

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

Happy Friday everyone! Only 12 weeks left in this school year. Please make sure you are taking care of yourselves so we can continue taking the best care of our students. Your wellbeing is so important.



I Pledge Allegiance.....

Roosevelt students in Mrs. Fritschler's 2nd-grade class will have the honor of leading the House of Representatives and State Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance next month. They practiced the pledge and recorded the video in one perfect take!

Students learned about the pledge and why we salute our flag every morning during class. Way to go, students, and thank you Mrs. Fritschler!



Congratulations to the Rotary Interact Club on your successful drive last month, collecting needed items for community members. Rotary Interact would like to thank the contributing staff, students, and community for the generous support of this project during this pandemic.



Items collected: 13,825 Cotton Swabs - 4,303 Baby Wipes - 1,590 Adhesive Bandages - 258 Hand Warmers - 170 Wash Cloths - 120 Feminine Hygiene Products - 115 PPE - 86 Soaps - 83 Socks - 70 Toothbrushes/Toothpaste - 40 Razors - 30 Foot Creams - 24 Tissues - 7 Deodorants - 4 Coats - 3 Tarps

PLEASE WELCOME JACKIE SVEC!

Jackie joined our team as our Special Services Secretary on March 10th! She was born in PA and grew up in Neah Bay, where she lived until a few months ago. For the last six years, Jackie worked for the Cape Flattery School District as their ASB Bookkeeper and Food Service Secretary. Jackie says she enjoys working here as everyone is so kind and she gets to do a little bit of everything. Pictured right is Jackie's beautiful family. From left to right: Zakius, Brison Jackie, Jedediah, and Kaeden. Front: Serenity and Trinity.



Jackie's three sons attend school in Neah Bay, and Serenity and Trinity go to Hamilton Elementary. Jackie's spouse, Jed, is a Police Officer for The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. Her family loves to spend time together doing fun things like cooking, hunting, riding e-bikes along the Olympic Discovery Trail, and paddleboarding on Lake Crescent. They have two bearded dragons named Tiger and Flash! In speaking with Jackie, you can tell her family is everything to her. One day she hopes to have a big farm to grow food and raise chickens, ducks, and goats. She dreams of living off the land.

Jackie shared that her family loves and misses traditional Makah dancing. Her family and friends used to gather during potlaches to celebrate weddings. During potlatch weddings, different families would have their own dances and do a love circle. A love circle is when everyone gathers together, sings, and gathers money in a handwoven cedar basket for the bride and groom. Sounds beautiful!

During the summer months, you can find Jackie and her family gathering fresh fruit and vegetables and fishing for salmon for canning! Her spouse Jed teaches the online hunter's safety course and takes her sons hunting for elk and deer. This last year, Kaedan tanned an elk hide, and the family made jerky, summer sausage, and pepperoni sticks. Yum! Jackie's family took quarantine as time slow down and try new things.

Welcome to the Port Angeles School District, Jackie! We are really glad you are here.





I would like to give kudos to the elementary Physical Education team. I feel blessed to work with a wonderfully supportive group of professionals. Casey Dietz, Campbell Kirkman, Suzanne Evans, and I have been working together all year to provide our students with quality asynchronous lessons. As P.E. teachers, we never imagined ourselves teaching P.E. via a computer! Together we have formed our "FIZZ ED" team which is responsible for teaching our students the skills and knowledge to remain "fizzy" (active and energetic) for a lifetime.

At the end of each unit, we get together to create a virtual field trip that shows students and families how they can use the newly learned skills in our community. Last week we just finished recording a field trip that includes golf, mini-golf, tennis, pickleball, badminton, and softball (all striking skills). This would be difficult to do alone, but easy when it is a team effort. My teammates are there for each other, providing support, sharing ideas, and coordinating efforts to create lessons. When I'm feeling down. Frustrated, or my fizz level is low, they are there to re-charge my battery and make me smile. Together we share the load and make it easier to survive this craziness. I appreciate Casey, Campbell, and Suzanne very much. They aren't just my co-workers, they are family. ~ Krista Winn



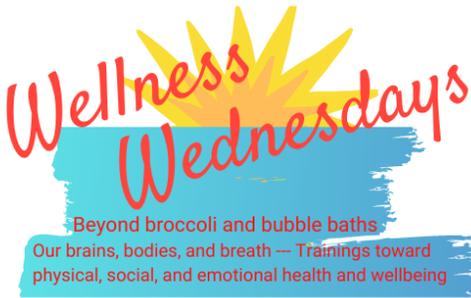
PASD's Board of Directors acknowledged our hardworking AmeriCorps Volunteers during last week's board meeting. Our District's AmeriCorp Team has two fearless leaders, Michell Gentry and Carrie Sampson and 16 volunteers pictured below:

Jesse Fox, Jasmine Thomas, Levon White, Jonathan Arakawa, Hadley Browning, Hannah Edstrom, Gracie Hempel, Aaron Lamaskin, Cassie Morris, Kayla Porco, Lauren Sluss, Kate Tomes, Nicole Westlund, Anna Williamson, Crissy McCarthy and Ray Dreyer.

Last week, Nathan Rødahl, PAHS Orchestra Director, met with Washington Music Educators Association leaders and Congressman Derek Kilmer--a PAHS grad and former bass player!!

They discussed the urgent needs of music programs in our schools and celebrated the success of the recent COVID relief bill the congressman helped to pass. This positive discussion ensured that all students continue to have access to meaningful and historic music programs like we do in Port Angeles. Thank you, Nathan!





Did you know you can watch any past Wellness Wednesday trainings online and check out presented resources? Head over to the Clallam Resilience Project's website and check it out [here!](#)

Next week's program will be on nutrition! Yum! Join in the fun on Wednesday, March 24th from 8:15am - 9am. Join Zoom Meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 860 5650 0980 Passcode: HOPE

SUPPORT

PAHS NJROTC COMPETITION #1

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

COMPETITIONS FROM 8AM TO 1PM -- AWARDS CEREMONY TO FOLLOW

The competition will be live-streamed through NFHS Network, [here!](#)

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Others as we
Navigate life, we
Especially want to be
Sincere, authentic,
True, highlighting the
YES in all we do.**

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Jefferson Elementary
Please help spread
the word!**

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