

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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## 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

We have been focused on getting to the end-of-the-year finish line and we did it! I extend my sincere thanks to all of our staff members at each school, department, and our district office for your support and collaboration this year. Yesterday, we were able to celebrate our students of the month, in-person, and it was incredibly special. I look forward to attending our graduation ceremonies and hope you can join me in celebrating our student's success! They most certainly didn't reach this goal without your hard work! Thank you. I wish you all a great summer and I hope you can find some time to recharge and rest. Next year, it's all about bringing students back full-time and I look forward to welcoming them! Enjoy and take care! You've earned this time.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and Port Angeles School District celebrated its Native American Class of 2021 Graduates and Jamie Valadez's retirement on Thursday, June 3rd. Festivities included a parade to honor student achievements, gifts throughout the parade route from Tribal Departments/Programs, and gifts from the Lower Elwha Tribal Council at the end of the parade at the Tribal Center. Way to go, Native Graduates! Thank you, Jamie, for all you have done for our students and the foundation you established for teaching the Klallam Language and Native American History in our schools. Jamie is a visionary leader and master teacher who is a reliable force of strength and support. We are grateful for you, Jamie!



Reba Cornelson gifts a beaded eagle feather to graduate, Amber Johnson.



Jamie Valadez and Mark Charles led the graduation parade in the beautiful sister canoe.



The Port Angeles School District is honored to acknowledge the positive contributions in and out of the classroom from 2020-21 Port Angeles School District Students of the Month. The Board of Directors, along with Superintendent Brewer, School Principals, and family members gathered to celebrate these students on Wednesday, June 9th at the Lincoln Center.

- Roosevelt Elementary School - Khang Colby & Khloe Athow
- Hamilton Elementary School - Keira Brown & Gabriel Hanks
- Dry Creek Elementary School - Morgan Politika & Kanyon Anderson
- Jefferson Elementary School - Darius Bell & Chloe Bruning
- Franklin Elementary School - Holly Wasche & Abe Brenkman
- Lincoln High School - Laken Folsom & Krystal Donnell
- Stevens Middle School - Liam McBride & Heidi Leitz
- Seaview Academy - Camden Anderson, Nura Baird & Omar Baird
- Port Angeles High School - Henry Shaw & Maizie Tucker

The Business and Marketing Department at Port Angeles High School proudly announces 2021 Business Honors Recipients, Marketing Student of the Year, and Business Student of the Year. Congrats, Graduates!



2021 Business Honors Students First/Front row: Lydia Sandberg, Leo Ahlburg. Second row: Kolton Ellis, Olivia Tejada, Abby Sanders, Maggie Ruddell. Third row: Tarun Seera, Dru Clark, Reagan Critchfield. Fourth/Back Row: Jaida Wood, Jaxon Bourm, Eden Critchfield, Chase Cobb. Not pictured Khloe Stanard, Jada Cargo-Acosta, and Isaiah Martinez



2021 Marketing Student of the Year Chase Cobb and 2021 Business Student of the Year Abby Sanders.

Port Angeles High School celebrates four graduating students who will receive the Washington State Seal of Biliteracy. The Washington state seal of biliteracy is established to recognize public high school graduates who attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more world languages in addition to English. Graduating seniors will receive a notation on their high school diploma and high school transcript indicating that they have earned the seal.



Students receiving this honor at graduation are:

An Colby - Biliteracy Seal in Vietnamese  
Enrique Mora - Biliteracy Seal in Spanish

Juana Mateo - Biliteracy Seal in Spanish  
Ma.Kyla Refil - Biliteracy Seal in Tagalog



Laken Folsom, Lincoln High Graduate was a guest on the Todd Ortloff show with PAHS graduates Abby Sanders and Ben Hollingsworth this week. Also in attendance was Superintendent Marty Brewer to talk about graduation events, return to school, and summarized this past year. Check it out!

**2021 PAHS GRADUATION CEREMONY!**

When: Friday, June 11th. Gates at 6p. Ceremony 7:30p.

Where: Civic Field (307 S Race St, Port Angeles, WA 98362)

[Click here to watch live or the recording!](#)



Graduation is here! Click the photo to watch live or the recording. The link will also be on the district and PAHS webpage.

