

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

Welcome back from Spring Break! The sun is shining and we are in the home stretch for the rest of the school year. Please stay focused and diligent for your health and for our student's health. Thank you, everyone, for all of your hard work this week with our new schedules. I know we can do this and I am proud of the commitments you make each day to keep us all safe.



Pictured: Left to Right, Kaeden Murphy, Cheyenne Maggard, Jenna Sanders, and Meagan McCann

The PAHS NJROTC Precision Air Rifle Team participated in the JROTC Virtual National Championship this year. The Cadets shot two matches each, over 2 days of competition on March 26th and April 2nd. Each match consists of 20 shots in the prone (laying down) position, 20 shots in the standing position, and 20 shots in the kneeling position.

Team members are Meagan McCann (SR), Cheyenne Maggard (JR), Jenna Sanders (JR) and Kaeden Murphy (SO).

- Team results
 - Placed 5th in the Nation among all Navy JROTC schools
 - Placed 23rd in the Nation among all Service JROTC schools
- Individual results
 - Jenna Sanders (score 1160 out of 1200) - 8th place in the Nation among all Navy JROTC schools
 - Kaeden Murphy (score 1136 out of 1200) - 20th place in the Nation among all Navy JROTC schools
 - Cheyenne Maggard (score 1124 out of 1200) - 27th place in the Nation among all Navy JROTC schools
 - Meagan McCann (score 1103 out of 1200) - 44th place in the Nation among all Navy JROTC schools

Check out the recording of Mrs. Fritschler's 2nd-grade students leading the pledge of allegiance for the Senate.
Click the photo to watch.
Way to go, students!



Please say hello to Jack Waknitz!

Jack is the newest addition to the Tech Support Team for our District and is our new Technology Support and Web Designer! He is from Port Angeles and went to Jefferson, Stevens, and PAHS. Jack attended Washington State University, where he majored in Business Marketing. He met his wife, Elizabeth, in high school, and they dated in college. They now have two kids who are also growing up in the PA school district! The Waknitz Family has two cats named Fennel and Nibbler and a bunny named Pepper. Elizabeth works as a Grant Coordinator and Medical Biller for the Clallam Sheriff's Department. Jack's mom was a kindergarten teacher at Hamilton, and his aunt was a librarian and para-educator at Hamilton as well! His Mother-in-law, Sandy Biasell, is a 5th-grade teacher at Jefferson, so you can say this family is filled with many excellent district employees, past and present!

You can find Jack outside, doing the usual Port Angeles stuff, like hiking, swimming, biking, and playing soccer. In 2019, he started the Subalpine Tees company with three of his close friends, Jacob Melly, Morgan Ritchie, and Tom Eykemans. They make shirts inspired by wilderness and wildlife in our very own Olympic Peninsula, and they have more than 20 different designs in stock. Subalpine Tees has helped with fundraisers in our community, most recently, partnering with Moss for a Covid Relief Project. Jack designed a shirt for Hayley at Moss and kept the project's cost down by screen printing in his basement so more money could be donated to United Way to help the community with covid relief efforts. Thank you, Jack!

One of the most epic hikes Jack ever tackled was LaCrosse Basin. Last summer, Jack hiked over 5 days to one of the most remote and farthest places, deep within the Olympic National Park. This hike is 25 miles into the Olympics from any direction and is dotted with alpine lakes, and includes river crossings. To keep him fueled, Jack's favorite trail foods are beef jerky and peanut M&M's. Yum! Jack says his biggest goal in life is to keep hiking until he is 90 years old. You got this, Jack!

Some fun Jack facts are that he is an amateur yo-yoer! Back when he was in college, he and one of his friends put on a whole yo-yo show at Hamilton for the entire school. The students enjoyed it, and the teachers loved the show because it kept their students entertained for an hour. Jack was also on the lacrosse team in high school. There is no longer a lacrosse team, but that was his sport, and he went on to play all 4 years in college. Jack is also the President of the Port Angeles Youth Soccer Club for 6-15-year-olds. They get to start practicing this week up at Peninsula College. Just in time for the sunshine!

Welcome to the PASD Team, Jack! We are happy you are here, and we thank you in advance for all the technical questions you will be asked.



Jack in his element.



The Waknitz Family



**Pictured: Pamela Baar - Kitchen /Catering Manager
 Jamie Williams - Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Crowley - Food Service Director**

Shout out to the Nutrition Services and Sodexo Team who send home more than 600-weekend food bags each week! For spring break, 75 children picked up break bags to keep them fed and happy while out of school. Thank you for putting these bags together and taking special care of our students! The Spring Break bags also had \$50 Safeway gift cards from the Port Angeles Food Bank!

You didn't come this far to only come this far.
 YOU GOT THIS.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENT:

SCHOOL SUPPLY SHRED EVENT

Community shred event to raise funds for the Port Angeles Back to School Fair! Donated funds will help provide backpacks and school supplies for students in need.

Suggested \$10 donation for 3 grocery bags of paper, additional donation encouraged for larger amounts.

Saturday, April 17th, 10am - 1pm or until the truck is full!

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 611 E Front St, Port Angeles, WA 98362
 (Please enter through alley off of Albert St.)

THANK YOU SPONSORS:

Tomorrow!

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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