

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

In honor of Monday's, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I invite you to continue to reflect on his messages of hope, unification, and equality. I challenge you to continue your days as if every day was MLK Day and bring his spirit to your classrooms and workdays. Thank you to all PASD staff for your continued efforts in making our District safe, supportive and strong for all.

HELP OUR Community

PAHS's **Rotary Interact Club** is hosting a 4-week community drive to gather supplies for people who are homeless in Port Angeles from **January 22nd to February 19th**.

Requested items include washcloths, Q-Tips, athlete's foot cream, baby wipes, hand warmers, and band-aids. Donated items will be given to help community members in need. **Items can be dropped off at PAHS, Lincoln Center and the newly remodeled Shore Aquatic Center!**



Rotary Interact Club Students

Back row L to R - Emma Weaver, Molly Scofield, Olivia Carroll, Yun Chong.

Front - Yau Fu, Maizie Tucker, Hayden Webber, Trinity Laws. Not Pictured, Trista Vellucci

SUPPORT PORT ANGELES ROUGHRIDERS



SHOP AT
FANCLOTH.SHOP/XGCEB

Show your Roughrider spirit and help PAHS Leadership reach their FUNdraising goal. Only 7 days left to place your order!



Everyone, please say ʔəy'sk^wáčĭ/good day to Jamie Valadez!

Born and raised in Port Angeles, Jamie is a Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal member and graduated from PAHS in 1977. Jamie attended Evergreen State College, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. She then started teaching at PAHS in 1999 and is an educator in the Klallam language. In 2008, Jamie began teaching Native American studies through Washington State tribal history. Even in high school, Jamie knew she wanted to be a teacher. Her teaching inspirations came from a Hawaiian Native teacher who taught Native history when she attended school.

Three years ago, Jamie started teaching US history from the Native American perspective. She received training at the Smithsonian Institute and spent a week learning about their Native Knowledge 360° curriculum. This program provides educators and students with new perspectives on Native American history and cultures.



Jamie teamed up with other tribal members, linguists, and anthropologists to develop the Klallam Language (nəx^wsł'ayəmúcən) curriculum. Previous efforts to create this program date back to the 1920s. There are 60 Klallam language lessons total, 30 lessons for first-year students, and 30 for the second year. In 2003, the Native American Languages Act was passed to support Native American language survival in schools. Jamie and the team helped paved the way for Port Angeles to be a model program for essential Native teachings in our state.

Jamie is also a native student advisor at the high school. She has played an instrumental role in allowing students to organize the Annual School District Potlatch and the Annual Culture Fair. Jamie expressed the importance of native students seeing another brown face as a teacher since there are not many teachers of color. Jamie is happy to see the diversity of candidates wanting to become teachers and teach the language as she has had a great experience in the last 20 years.

When not at work or supporting her community, you can find Jamie gardening, basket weaving, and making cradleboards. Her most recent creation is a yellow cedar woven cradleboard with a bear design for her nephew, who is expecting a baby in the summertime. Flowers are one of Jamie's favorite things to grow and dry. She also gathers medicinal plants for salves and teas. Jamie enjoys hiking and outdoor education, especially teaching about the mighty Elwha River.

Jonathan Arakawa shared, "Jamie is a true advocate for our students, especially our Native American students. She has dedicated many of her years revitalizing and teaching our language and history. Within those years, over 20 years at Port Angeles High School. She is a valuable resource and gift to our community and the Port Angeles School District. She has overcome the great challenges presented in technology, bringing her curriculum to an online platform with Google Classroom, as all teachers have in this pandemic. Not only has she overcome the technical challenges, but the barriers that were in place to teach our language and history in the public school system—way ahead of the State of Washington and its legislature."

Please join us in saying, "Jamie, háʔnəŋ cn ʔaʔ čĭ ʔənsł'ésčáy/Thank you for your important work!"

KUDOS CORNER!



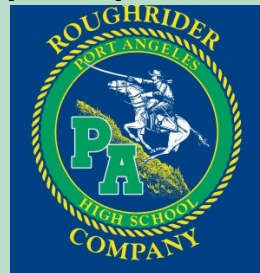
Family Navigators Becca Larson and Kelsey Lane

I cannot say enough about our **Family Navigator Team**. During an unprecedented global pandemic, they have been an irreplaceable resource for our district. In the face of challenges and long to-do lists, they have consistently projected a kind, positive, and smiling demeanor. Becca actively pursues ways to collaborate with teams in school buildings. She seizes on opportunities that can make her Navigator work more effectively and efficiently. Becca and her team have supported families experiencing homelessness, students in foster care, those who need internet access, kiddos who are not engaging in school, students who need transportation, or mental health services. The list is long, and as a district, we are deeply fortunate and privileged to have Becca and her team as a resource for our students, families, and staff. I appreciate Becca and her team from the bottom of my heart. -Dr. Rachel Summers

Vietnam Memorial Push-Up Challenge Update

To date, 20,588 push-ups have been completed and we need to complete 37,730 more push-ups by Memorial Day. This is a community effort and is easy to do during social distancing. Help Roughrider Company make it to the finish line. 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!

Maybe challenge a co-worker or students to a push-up battle??



Pictured Left:
NJROTC Cadets
doing pushups
during a
GoogleMeet.

There is always
light, if only we're
brave enough to
see it. If only we
are brave enough
to be it.

-Amanda Gorman
The youngest
inaugural poet in
history





Olympic Medical Center's 14th Annual Red, Set, Go! Healthy Heart Luncheon will be on Friday, February 26th, 2021.

The event will be held virtually and in-person at the Vern Burton Community Center and is presented by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Luncheon tickets can be purchased at www.omhf.org/red-set-go



Clallam Transit System Comprehensive Operational Analysis:

Creating an Adaptable Transit Future

Clallam Transit System (CTS) is committed to providing customer-friendly, reliable, economical, and efficient public transportation options for the entire Clallam County community. In the year ahead, Clallam Transit is conducting a Comprehensive Transit Operational Analysis (CTOA) and exploring ways to more effectively serve the public while adapting to new economic, demographic, and technological trends.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Guided by the CTS 2020-2025 Transit Development Plan, the CTOA will:

1. Update the CTS service strategy to increase regional mobility and connectivity.
2. Identify ways to remain efficient and cost-effective in the delivery of services.
3. Grow and enhance community-centered services in a sustainable way.

GET INVOLVED

The outcomes of this project will affect the Clallam County community, today and in the future. Because of that, every member of our singular community is a key partner in this effort. Throughout the duration of the project, there will be many opportunities to share experiences, offer ideas, and provide feedback.

PROJECT WEBSITE:
WWW.CLALLAMTRANSITFUTURE.COM

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Take the community survey on our project website and be automatically entered to win a \$25 gift card!



Students in grade six and under are invited to submit designs and artwork for the medal awarded to an expected 500 participants in June's North Olympic Discovery Kids Marathon.

Entries must be mailed or received by Friday, February 5th! Applications can be found here: tinyurl.com/PDN-KidsMedal.



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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