

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

The end-of-year sprint is on! It's been special to have in-person ceremonies starting back up again and seeing a resemblance of normalcy. We cannot let our guard down. Thank you for continuing to practice social distancing, hand washing, and masking! Let's finish the year on a healthy and safe note!

2021 Scholarship Night

Another successful scholarship night is in the books! Seniors were awarded more than \$2.7 million from 121 donors. From that, more than \$525,000 came from local donors and organizations! All of the 102 students that applied for scholarships received one! Hats off to Jeani Hill Rowleson for directing and coordinating the Scholarship Program. This was Jeani's last Scholarship Night, and we are very grateful for her support over the years!



Jeani Hill and Principal Jeff Clark



NJROTC Cadets
Presenting the Colors



Guidance Counselor Jason Gooding,
presenting Dylan Abernathy with
his scholarship.

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 Olson 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's weekly virtual luncheons each Friday until the end of the school year from 12-1pm! Click the image to register in advance.

Can't make the luncheon? You can watch the recorded sessions [here!](#)

Please say hello to Susan Bettinger!

Susan is a teacher at Stevens and PAHS. For half of the year, she teaches Computer Science at Stevens and for the rest of the year, it's Robotics, Cyber Security, Forensics and Engineering at PAHS. Susan's family is from Houston, and they moved to Washington for better weather when she was young. She has spent most of her life on the Olympic Peninsula and lives in Brinnon with Tom, her husband. She commutes to Port Angeles each day and doesn't mind the drive. Usually, she passes the time listening to audiobooks or chatting with her sister in Florida.

Growing up in Quilcene, Susan always worked in the computer technology field. She volunteered in the Brinnon School District, doing repairs and lending her expertise until she got hired full-time as the Technology Coordinator. Teaching has always been her passion, and she started an adult education program to have a place for adults to learn technology skills at night. Susan ran a volunteered based program for a few years before going back to school at Bates Technical College.

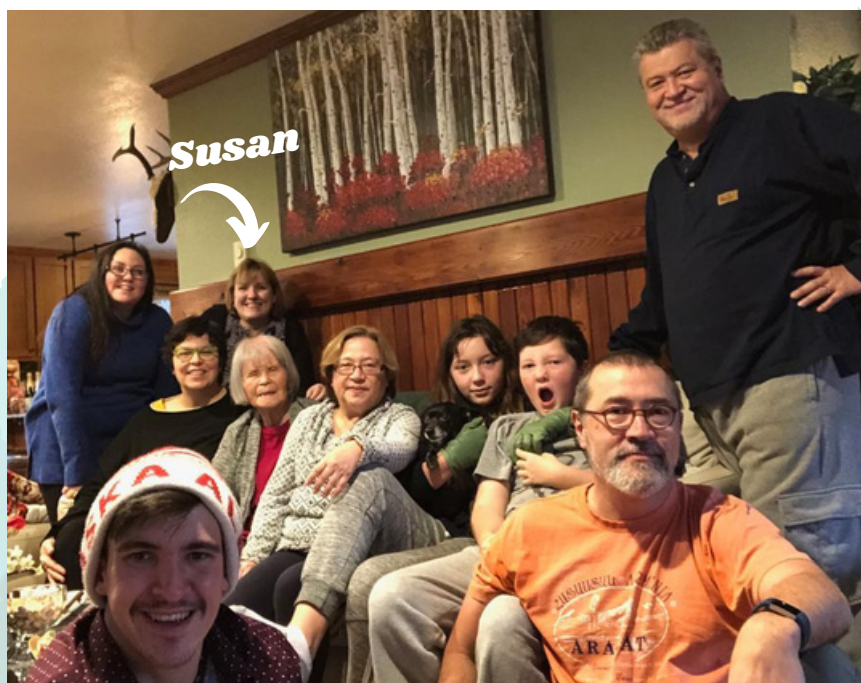
Susan and Tom have two full-grown kids and a cat named Lucy. Their daughter Jaci lives in Bremerton and is a pre-school teacher, following in her mother's footsteps. Their son Dillon also lives nearby and works at Regimental Tree Care in Port Townsend. Tom recently retired from Taylor Shellfish, where he worked as their International Sales Director. Susan met Tom when she was 19, and they have been married for more than 32 years. They built their house 25 years ago in Brinnon. When they first bought the land, the trees had all been logged, but now there are trees everywhere, including beautiful maples along the driveway. Susan loves where she lives and will never leave. When she isn't working, you can find Susan in the garden or spending time with family. Friends and family mean everything to Susan. This summer, she is looking forward to taking her mother-in-law to Las Vegas for her 90th birthday! It has been 50 years since her mother-in-law has been on a plane, and she is ready to travel and celebrate!

