

# 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

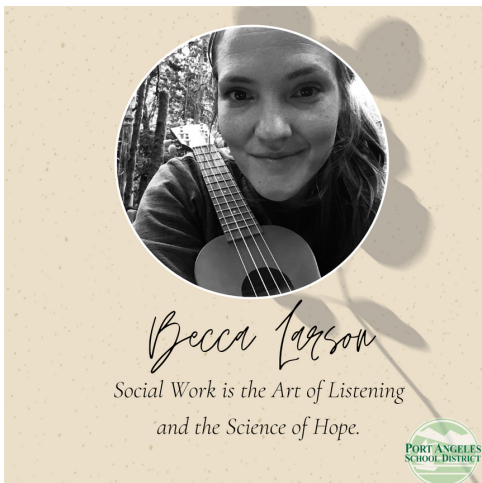
Welcome to Friday! The sunshine this week has been energizing. Things are going really well at the high school vaccination clinic and I am so grateful our staff has started to get their vaccines. Enjoy the weekend, everyone.  
Keep up the great work!



### STUDENT TALENT



PAHS Senior Henry Shaw built this wooden stand-up paddleboard in Tim Branham's woodworking class! Henry has taken woodworking all four years. This hollow paddleboard is 30lbs and is made out of spalted cherry and sapele wood. It only took him three months to create and he plans to take it out on Lake Crescent to get it on the water soon. His next project is a hope chest that he is building with wood from his Grandfather. Way to go, Henry! Your woodworking skills are impressive!!



In honor of School Social Worker Week, we would like to highlight the incredible work and support, Becca Larson, our Districts Family Navigator has provided for our students and families. Becca helps light the way by linking students and families with needed services. Thank you, Becca, for being a beacon of hope. We appreciate you!

### SEEKING STUDENT APPLICANTS

CITY OF PORT ANGELES  
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD



The City of Port Angeles is accepting applications to fill positions on the Public Safety Advisory Board. One High School Student Representative Needed. Deadline to apply is **MONDAY, March 15th at 8am.**

How to Apply: Download an application from the City's website at [www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us) or pick one up from the City Manager's Office in City Hall. For more information contact Kari Martinez-Bailey, City Clerk at 360-417-4634 or [kmbailey@cityofpa.us](mailto:kmbailey@cityofpa.us)



## **Please say hello to Mollie Plocher!**

Mollie is a Resource 2 Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary. She co-teaches with Jodi Lewis, and they work with life skills students with low to severe disabilities. Mollie was born in Port Angeles, and her father was in the Coast Guard, which meant they moved a lot. She's lived in 7 different states! She received her Bachelors from William Penn University in Iowa and her Masters degree at Grand Canyon University. Mollie moved back to PA after school and worked in a daycare for a year. She then joined the PASD in 2015 as a paraeducator for two years and then became a teacher for the last two years.

When asked what her favorite thing is about being a teacher, Mollie shared that she enjoys working with special needs students to find their independence. Her focus is to help students address unproductive behaviors so they can be academically successful. She also assists general education kids in resetting whenever they have a hard time in class. Mollie expressed her gratitude over and over again for her work team. She said the para team at Roosevelt is fantastic, and she wouldn't be able to do her job without them. She also shared that Judi Lewis is a great mentor and co-teacher. Before becoming a teacher, Mollie was Judi's para for a year, and now they have partnered together during COVID.

Outside of work, you can find Mollie hanging out with her two dogs, Koda, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois(ma-luhn-waa)/lab mix, and Bear, a one and a one and a half-year-old German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix. The Belgian Malinois breed is protective and loyal. They are brilliant, and Mollie thinks she will always have this type of dog. Camping and hiking are some of Mollie's favorite pastimes. One of her favorite hiking memories was a trip along the Arizona Mesa Canyon, where she followed the trail down a beautiful stream. Mollie can't wait to travel out of state safely again!

Mollie is also a volunteer youth leader at Independent Bible Church and has lead the music section for middle school and high school kids since 2014. Something that no one knows about Mollie is that she dreams of becoming a Behavioral Analysis for the FBI! How cool is that?!

Principal Van De Wege shared that Mollie leads her team of paras with humor and has created an atmosphere where everyone in her program (adults and children) feels like family. The entire team does what's best for each child, no matter the challenges. Additionally, Mollie is always willing to step in to support school-wide needs using her extensive background in behavioral supports. Given her impressive skill set, you would expect her to be a veteran teacher, yet she has only had her certification for less than a year! Way to go, Mollie! We are lucky to have your expert behavioral skills! Just don't leave us yet for the FBI!





## KUDOS CORNER!



I would like to shine a spotlight on our Accounts Receivable and Purchasing Secretary, Carol Earl. Carol's commitment to the district is to be commended. She is respected among her peers and throughout the district as a trustworthy and reliable employee and coworker. She has the sweetest disposition and a cheery, light-hearted demeanor that encourages those around her to mirror her positivity. Carol excels at her position with the utmost dignity and grace and is always ready to help where needed. I am honored to take this opportunity to celebrate my friend, Carol Earl. Please join me because on May 13, 2021 she will be with the district for 30 years! -Jennie Wilson

## THE SEATTLE TIMES TAKE TWO!

This week The Times published another article, this time featuring The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and PASD's partnership in opening the Learning Center. We are honored and grateful to have this strong relationship to help our students succeed. Check it out!



SEATTLETIMES.COM

To serve kids in the pandemic, a tribe and a Washington school district create a... Leaders from larger school districts had visions of creating these go-between spaces for students while school buildings were closed. Within the...

## SENIOR NIGHTS!



Betty Cameron



Lylli Woods

L to R: Maizie Tucker - 1st-year diver, Adriana McClain - 3rd year varsity letterman, Kiara Schmitt - 4th-year varsity letterman, and Maggie Ruddell - 1st year swimmer

The Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring you a safe winter rink experience from March 19th to April 18th, 2021. Click the photo below to sign up to volunteer, donate or learn more!



**Spread the word about Pinwheels for Prevention!**  
**The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is observing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) month by raising awareness in communities about child abuse and neglect prevention. As the Prevent Child Abuse Washington State Chapter, we encourage you to join the Pinwheels for Prevention initiative. This initiative uses pinwheels – a timeless symbol for childhood – to represent its campaign.**  
**Place your pinwheel order today!**

## Hello & Goodbye!

**Detective Shane Martin** has been acting as the school district School Resource Officer for the last two years. Detective Martin moved into the school setting so seamlessly and did a wonderful job of supporting the students and staff of our district in a positive and encouraging way. He will be missed but we are so happy for this new adventure for him and his family.

Thank you, Detective Martin!

**Officer Swift Sanchez** will be joining our PASD team as our new SRO. We so are excited to have Officer Sanchez supporting our students and families.

Welcome, Officer Sanchez!



**March 23 - 26 at  
 Jefferson Elementary  
 Please help spread  
 the word!**

**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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