

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



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

MARTY'S MINUTE

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, I want to pause and honor those who have selflessly given for our country. Their commitment inspires me and brings hope. Speaking of hope, I am hopeful and looking forward to wrapping up this school year strong and getting students back to school full-time in the fall. Thank you for your hard work and commitment over the last 14 months. I know it has been a challenging journey. Join me in exploring ways to find hope in our daily lives and build a brighter tomorrow.

Virtual Memorial Day Program **by JFFA, Captain Joseph House and Gailey Music Studio**

You are invited to join a virtual Memorial Day Celebration featuring six PASD student vocalists and retirees Mr. and Mrs. Gailey.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

PASD Vocalist: Emi Halberg (PAHS 11th grade), Lily Halberg (PAHS 10th Grade), Maryrose Halberg (SMS 7th grade), Abby Sanford (PAHS 10th grade), Avery Saul (11th, PAHS), and Katie Cobb (12th PAHS).

This week, members of the Seattle Symphony and Minnesota Orchestra performed for students at Dry Creek Elementary and Stevens Middle School. They played music by Jessie Montgomery and Felix Mendelssohn. What an enriching experience!

WEEKLY VIRTUAL LUNCHEON CHATS WITH PASD SUPERINTENDENT BREWER

12pm on Fridays starting May 14th to June 11th

Guests:

- 5/21 - Superintendent Brewer will address questions and update on returning to school for the 2021-22 school year.
- 5/28 - Assistant Superintendent Olsen will discuss the reopening of schools in the fall, Transitional Kindergarten, and summer school plans.
- 6/4 - Nathan Rødahl, Orchestra Director, Arts Dept. Chair and Pam Helpenstell, Business Education, ASB/Leadership/Yearbook Advisor will discuss what activities they enjoyed this year and what's on the horizon for next year!
- 6/11 - Dwayne Johnson, Athletic Director, and Brent Wasche will provide a summary of athletics from the last year and plan for the 21/22 school year in sports!

Registration is required!



Join Superintendent Brewer and Assistant Superintendent Olsen during this week's virtual luncheon chat! They will discuss the reopening of schools next year, transitional kindergarten, and summer school!

Please say hello to Kristy Huff!

Kristy is a para-educator at Roosevelt Elementary and has always worked in reading rooms. This is her last year with the district and she has worked with us for the last 33 years! Kristy is from Port Angeles and attended Franklin Elementary for kindergarten, Monroe Elementary for first through fifth grade, Washington Elementary for sixth grade, Roosevelt Jr. High for seventh through ninth, and then PAHS for tenth through twelfth. She noted that she attended two schools that aren't around anymore and that it was cool to attend Roosevelt when it was a junior high. Now it's elementary and she works there! Initially, Kristy worked as a para at Franklin for one year and then Fairview Elementary until it closed. She then moved to Roosevelt where she will bookend her educational career.



**Pictured: Kristy and Dan Huff
on vacation.**

Through the years, Kristy has enjoyed seeing kids grow and develop strong reading skills. Her retirement is bittersweet since she has loved working for the district and is hopeful for the future and what the next year will bring when kids come back to the classroom full-time. Once she retires, Kristy looks forward to spending more time with her family. Dan Huff is Kristy's husband who owns D & K Painting and also volunteers at Clallam County Fire District 2. They have two sons, two granddaughters and as of last weekend, a grandson! Kristy's mother is 93 and is looking forward to having an active lifestyle once Kristy retires. Her family plans to keep her very busy between taking granddaughters to dance lessons, swim classes, and camping in the family's travel trailer. One of their favorite places to camp is along the coast where they walk along the beaches. They enjoy storm watching and when it's sunny they beachcomb for treasures. Kristy enjoys cooking when the family is all together and making the most of their time.

Kristy shared that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work for the district. She was able to meet a lot of great people and work alongside incredible educators. Thank you, Kristy, for all of your work over the last three decades!

A note from Principal Jennifer Van De Wege, "Kristy is such an asset to our entire school community, particularly in the area of literacy. She has a passion for supporting students find new ways to access reading skills with an extensive repertoire of tools. She is a great example of a lifelong learner for us all as she has jumped right into every new opportunity that has been presented. She keeps the whole team organized with behind-the-scenes data management as well. She will be greatly missed when she retires, however, we are fortunate to know we will continue to visit frequently since we will have her grandchildren here at Roosevelt to entice into regular volunteer roles."



Ann-Elizabeth Pfaff, Developmental Preschool Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary, received a mini-grant from the **Clallam County School Retirees Association**. With grant funds, she purchased much-needed supplies for her Developmental Preschool classroom. These supplies will enhance their comprehensive learning experiences and will help support learning colors, shapes, letters, and numbers, in a variety of methods. These tools help support students in working towards their specific goals!

These coveted supplies would never have been possible without the generous mini-grant. These items will be enjoyed by Preschool students for many years to come!
Thank you Clallam County School Retirees Association!



NJROTC Cadets participated in a flag-raising ceremony last Friday (5/21) signifying the opening of tourism in Port Angeles at the Valley Creek Estuary Park. Several community groups participated, including the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pictured Left Row: Luke Gavin, Meghan Rivers, Allison Pettit

Middle Row: Naaman McGuffey, Abel Dominguez, Alexandra Dominguez

Right Row: Davis Hueter



Hamilton's Got Talent! Check out Hamilton Elementary's Virtual Talent Show!

Special thanks to **Dan Cobb** for being the host (even though Garbanzo thought he was going to be the host of the show). Enjoy!



There have been a lot of people who are picking up parts and pieces on the Seaview Team. One of which has been Coco Carlson. Between meeting with students for next year, keeping track of paperwork, keeping up with her regular duties, and doing it all with a smile- kudos are definitely in order! ~Anonymous



The PAHS cheerleaders attended their 1st competition (virtually) and brought home a 2nd place win in the GameDay division. The next virtual competition is on May 29th. Good luck, ladies!

Pictured top: Ashlynn Helgeson, Lylli Woods, Julia McDonald, Samantha Heustis, and Jacklyn Minnoch

Bottom: Frankie Vollmer, Sarah Cameron, and Trista Vellucci

Not pictured: DaLasa Doane, Head Coach

Governor Inslee is encouraging us to join him for the SmartHealth Washington Moves event between May 24 and June 4.

Please encourage your peers to join the event in SmartHealth, log their movement, and earn [SmartHealth](#) points!

Participants will earn 200 SmartHealth points and can get an extra 25 SmartHealth points by using the hashtag #wamoves in the SmartHealth community feed.

If you're interested, watch the Governor's message about the event on YouTube [here](#).



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