



*Potlatch School District #285*  
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## KATIE BALL AND LEAH HEATH AWARDED LATAH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Two (2) Potlatch School District Employees have been awarded grants from the Latah Community Foundation!

Elementary Librarian, Leah Heath was awarded \$1,000 for new books for the Elementary Library! PE Teacher, Katie Ball received an award in the amount of \$1,621.54. She plans to use the grant funds to purchase additional portable standards and new pickleball & badminton equipment for the physical education program!

According to their website, "The Latah County Community Foundation (LCCF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the citizens of Latah County, through the accumulation, management, and disbursement of charitable donations of programs or projects associated with education, human services, environment, health youth services, civic improvement, the arts and various other charitable interests." We greatly appreciate grant funds received from the Latah County Community Foundation. We look forward to the enrichment opportunities this funding will provide to our students. Thank you, Latah County Community Foundation!

## NEW SCOREBOARDS AT POTLATCH JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL



*Thank you  
Lovell Tree  
Service!*

If you visit the gymnasium at the Jr- Sr High School you might notice that brand new scoreboards are up and operational. We'd like to thank our partners, Glenn, Josh and Tony at Signcrafters for their professional installation. We'd also like to thank Lovell Tree Service for their generous donation that made this project a reality! Thank you!

## ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Elementary Holiday Concert took place on December 20th! Thank you to the many family and community members who came to support our students! It has been a number of years since the last holiday concert was held due to the COVID pandemic and changes within the music program. It was wonderful to see students showcase their skills.

*Thank Mr. Slothower  
and our other staff  
members who worked  
hard to bring this this  
annual tradition back  
to Potlatch Elementary!*





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## SEL BRINGS DAY OF CODE TO POTLATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On December 8, 2022 Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) brought Day of Code to Potlatch Elementary! Students were able to participate in a variety of hands-on activities while learning about coding and the importance of computer science!

*We'd like to thank Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories for bringing this wonderful event to our students!*



## POTLATCH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING PROJECTS

Several projects around the district are in process or scheduled to begin soon. These include:

- High School Gymnasium HVAC System
- Elementary Flooring
- Family & Consumer Science Classroom

Updates

## SCHOOL SAFETY "SEE TELL NOW"

The safety of our students is our top priority. Potlatch School District recently joined "See Tell Now." "See Tell Now" is an anonymous reporting tool sponsored by the Office of School Safety. A link for "See Tell Now" has been added to our district website. This system emphasizes the importance of acting now and sharing items of concern with someone. Concerns may be submitted anonymously.

According to the Office of School Safety Website, "The See, Tell, Now Student Threat Reporting System (commonly referred to as a Tipline) is staffed by trained tip line technicians 24/7 call center who will receive and evaluate all tips. Tips are processed for accuracy and information. Tips that are serious or imminent danger are routed through your assigned dispatch center. Tips are screened for accuracy, information and severity before being sent out to the assigned school point of contacts."

## EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANTS AVAILABLE TO IDAHO FAMILIES

The Idaho State Board of Education is accepting applications for the Empowering Parents Grant. Eligible parents can use grant funds to purchase education-related resources and services such as internet connectivity, computer hardware and software, instructional materials, tutoring and more from the Empowering Parents online marketplace. The program provides \$1,000 per student or a maximum of \$3,000 per family. K-12 students attending Idaho public or private schools or students who are homeschooled are eligible.

A portal is available on the State Board of Education website where parents can sign up to receive updates on the program. Visit Empowering Parents ([idaho.gov](http://idaho.gov)).





# Home of The LOGGERS

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Potlatch Alumni Spotlights

*We'd like to share your story...*

## LOGGER PRIDE IS FOREVER.

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TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US

WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES  
FOR LOGGER SPOTLIGHTS AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSES OF OUR  
FORMER GRADUATES

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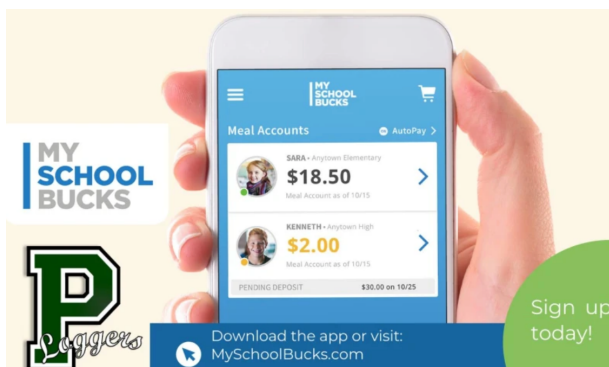
## LOGGER SPOTLIGHTS

A strong connection with Alumni is important for a district to understand their impact. Alumni stories can also motivate and inspire current students. We want to be able to tell stories of what our Logger Alumni are up to now-no matter how recent or long ago you graduated.

*Visit our website ([www.psd285.org](http://www.psd285.org)) and submit your story!*

## MY SCHOOL BUCKS

You can now pay student lunch fees online with MySchoolBucks! Download the app, or visit [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) to get started today!



## COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Once a month, Janet Avery and a Board member will be available to chat with community members. The purpose of these meetings is for patrons to have an informal setting to talk with the Superintendent and Board. Topics of conversation in the past have revolved around ideas to make our schools safer, what is happening with our CTE (Career Technical or Vocational) classes, and what policies the Board has or may consider in the future. There isn't a formal agenda for these meetings - they are intended to be conversational. Watch the CIA, our website, and our social media pages to know when Coffee with the Superintendent is happening each month.

## STAY CONNECTED- DOWNLOAD OUR APP!