## **Please say hello and farewell to Jeff Clark!**

Jeff is the Principal at PAHS. He is retiring this year after 17 years with the district. From Richmond, Virginia, Jeff joined the army at 19 years old. After four years in the military, he started his ten-year career with the National Park Service as a mountain climbing ranger at the North Cascades National Park. He worked a season at Mt. Rainier, digging ditches, and was an interpretive ranger at Scotty's Castle located in Death Valley National Park.



While working in the North Cascades filled the summers, Jeff needed something to do during the winter. His wife, at the time, entered a program to become social studies teacher and he figured he could become a teacher, too! He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from The Evergreen State College and his administrative credentials and Masters in Education from Western Washington University. His teaching career was launched in Anacortes as an English teacher where he worked for two years. He taught English for more than 13 years in Bellingham and coached boys and girls soccer. Jeff started his administration journey with the Taholah School District on the Quinault Indian reservation as their principal for one year. Jeff became the assistant principal and athletic director for PAHS in 2005 and spent eight years in this position. He also spent two years as our district's Director of Technology and Athletics since computers and football go well together. 😊

Jeff has two sons, and both navigated the PASD system successfully. His wife Helen teaches and is a full-time counselor out at the Crescent School District. In retirement, Jeff looks forward to spending more time outdoors. He will now be able to hike in the mountains during the spring and fall shoulder seasons. He shared that he is especially looking forward to fall hiking when there are still two months of great weather left. After the first freeze, bugs are gone, and it makes adventures more enjoyable. Jeff is a fly fisherman and likes taking camping trips on his all-terrain, dual-sport motorcycle. Helen and Jeff want to travel more. They have visited Japan, Thailand, all over Europe, and look forward to filling up their passport with even more stamps.

Working with people has been Jeff's favorite thing about teaching and being the principal at PAHS. He feels that the Olympic Peninsula is a special place, and living here has worked out well for his family. Being remote from the I-5 corridor can be inconvenient at times for Jeff, but he thinks the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Jeff also shared that we live in a geographically gifted place, and he is proud that our community demonstrated resilience in living through this pandemic.

Please join us in thanking Jeff for his service and time with our school district. We will miss your witty comments and guidance, but we are excited for the adventures to come! We wish you all the best!

In closing, a note from fellow almost retiree, Lillian Cone, PAHS Assistant Principal: Working with Jeff Clark was one of the best parts of my tenure at PAHS. As more than one staff member has said, Jeff restored trust in the high school. He created a climate of respect and trust with his steadfast leadership and unwavering integrity. He made it our mission to protect the staff; "in education, everyone is always adding something to the plate, and no one is ever taking something off the plate". The results speak for themselves, a school building with a clear focus on student learning and a graduation rate increase of 12.5 %.



The PAHS Garden Club met every week, sometimes twice a week since last October. The club consists of 10 dedicated students and 10 other students who have joined to dig, weed and plant after a long day in front of the computer. In the fall they cleaned the garden and prepared the soil for spring planting through intensive composting. Over the winter they started plants in the greenhouse and prepared the garden beds and, this Spring the students constructed an herb garden, planted a new flower bed, and are growing lettuce, potatoes, carrots, beets, celery, pumpkins, corn, cucumbers, quinoa, tomatoes, onions, and radishes. Students will continue this work throughout the summer by watering, weeding, and tending the gardens for a fall-time harvest and are currently building a chicken coop.

Middle Photo: Jamie Robinson, Julia Raupp in the foreground planting starts, Gillian Wolfe watering, Olivia Carroll in the green planting beet starts, Brenna murphy in the far-right wedding, and Betsy Wharton in the red.

The bottom group picture is their end-of-the-year potluck. Students baked bread and cookies and Adam Logan, PAHS Science Teacher made lettuce rice wraps with greens, radishes, peas, and green onions from their garden that he cooked on his camping stove. Adam shared, "It was a blast to cook, eat and talk together as a club amongst a year's worth of hard work." Students From left to right: Maggie White, Brenna Murphy, Octavia Smith, Samuel Hayes, Olivia Carrol, Jamie Robinson, Gillian Wolfe, Caitlyn Donaldson, and Molly Scofield.

Roosevelt Students in Mrs. Mathews read the book, *The Wild Robot*. In the book, a nest falls and only one egg survives. After reading the book, Mrs. Mathews' students designed and constructed egg-carrying contraptions to protect the egg. A real egg was placed inside their individual contraptions and dropped at various heights. Some projects protected the eggs from being dropped from desk height, ladder height, and off the roof by our trusted custodian, Joel. Fun!



