

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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Employee Newsletter

Martin Brewer, Superintendent

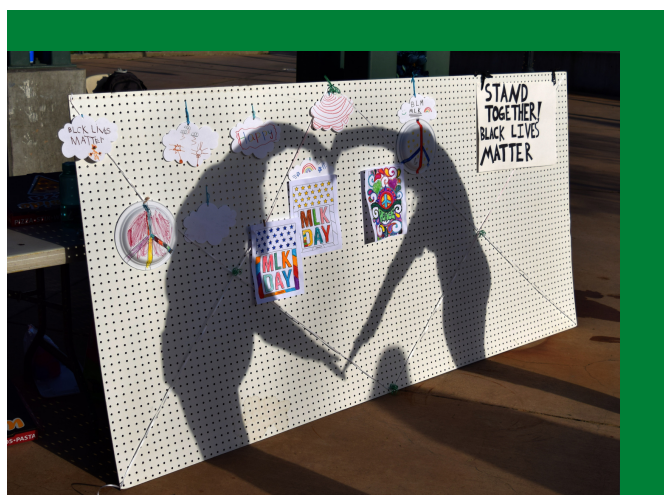


## STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY.

Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

### MARTY'S MINUTE

It was great to welcome back our youngest learners this last month! You can really feel the excitement building as we get ready to bring back secondary students next week. Thank you to everyone for your hard work as we launch into the next semester and reopening phase 2.3. We got this!



Port Angeles School District **AmeriCorps** members were joined by students and community members to honor Martin Luther King Jr. through art and unity on Monday, January 18th, MLK Day. The Gateway Center in downtown Port Angeles had an art collage with student contributions, a running slide show, and lots of great energy throughout the afternoon. Passersby stopped to look at the art, listened to music, and watch some of the speeches given by Martin Luther King Jr. Thank you AmeriCorp Members and PASD students!

## **Everyone, please say hello to Trent Pomeroy!**

Trent is a 4th-grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary, where he is in his 21st year of teaching at the District! He previously taught 3rd and 4th-grade music and has been teaching a combined total of 36 years! Wow!

Born and raised in southern California, Trent attended Cal State to earn his teaching credential and majored in music. He began his teaching career in 1985 and taught in California for 3 years, met his lovely wife, then moved to Lake Stevens, where he was a teacher for 12 years. In 2000, Trent and his wife moved to Port Angeles to be closer to his folks who lived in Sequim. Trent considers himself a true Port Angelino, and when he is not teaching, he is involved with music in some way or spending time with his 3 wonderful, grown children and 4 grandkids. Trent loves spending quality time with his wife, going on walks, and hopes to golf halfway decently when he retires at the end of this year. He likes to swim and is excited to try out the new pool once vaccinated, and is really looking forward to getting back in the water!



Trent and his family have a self-proclaimed neurotic cat and will soon be inheriting a 9-year-old Australian Shepard and schipperke dog who is very smart and well trained. Since COVID, he hasn't traveled a lot, but he is going to Cooperstown, NY, to visit a lifelong friend once it's safe. They plan on visiting the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The next big trip post-COVID in the spring of 2022 will be taking his wife to Europe for the first time.

Principal Gary Pringle noted that Trent is an outstanding teacher who did not want to end his teaching career last year during COVID times, so we were fortunate enough to have him for one more year! Trent wanted to share with everyone that it has been such a privilege to work and teach in PA all of these years. He feels very fortunate to have found a profession that he loves so much and is grateful he landed at Hamilton as it's been a joy. Trent couldn't have asked for a better career or working environment in our District.

Thank you, Trent, for all of your hard work and dedication over the years. We will miss you, but we understand your golf game needs some improvement. Fore!



# KUDOS CORNER!



Tim floating concrete for the PAHS Greenhouse

This week's kudos shout out goes to Tim Smith, in our maintenance department. Dry Creek Principal, Tiffany Blore shared that Tim recently went out to fix some broken blinds and he was kind and courteous. She wanted to share, "Thanks to Tim for going the extra mile!" Maintenance Director, Nolan Duce said, "In February, Tim will have been with the District for 10 years. He started in the grounds department and then moved to maintenance when there was an opening. Tim works hard and always stays busy. He's kind and he cares, and he will do anything for kids." Thanks Tim, for taking care of us!

