

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

Employee Newsletter  
Martin Brewer, Superintendent



APRIL 2, 2021

## 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

I want to thank each of you for your continued hard work and dedication to PASD and our students. For those who will have time off next week, I wish you a safe and restful break. Please remember to be safe and enjoy time with your family and friends.

### STATEMENT FROM PASD BOARD PRESIDENT SARAH METHNER AND SUPERINTENDENT BREWER

In recent weeks, we have seen increased news reports of escalating hate crimes. Port Angeles School District condemns hate and violence against any person due to their race, ethnicity, or identity, and we are saddened that these incidents continue to occur. Port Angeles School District is focused on eliminating racism, identity inequities, and institutional bias. We are committed to creating a learning environment where all students and families feel safe and respected

## Tentative Plans for In-Person Graduation Ceremonies

We are excited to announce our tentative plans to offer in-person graduation ceremonies for our Class of 2021 at Port Angeles High School and Lincoln High School. Under current Phase 3 guidelines, each graduate will have the opportunity to invite up to two guests to attend ceremonies in person. We also plan to offer a live stream of the PAHS graduation ceremony to ensure that all family members and friends will have the chance to participate in this occasion.

Port Angeles High School Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 11. To provide the safest possible environment for our graduation ceremony, the current plan is to hold the event at Civic Field. Lincoln High School Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 14. Location information to be released at a later date. All people in attendance must wear face coverings and maintain a safe physical distance. Other COVID-19 precautions will be posted as necessary.

Keep in mind, the phase status for each county is individually evaluated every three weeks. While all counties moved into Phase 3 on March 22, 2021, it is possible that Clallam County's phase could change by the time graduation comes around. Planning must adjust to any such changes to prioritize public safety.

While we are working through details, we know how important it is to get this initial information to the Class of 2021, their families, and our community. Thank you for your support, grace, and flexibility during these uncertain times. Please understand that these plans are tentative and based upon the current conditions of the pandemic. Thanks for your ongoing partnership as we near this momentous celebration!

Leis for graduation (provided by Bada Bloom) are now on sale for \$25/each. Forms are available in the front of the office at Lincoln, PAHS, and the district office for Seaview. Or, you can order [here](#).



## Did you know that April is National Poetry Month?

ALL MONTH LONG WE WILL BE SPOTLIGHTING STUDENT POETRY. FIRST UP, WE HAVE ELVIRA TINOCO-WHEELER FROM MS. FARRIERS 5TH GRADE CLASS AT DRY CREEK ELEMENTARY.

### I'm From

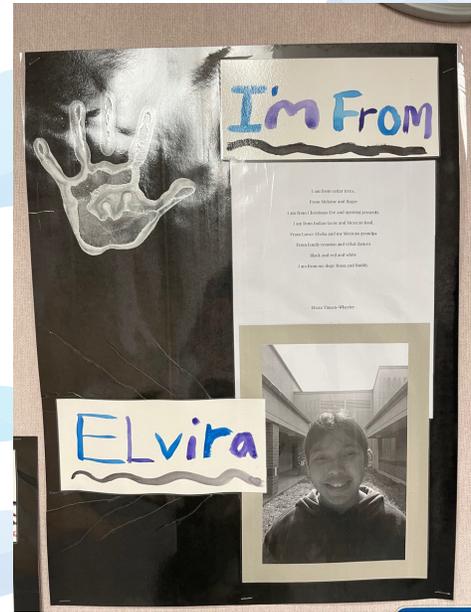
I am from cedar trees,  
From Melaine and Roger

I am from Christmas Eve and opening presents.

I am from Indian tacos and Mexican food.  
From Lower Elwha and my Mexican grandpa

From family reunion to tribal dances  
Black and red and white

I am from my dogs Tessa and Buddy.



## Stevens Middle School **ROCKS STATE TSA COMPETITION**

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is the only student organization in Washington devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in technology. On Saturday, March 27th, 17 Stevens students out of 19 qualified to continue on to Nationals in May and June! Way to go, Stampeders!

### Here are the final results for TSA Washington State

#### **Robotics Challenge:**

1st Place – Liam Mc Bride, Carter Gundersen, Jacob Olsen  
2nd Place – Ian Smithson and Mathew Miller

#### **Medical Technology :**

1st Place – Kennedy Rognlien

#### **Off the Grid:**

1st Place – Lizzy Shaw and Becca Manson  
2nd Place – Allison Woodhouse and Grace Kathol  
3rd Place – Abby Rudd and Ruby Johnson

#### **Forensics Science:**

3rd Place – Belladonna Laidig and Grace Burkhardt  
4th Place – Liz Munro-Sanders and Maya Garrison

#### **Flight:**

4th Place – Killian Waknitz

#### **Solar Car:**

4th Place – Killian Waknitz

## FBLA WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS

The Port Angeles High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) had a successful round of competition in March. We had 10 FBLA members from Port Angeles compete in our Virtual Puget Sound Region Winter Conference held between January 30th and February 20th.

This conference is a qualifier for our state conference held in Spokane, WA in April. There were approx. 99 students competing from 10 chapters from the Puget Sound Region. We had all 10 members qualify for the state including 5 who placed first in their event!

Wow! The future sure does look bright!



