

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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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

I hope everyone has had a nice four-day workweek. The sun has been a welcomed sight the last couple of days, and I am excited to notice our days are getting longer! Thank you, everyone, for your continued commitment to our students. Our District is a positive example of what the return to in-person teaching model looks like, and we are all responsible for our success. Great job, everyone!

GOOD LUCK TO GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING
FOR TIME TRIAL 2, TONIGHT AT
WILLIAM SHORE POOL!



Today is the last day to donate!



Pictured above: Anne Edwards practices a dive while coach Lum Fu, teammate Aubrie Scott, and coach Pete VanRossen look on.

PAHS ROTARY INTERACT CLUB

DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

January 22nd - February 19th

- Q-Tips
- Band-Aids
- Baby Wipes
- Wash Cloths
- Hand Warmers
- Athlete's Foot Cream

Drop off locations: PAHS foyer, Lincoln Center foyer, Shore Aquatic Center



Please say, bonjour to Theresa Archibald!

Theresa has been with the district, working in our Human Resource department, for five years this month! Happy work anniversary, Theresa! Born in Santa Clara, CA, Theresa lived there with her family until she was eight years old. Her father had a job opportunity in Washington state, so they moved, and Theresa grew up in the Pacific Northwest. She attended Bellevue Christian School and graduated from UW. Go Dawgs! When she met her husband, she was still living in Bellevue and he lived in Forks on the Sol Duc River. They decided he wouldn't be a good fit to live along the I-5 corridor, so Theresa moved west! She moved in and worked remotely for her dad during college.

Theresa enjoys helping others in her role with PASD. She likes having the opportunity to teach people about their benefits and what options they have. Her career spans 18 years total within schools doing payroll and benefits. Before joining us, she was at Quillayute Valley for 13 years. One thing that gets Theresa out of bed in the morning is making a difference in someone's life and helping them with what they need. She enjoys those 'a-ha' moments, especially when an employee realizes that they are better off than they thought they were in their retirement plans. Theresa further shared that employees with sunny dispositions make her day, and the staff of PASD are great!



Anyone who knows Theresa knows she LOVES to travel and experience new things. She considers herself a Francophile, a person who is fond of or greatly admires France or the French and has traveled to Paris twice. Theresa is learning French and has a big, beautiful picture of the Eiffel tower in her office. One time her husband surprised her with a trip to Paris for her birthday, and she cried tears of joy when she saw the Eiffel tower all lit up and twinkling. Theresa likes to travel domestically and has been across the nation supporting Husky Football and cheering on the Dawgs for Final Four games and Rose Bowls. Once travel restrictions lift, she cannot wait to go to Europe again and Victoria, Canada!

Some of Theresa's other hobbies are hiking, beaching, and cooking different foods from other countries. She loves to be outside in the elements and focuses on self-care and wellness. Every day around 11 am, you can see Theresa heading out to go for a daily walk. Theresa's big goal is to be able to travel more and retire at a healthy age. Her husband recently retired at 56, and she would love to join him when the time is right. Theresa wanted to share that she hopes to leave a positive mark in our District and know that she treated everyone with respect and dignity.

Thank you, Theresa, for all you do and for taking care of all our benefit and retirement questions! We appreciate you! **À la prochaine!**

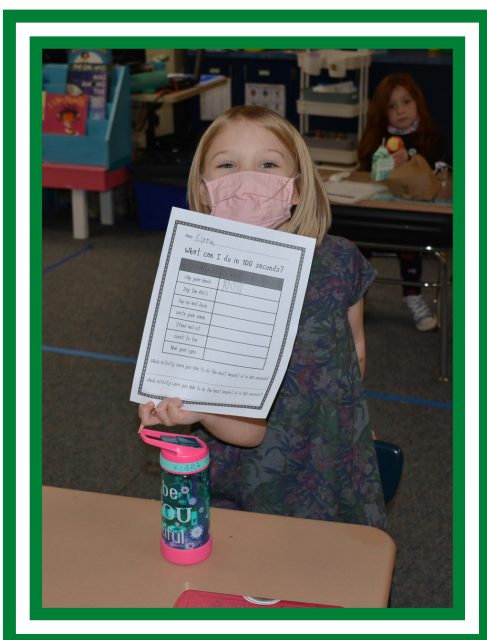


KUDOS CORNER!



Troy Armstrong is a secretary in the Special Services Department. His knowledge and experience are invaluable! He is the go-to person for many types of questions from schools all across the district. He is thorough, detail-oriented, and dependable. These attributes, along with his sense of humor, are key in helping us to serve and support students with special needs. He is deeply appreciated! - Dr. Rachel Summers

Students at Jefferson Elementary celebrated their 100th day of school this year! Pictured right: Kindergartener Kirra Thornburg showing off her school paper after clapping her hands 100 times for 100 seconds! Way to go, Kirra!



"YOU MUST NEVER BE
FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU
ARE DOING WHEN IT IS
RIGHT."

- ROSA PARKS

Vietnam Memorial Push-Up Challenge Update

To date, 34,215 push-ups have been completed and we need to complete 24,103 more push-ups by Memorial Day. Send your weekly push-up totals and photos to Senior Chief Justin Beck, jbeck@portangelesschools.org by Monday of each week. Every push-up counts!

UPCOMING DATES

February 25th - School Board Meeting

February 26th - Highly Capable Referral and parent permission deadline.

March 11th - School Board Meeting

March 15th - No school, Snow Make-up day

March 25th - School Board Meeting

April 2nd - Term 3 ends

April 5th - 9th - No school, Spring Break.

Seaview Teachers Laura Hernandez and Stephanie Gochmour create multiplication game packets with dice and cards for 3rd through 5th graders! Fun!!



PARENT SUPPORT

The **AmeriCorps** team will provide tutoring sessions for parents and students at three locations across the community beginning on Tuesday, February 16th. Parents can learn about the platforms their children are on each day and also help students who need the extra support. Parent/student tutoring will be available from 4-6p:

- Tuesdays at Roosevelt in the gym
- Wednesdays at Jefferson in the library
- Thursdays at Dry Creek in the library

Questions? Contact Michell Gentry PASD AmeriCorps Program Coordinator at 360-565-1976 or [mgentry@portangelesschools.org](mailto:mgency@portangelesschools.org)

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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