# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter Martin Brewer, Superintendent



#### 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**

Thank you to all of our teachers! One week to celebrate the hard work of our staff this year doesn't seem like enough. I appreciate our teachers doing "whatever it takes" to make a difference for our students and families this year. Thank you so much. It is an honor to work alongside you.



## **DUCK DERBY TIME!**



Join Franklin Elementary on Friday, May 14th from 10am to 6pm for "Franklin Duck Derby Day!" All fundraising efforts will be geared towards outdoor activities and updating our nursing supplies that could possibly be used for other schools.



Support PAHS Class of 2021 and purchase your ducks! Proceeds will go to the Senior Grad Night Party! Contact Lisa Cobb #360-460-7883



# SHARE OUR VOICES, HEAR OUR STORIES

NATIVE EDUCATION FORUM | MAY 12 | 6 - 7:15 PM









Washington Office of Superintendent of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



Share Our Voices, Hear Our Stories series continues this May! Native parents, families, students, and elders invited to help direct the future of education in Washington. Click the image above to learn more and register.

### <u>Please say hello to Amy DelaBarre!</u>

Amy is a Developmental Kindergarten Teacher at Hamilton! She has been with the District for more than 23 years and has always worked in pre-school or kindergarten. Originally from New Jersey, Amy moved here in 1989 after visiting family members and falling in love with the natural beauty that we all adore.

Amy's favorite thing about being a teacher is watching kids grow by facing challenges with resilience and persistence. She shared that her students help her grow as a person as well. The Hamilton Family is vital to Amy, and she considers herself lucky to work with such outstanding paras, teachers, school physicians, and staff.

Amy's family is full of adventurers and do-ers. Her son, Carl, is 24 years old and is finishing his first year at college! He is a US Marine Corp Veteran as well. Garret is Amy's husband, and they have been married for ten years. They like to travel together and have two dogs, Kodiak, a malamute, and Misty, a border collie. When Carl was ten, the family got a cat named Greystripe, that is now 14 years old!

Right now, Amy is finishing up her master's program. Carl inspired her when he went to college, and Amy's colleagues nudged her to dive in! Now, she is in the home stretch. Way to go, Amy!

Amy is also training for a 140-mile triathlon! After meeting Betsy Shultz and volunteering with the Captain Joseph House, she wanted to do something with grit to honor Captain Joseph. She chose to run a marathon. She never thought she would complete a marathon, and now she is tackling a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2 run. Wow! On top of all the training, she is also fundraising for Captain Joseph House. This program means a lot to Amy. When her son was on deployment Betsy was a source of hope and guidance. You can learn more about Captain Joseph House here, and if you want to help Amy reach her fundraising goals, please email: Adelabarre@portangelesschools.org

Way to live out loud, Amy! You are inspiring, encouraging, and full of life! Thank you for all you do in our district, especially with our youngest learners!!



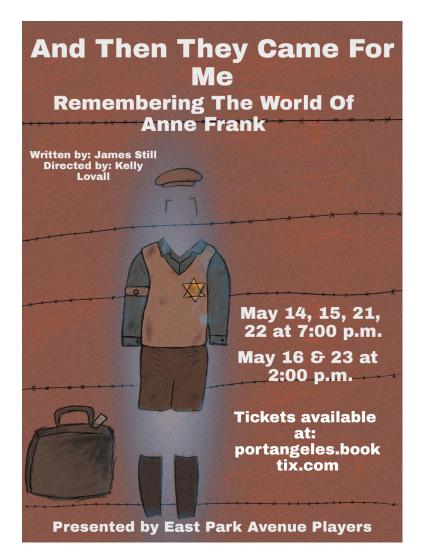
Amy and son, Carl.



Amy and Betsy Shultz.

## A note from a Seaview parent, highlighting the hard work of Cindy Crumb and Janice Rhyne:

"I just wanted to reach out to let you both know how grateful myself and my son are for both of you. COVID has been tough on my son. We started the school year on a good note and even got senior pictures. He was so excited about all of the things that come with senior years, but COVID continued, and he fell behind pretty quickly. By February, we both had given up on him graduating. I had initially reached out to Mrs. Crumb to sign off on him getting his GED. I had him take the pre-test, and he couldn't even get halfway through the math part (even though he has completed all math credits and passed Geometry 2). We then realized he would need to take classes to pass the GED. But he is working full time, and the classes didn't work with his schedule. We set up the meeting anyway to talk to Mrs. Crumb, and I was not present for the conversation. I am not sure what was said, but he called me that night more excited than I have seen him in months. He said he was going to finish high school and graduate. I thought at the earliest, he would graduate by Christmas. Between Mrs. Crumb and Mrs. Rhyne, my son will be graduating with his class in June! I can't wait to see him walking up to get his diploma. I met with him to discuss what cap and gown package he wanted, and without my knowledge, he had already looked at the site and picked one out. This newfound hope has been utterly life-changing for him, and he is so proud. This is 100% credited to Mrs. Rhyne, Mrs. Crumb, and Seaview. Both my son and I will be forever grateful."



Port Angeles High School Drama Club:
East Park Avenue Players will present
the play, And Then They Came for Me:
Remembering the world of Anne Frank.
This production will be live-streamed on
video May 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:00 p.m. and
May 16 and 23 at 2:00 p.m.

And Then They Came for Me was written by James Still and directed by Kelly Lovall. It is a multimedia play that combines the videotaped interviews of Ed Silverberg and Eva Schlosss, two Holocaust survivors, with the dramatization of live actors as they recreate the events narrated and described. This production, which runs 70 minutes, combines oral history with dramatic action.

Get your tickets now for this special livestreamed event by <u>clicking here</u> or on the flyer above!







The North Olympic Library Service (NOLS) is seeking feedback about your experiences at the library. Complete a survey for a chance to win a \$25 gift card! Your response will help the library better understand and strengthen equity, diversity, and inclusion practices.

Learn more about the project and take the survey here: <u>nols.org/community-survey</u>.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at all NOLS branches.





A note from NJROTC: We reached our goal of 58,318 push-ups in Honor of all the Vietnam War Veterans last week by completing 59, 539 push-ups.Big thanks to Tom Wahl's PE class for doing 2,025 push-ups last week! Your kids are so awesome!

In this nationwide challenge, PAHS currently resides in 3rd place (only 1,500 behind 2nd place). We are pressing forward with the challenge with 4 weeks to go and hopefully we can overtake 2nd place. First place currently has completed over 90,000 push-ups so far.

Roughrider Company would like to thank everyone that has contributed so far; truly could not have done it without you. If you want to help Roughrider Company to overtake 2nd place, drop down, give us 10, and then let us know. Email: jbeck@portangelesschools.org



### Port Angeles Waterfront Annual Flag Raising



Port Angeles' annual Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on May 21st at 3:00PM at the Valley Creek Estuary Park on the waterfront. The local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has invited special guest Fernando Esteban, Spain's honorary vice-consul for Washington State, to raise the Spanish flag. The US flag will be raised by the Port Angeles High School NJROTC, who will also sing the Star-Spangled Banner and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The DAR would like to invite the community to observe the ceremony.

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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