fishing.
- **What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play?** Curling.
- **What's your favorite hobby?** Gardening and kayaking and paddleboarding.
- **Do you like to travel?** Yes...and I miss it so much!
- **What is your goal for this year?** Help students recover credits, support teachers, ensure safety, make sure PAHS remains a great place to work and go to school.
- **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Right here, helping kids.
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I used to be a commercial salmon fisherman.
- **What's your favorite holiday?** Halloween.
- **Are you an introvert or an extrovert?** An introvert in personal life, extrovert in work-life.





# DRY CREEK GRANGE SCONES

BACK TO SCHOOL SCONES...  
2 DAYS ONLY... DON'T MISS OUT!!!

**Saturday, September 25th and...**  
**Sunday, September 26th**

**\*\*strawberry, blackberry & raspberry\*\***



**PASD - LINCOLN CENTER**  
**905 W. 9TH STREET**  
**PORT ANGELES, WA 98363**

**SORRY... NO BUSINESS DELIVERIES**  
**& NO PRE-ORDERS THIS YEAR...**  
**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO**



**The website link for the Handle With Care website was incorrect last week. You can check out the new webpage for this program here:**

[portangelesschools.org/community/handle\\_with\\_care](http://portangelesschools.org/community/handle_with_care)

**There are important local races coming up in the November 2 General Election, including two school board races. Register to vote or update your voter registration today. It's easy! Just go to [VoteWA.org](http://VoteWA.org)!**



**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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