

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

In response to the guilty verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd, I am reaching out to emphasize the importance of listening to our students, staff, and families of color. This verdict brought accountability, and now it's up to us to commit to taking action to resist and eliminate racism from our schools and community.

I encourage you to explore your own beliefs, biases, and privileges because those provide a foundation for facilitating discussions about race with students and our community.

Thank you to each of you who have committed to growing and improving as individuals and as a district. It's up to us to do the work now. We are better together.

You're invited to walk a 5K with the Lemon and Glatz families

Sunday, May 2nd at 10am

The walk will start at the Elwha Foot Bridge in west Port Angeles (Discovery Trail), near the fish hatchery. [Click here](#) for the Facebook event.

Celebrate the life of Hamilton 3rd grade teacher Joe Glatz and offer support for Kim Lemon, Stevens Para with a 5k walk/hike this Sunday! Their daughters, Courtney Gouge and Marlee Glatz have organized the walk as a fundraiser for Brain Cancer Research. The walk is free to join but donations are welcome.



**Please welcome Tanner Zahrt, our
new Principal at Port Angeles High
School. [Click here](#) to read the article
in the PDN!**

Please say hello to Robin Sheriff!

If you've ever had the opportunity to speak with Robin, you know just how wonderful and positive she is. Robin is a para at Jefferson Elementary, where she has been for six years now. Originally from Indiana, she moved away to attend the University of Colorado. One reason why she chose Colorado was that Robin wanted to learn how to ski. So, Aspen, it was! In college, she met her husband David, and they have been married for over 40 years! After college, they moved to San Diego. Robin worked in the Education Department for the San Diego zoo for ten years and is full of accurate animal facts!

Cindy Yager in PASD Payroll and Robin met in San Diego, moved to Port Angeles simultaneously, and have been friends for over 30 years!

Robin and David have two sons. One still lives in San Diego, is an avid surfer, and works for an organization called The First Tee of San Diego: Pro Kids. This program serves underprivileged kids and is a fun, afterschool program for learning. After homework is done, they get to learn how to golf. Their other son works at Seattle Children's Hospital in technology and has a 4-year-old daughter. Robin's favorite thing in the world is her granddaughter and spending time with her.

When David and Robin moved to Port Angeles 15 years ago, they bought 14 acres of wooded land. One of Robin's dreams has always been to have a miniature golf course. She went down to Odyssey Books one day to purchase a book on building a mini-golf course. As chance would have it, April, the owner, had a friend who just the night before reached out and said that he wanted to sell his mini golf set up. So, Robin now has a miniature golf course in her backyard that offers endless entertainment! Robin and David's superpower is bringing people together. They currently have three different family households living on their property. Last fall, her mother moved there, and her sister built a yurt along their driveway 12 years ago. Then, a few years ago, Robin's brother-in-law built a house for their family as well along the drive! Robin loves to have her family close during covid times. They would have driveway family pizza and game nights to spend time together and be there for one another.

At Jefferson, Robin starts her morning as the crossing guard at 12th and Lincoln. She loves saying hi to everyone walking by and connecting with the kids and families. Once inside, it's all about the reading, and Robin works with all grade levels. Her favorite times are walking the kids from their classrooms to the reading table in the library. This time allows her to chat about everything and anything with the students. Unicorns, all types of sports, favorite colors, the list is never-ending! When she isn't working at Jefferson, she is usually outside hanging out with her four turtles in their big pond, playing mini-golf, or chasing her three cats. Pictured below is Robin with one of her cats, Tater Tot, in their backyard! One of the families she has gotten to know at school, the Johnsons, gave Robin two cats, Tater Tot and Sueki, after the passing of her other cat. The Johnsons didn't want her to be sad anymore and said they were siblings and had to take them both! She also has another cat named Willow, who completes her clowder.

Our district is fortunate to have Robin's love of life and sparkle. Thank you, Robin, for the daily joy you bring to our lives!

A note from Rhonda Kromm, Jefferson Elementary Principal: Robin goes above and beyond to create fun and organize special days or events for our staff at Jefferson. She has a growth mindset and always puts the needs of the students first and foremost in her day.



Robin and Tater Tot



Pictured: Cast and Crew of Rossum's Universal Robots with Mr. Rødahl

So much gratitude to Mr. Rødahl, Orchestra Director at Port Angeles High School, for his tireless support of the Thespian Society's production of Rossum's Universal Robots. He stepped up with hours and hours of time outside of school time, including EVERY DAY of Spring Break, to support the student-produced play.

He was incredibly supportive of the students and integral in making the production possible. THANK YOU, Mr. Rødahl!!!

~Port Angeles High School Thespian Society



Dream Playground Volunteers Needed!

The Port Angeles Dream Playground Community Build begins June 22nd! Volunteer shifts have been posted and are ready for community members to step in and step up to **BUILD** the Dream Playground!

Sign-up for as many days and shifts as you want between June 22 - 27! Click the photo above to lend a hand and register!

Choose from:

- Morning 8am - 12pm
- Afternoon 12:30pm - 4:30pm, and
- Evening 5pm - 8:30pm

NODM Kids Marathon is just around the corner! Scholarships and free entries are available for families!
Email: nodm@nodm.com



Register Online at www.nodm.com



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JFFA Virtual Concert for PASD Students Featuring: Black Violin May 3rd to 28th

Need more information about this virtual offering for our students? Please reach out to Carmen!
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MARATHON

JUNE 5th & 6th, 2021
**THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS,
FACULTY AND STAFF!**

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(Discount code: Teacher)

\$10 off of the 5K or 10K (Discount code: Teachers510)

\$50 off a Faculty / Staff 2-5 person relay team



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group counts as one entry in : \$20 without shirt
weekly prize drawing : Opens May 10!



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