Shout out to Hamilton 6th graders in Kahle Ess' class for their hard work on their Haikus this spring. Students took a "Haiku Hike" around their campus, then went through the writing process to create a Haiku that represented the nature around Hamilton. Students used the peer revision process to check for correct syllables and then used oil pastels to publish their pieces. During the sunny weather, they took to their outdoor learning area and read their Haikus on stage to the class.



Mrs. Haller's 4th grade Roosevelt Elementary class was visited by a sasquatch! The sasquatch brought donuts for National Doughnut Day from Sasquatch Bakery! It was also "S" day at Roosevelt for their A to Z countdown to the last day of school. This class read more than 3 million words from March until now! Wow! Nicely done, students!

**WORKSource**

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**Pathways to Success is Excited to Announce the 5th Annual Young Adult Job Fair!**

Young Adults (16-24) can register for free with our QR code by scanning with your smart tablet or phone. They can also register with the links below.

**[Youth Registration](#)      [Employer Registration](#)**

**Congratulations to Jonathan Arakawa, Service Member, Native American Specialist, and AmeriCorps Member on his award-winning essay from the Peninsula College. Jonathan shared that he wrote this essay because, "I wanted to ensure this history of preservation, advocacy, trailblazing, and perseverance is written for those that are supporting us in the trenches. This is also for those who are coming in and those who will be coming in after us. The essay highlights the important work of the LEKT and its partnership with PASD, highlighting the important work of Jamie Valadez, Tribal Elders, Dr. Timothy Montler, and the Klallam Language Program around Klallam Language and History."**



Pictured above from L to R: Ralena Cornelson, Jessica Elofson, Chairwoman Frances Charles, Jamie Valadez, Jonathan J. Arakawa, Director Cindy Kelly, Dr. Laura Lynn, Superintendent Marty Brewer

Thank you, Jonathan, for your words and knowledge. [Click here](#) to read Jonathan's essay.



The North Olympic Library System's Annual Summer Reading Challenge starts on June 14 and ends on August 20. Participants can read, listen, or be read to and complete fun activities for a chance to win prizes all summer long. In addition, the library is hosting an exciting array of online programs and take-home activities-check out our website at [www.nols.org/srp/](http://www.nols.org/srp/) for more information. Anyone can participate and take part in the fun. Everyone who reads for 30 days and tracks their reading will earn a special summer reading t-shirt they can color (fabric markers will be available for check-out at each library branch-stay tuned for details).

The program is part of the library's efforts to help students combat the dreaded summer slide by encouraging reading and learning activities during the summer. Research shows that students who don't read or engage over the summer are at risk of losing some of what they've learned during the regular school year. Libraries throughout the country offer summer reading programs to combat learning loss and celebrate reading.

Signing up is easier than ever-students can pre-register online now using [Beanstack](#) and track their reading progress throughout the summer. There is no minimum or maximum a student needs to read in order to "count" the day as part of their reading process-the intent is to help people develop a "habit" of reading. Have fun!

Interested in volunteering for the Back-to-School Fair? It's going to be fun, promise! If you'd like to sign up, email: [cgeyer@portangelesschools.org](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org)



# Stay *well* during summer break

Make this a self-care summer, a time to recharge, a time to build resiliency and focus on your well-being. Use your free SEBB wellness benefits to support you. Participate in activities that support all of you, including managing stress, building resiliency, and adapting to change.

1. Get started or keep earning points at [smarthealth.hca.wa.gov](https://smarthealth.hca.wa.gov)
2. Complete the Well-being Assessment and earn 800 points. SmartHealth offers activities that align with your assessment outcomes.
3. Continue to earn points for each activity completed. Earn 2,000 points by November 30, 2021, to qualify for a **\$125 wellness incentive**.



**SUMMER FUN CLASSES!**  
**JUNE 28 TO JULY 23**




**AmeriCorps is hosting FREE and fun summer classes designed for middle and high school students.**

**Students can enjoy classes ranging from gardening, cooking, social skills, to training for a triathlon! Find full descriptions of each program and dates online clicking the photo above. Space is limited!**

**Summer meals are available at the Port Angeles High School Kitchen! Families can swing by on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm from June 15th to August 25th. Orders must be placed online. Click the photo above for the order form!**

**Happy Summer!**



**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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