Watching kids figure things out is one of Susan's favorite things about teaching. She enjoys it when students dig in and realize that they can do something on their own. It's not someone telling them what to do, and they figure out that they are intelligent and capable.

Thank you, Susan, for sharing your technology skills and kindness with our students and district! We are happy you are here!



Susan and Tom's oasis in Brinnon.



Susan's Family! Pictured front left is son, Dillon with the cap, in the back with the blue shirt is daughter Jaci, and then, Susan. Sitting on the couch is sister-in-law Mary, mother-in-law Kyoko, sister-in-law Janet, niece and nephew Ruby and Oliver, brother in law Chris, and husband Tom standing.



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe 2021 High School Graduation Celebration



On Thursday, June 3rd, at 5pm, seniors will participate in a car parade to celebrate their achievements. The parade route starts at Elwha River Casino, up to the Elwha Gas Station and ends at the Tribal Center.

Acrostic for COURAGE

Count
On
Us to be
Resilient, to show strong heart,
And act with brilliance as we
Grow with constant change –
Each day expanding our can-do range.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN!

FREE program for children four years old by Aug. 31st and for those that do not have access to early learning experiences prior to kindergarten.

Registration paperwork is available at all Port Angeles Elementary Schools and the District Building (905 W 9th St, Port Angeles)

For more information, visit: tinyurl.com/PASDTKinder
Questions? Call 360-457-8575

Upcoming PAHS Homecoming Week Events:



Seasons Change... Week of May 24-28, 2021

Homecoming Week
Spring 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class Theme Spirit Day	Class Theme Spirit Day	• Lip Sync performance and judging 9:00am • Ultimate Frisbee 12:45pm • Carriage races and judging 3:00pm • Tug of War 3:45pm	Class Color Spirit Day • Virtual Assembly	Class Color Spirit Day • Virtual Assembly • Food Drive ends

**KUDOS
CORNER!**

Shout out to Tracey Almond!

"I e-mailed Tracey to let him know that our front door wasn't latching at Dry Creek every time it closed (which then leaves our building unsecured). He arrived within 20 minutes to fix it. I'd say this is above and beyond, but Tracey is always like this! Thank you, Tracey!"

- Rachel Picard

Have you heard the news?! OPSI recently approved Seaview Academy as a multi-district online learning program for Washington state!

Cindy Crumb, Janice Rhyne, and Parent Amanda Sanders were guests on KONP's Todd Ortloff Show this week to talk about the latest. Listen here!

Upcoming Rotary Youth Exchange Information Session for 2022/23 School Year

Rotary District Youth Exchange Committee is holding an information session Wednesday, June 2nd @ 6:30pm via Zoom for all students who are interested in going on exchange in the 2022/23 school year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the program is welcome to attend: students, youth exchange officers, counselors, family, and friends of potential students. Please register to attend and find out more about the short-term and long-term student exchange opportunities we are looking forward to in 2022/23.



Interested students need to register for the info session
Subject: Upcoming Rotary Youth Exchange Information Session for 2022/2022 School Year
Date: June 2nd, 2021 @ 6:30pm
Location: Zoom (Registration link <https://tinyurl.com/5y5ypxkb>)
You can also register by visiting www.rye5020.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 by the Wednesday before.

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