## Our PAHS DECA members were very successful at this year's Regional competition.

**Kim Thompson** – 1st Place in Innovation Plan

**Aidan Butterworth & Winston Wait** – 1st Place in Integrated Marketing Campaign – Service

**Olivia Tejeda** – 2nd Place in Start-Up Business Plan

**Hannah Basden & Peyton Rudd** – 2nd Place in Innovation Plan

**Jack & Jason Gladfelter** – 5th Place in Buying and Merchandising Role Play

**congratulations!**  
**DECA**

Next up... DECA State Competition!

“You don't paddle against the current, you paddle with it. And if you get good at it, you throw away the oars.”

–Kris

Kristofferson



## Congratulations to our Finalists

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Angeles Community Awards  
Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm | Portangeles.org

### Business of the Year

Little Devils Lunchbox  
Lumber Traders  
PNW Mobile Detailing

### Young Leader of the Year

Jeremy Gilchrist  
Dylan Godsey  
Chelsea Winfield

### Emerging Business of the Year

Fogtown Coffee  
Ridgeline Homecare Cooperative  
Sasquatch Donuts



### Citizen of the Year

Dr. Allison Berry  
Steve Deutermann  
Patty Pastore

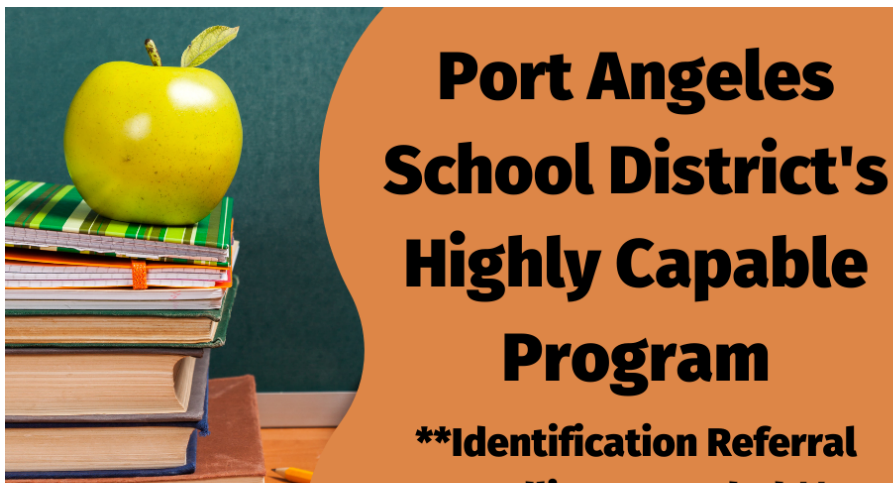
### Educator of the Year

Dan Cobb  
Tiffany Gillespie  
Kasey Ulin

### Organization of the Year

Clallam County EDC  
Habitat for Humanity  
Port Angeles Police Dept.

Congrats to our very own, Dan Cobb, Hamilton Elementary music teacher, and Kasey Ulin, Port Angeles High School boys basketball head coach on being a finalist for the Port Angeles Community Awards! Superintendent Brewer will be sharing a few words during this event, on the hard work that goes into being an educator during these times! Join in the fun and help celebrate this Saturday, January 30th!



## Port Angeles School District's Highly Capable Program

**\*\*Identification Referral Deadline extended!\*\***

**Forms can be submitted no later than Friday, February 26th. Please share the news!**

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### Heart Healthy Virtual Run/Walk /Swim

Chose among the following distances throughout the entire month of February:

5K / 10K / Half Marathon (13.1) /

Marathon (26.2) / Marathon Relay /

Swim the Distance. All participants will receive a red long-sleeve performance shirt, race bib, finisher medal and online tracking system to help keep track of your progress throughout the month.

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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