Pictured above from left to right:  
Corey Young, Abby Sanders, Talia Anderson, Lilly Sanders,  
Cindy Liang, Amber Johnson, and Liberty Lauer



Pictured above from left to right:  
Front row: Liberty Lauer and Lilly Sanders  
Back Row: Luke Gavin and Abby Sanders

### PLEASE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR SUCCESS:

- **Olivia Tejada** - 5th Place in Advertising
- **Abby Sanders** - 1st Place in Graphic Design; 2nd Place in Public Speaking; 2nd in Business Communication
- **Amber Johnson** - 3rd Place in Accounting
- **Cindy Liang** - 4th Place in Intro to Financial Math; 1st Place in Intro to Business Communication
- **Corey Young** - 2nd Place in Accounting; 4th Place in Political Science; 6th Place in Personal Finance
- **Josh Gavin** - 3rd Place in Organizational Leadership; 4th Place in Health Care Administration
- **Liberty Lauer** - 1st Place in Political Science; 2nd Place in Publication Design; 1st Place in Intro to Financial Matt; 2nd Place in Digital Video Production
- **Lilly Sanders** - 2nd Place in Advertising; 2nd Place in Intro to Business Communication
- **Luke Gavin** - 1st Place in Supply Chain Management; 3rd Place in International Business; 1st Place in Supply Chain Management; 2nd Place in Public Service Announcement.
- **Olivia Tejada** - 3rd Place in International Business; 2nd Place in Public Service Announcement
- **Talia Anderson** - 1st Place in Graphic Design

## **Please say hello to Janice Rhyne!**

Janice is a High School Teacher for Seaview Academy. Janice has lived worldwide as her father was in the Coast Guard. Janice's family was in the Philippines before her father took a job as a Chief Flight of Safety & Inspector here in Port Angeles. She grew up on the peninsula and loves all of the natural beauty and recreation. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Washington with a B.A. in Social Sciences. Teaching Experiences: Going on 28 years (WA, CA, and AZ in 7 school districts with 4 1/2 years of teaching Alternative Learning Education.)

Janice is remarried and has three adult sons. Her youngest son, Levi, works for Geek Squad at Best Buy and is a freelance videographer & Skate Boarder in Chandler, AZ. Kevin is her middle son who works for State Farm as an IT Trainer in Tempe, AZ. Kevin is her musician and techie guy. Janice's oldest son, Johnny, lives in North Hollywood and is an animator at Cartoon Network for his boss Seth Green, the actor. Fun! Donnie is Janice's husband, and she is so grateful she found the love of her life. They dated in college, then Janice married, moved away, and started her teaching career and a family. When Janice moved back to Port Angeles to help take care of her mother's Parkinson's, she re-connected with Donnie. He waited seven years for her availability to marry him in 2018! They like to play dominoes and cards, walk on the beach to find the rock of the day, and watch British TV. Donnie is her best friend and greatest support.

Janice lights up when she talks about her students and teaching. This semester, she teaches a Calligraphy 101 class, which includes SEL and the history of the scripts for Roman, Uncial, and Gothic. Each week, her class focuses on a positive mindset, personal creativity, and learning new lettering styles. The students are currently working on a fantasy map project and will write a summary in Uncial script (a Medieval book hand). Janice shared that she has incredible students with amazing talents this year, and she admires their work and self-motivation as Seaview Academy High Schoolers.

Janice also wanted to note that she appreciates working in the district building and that everyone is so friendly. She enjoys connecting with our administrators and having a close connection with staff and our fantastic family navigators. Janice also noted that Jennifer Cox is incredible and the go-to for all things Seaview and beyond! She values her co-workers and Director, Cindy Crumb. She would like to give a special shout-out to Theresa Faires, classmate, friend, and colleague, who mentored her back into teaching in 2011! "I couldn't have done it without you, Theresa!"

A fun fact about Janice is that she summited Mount Olympus when she was just 14 years old! She traversed the mountain with her youth group, led by Dr. Bill Kintner and other local hikers. She purchased her first pair of hiking boots and backpack from Brown's Outdoor, established in "hike forever" ago(1919)! She said it was a thrilling and scary experience to do the glacier crossing and rock-climbing part, but she was grateful for the opportunity. Janice had a happy childhood and feels like that is why she is a happy adult. She wants kids to experience adventures in nature, success in school, peace, and support to grow to become happy individuals. Janice loves teaching and believes each student has something to offer the world if given a chance.

Thank you, Janice, for your kindness and compassion towards our community and students. Your drive and determination to help are greatly appreciated. We are lucky you are here!

Pictured below: Donnie and Janice Rhyne.



Pictured below from left to right: Janice's sons Johnny, Levi, and Kevin snowboarding in Flagstaff, AZ.



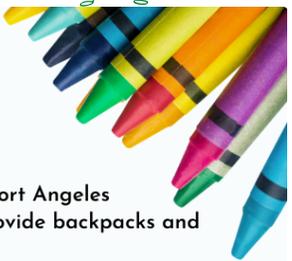
**KUDOS CORNER!**



Sharing a BIG shout to **Jarred Blauser** for always being so quick to respond with the help we need. Blocking spam, resetting passwords, activating accounts, and more. Grateful to have him here at PASD!!"

- The SMS team

**DON'T FORGET!**



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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**Kiwanis**

**Special shoutout to our Transportation Team for getting the new bus schedules figured out at lightning speed! We appreciate you!!**  
**Pictured above: Deb Groff, Karen Ross, and Laurie Rentas**

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](mailto:cgeyer@portangelesschools.org) by the Wednesday before.

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