

SEAVIEW ACADEMY

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Dean's Message

By Vicki Helwick



Boy, what odd weather we have been having! It seems odd that Seaview follows the Port Angeles School District Snow Days, but it would be an administrative nightmare to not. We have many shared students, so staying on the same calendar is important.

Thank you to all of the families who supported their Seaview students to complete the recent MAP testing. We will have one more MAP testing window in May.

SBA testing will be coming up in April, and you will be getting more information in the coming weeks. We have so many great students and families at Seaview. We appreciate all of you! Seeing people in person at the Seaview Learning Center is always nice, so stop by and say hi!

February Students of the Month

Effort

- Gabriella Williams
- Ella Hollis
- Alaina Baublitz
- Cale Wentz
- Kailiosa Berry
- Luke Flodstrom
- Juleanna Cole

Academic

- Elizabeth Manuel
- Adrian Simms
- Emery Merrikin
- Lucius Hunter
- Kasiya Bess
- Kelton Rigby
- Kiana Redner
- Owen Martin

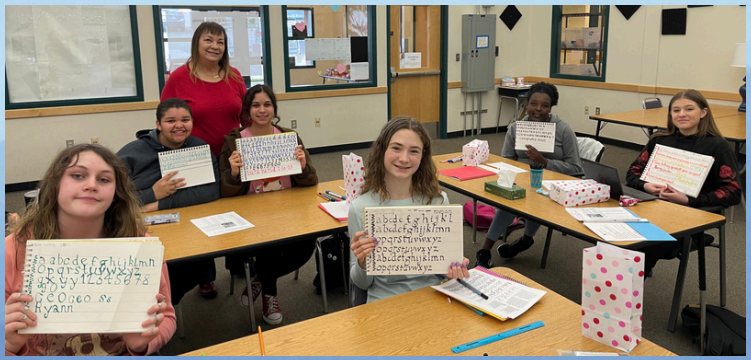
Congratulations!

Semester 2 and Progress

Students are expected to maintain their grades and progress in classes at Seaview. Students need to be passing their classes and on track in their progress each month. It is much easier to stay on track than to try to get caught up. Online learning requires independence from students, and this includes making sure they stay on track.

If you need help, your mentor teacher is always the first place to go. They can find the best source for the help you need, and are here to help you to be successful.

Remember, too, that weekly two way communication is a requirement for every student.



Calligraphy class at Seaview:
Ryann, Lakyn, Mrs. Rhyne, Nura,
Faerin, Naomi, Lily

CEE Survey

We need your feedback! Our school district is participating in the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) annual survey for all parents and guardians, district staff, and students in grades 4-12. You can complete the online survey in about 10 minutes.

Please click here to take the parent and guardian survey:

[https://ceesurveys.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?
ft=15i8GymjdKkEChrPeIW9eQ%3D%3D&&CID=312532&DVB=345355](https://ceesurveys.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?ft=15i8GymjdKkEChrPeIW9eQ%3D%3D&&CID=312532&DVB=345355)

The survey results are school specific - if you have students in more than one school, please submit a survey for each school. The survey will close on Friday, March 10th.

Responses are anonymous, and the survey results will provide meaningful feedback and guide our work for our district's future. These results provide our district and buildings with interactive dashboards that make team collaboration and action planning efficient and easy.

If you have questions about the CEE Survey, please contact Carmen Geyer at:

cgeyer@portangelesschools.org

FAFSA Assistance Available

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the primary starting point for financial aid in college or other post-high school programs.

Completing the FAFSA does not commit you to accepting financial aid, but it does give you options.

Steven Luther works at Peninsula College and is helping increase FAFSA completion numbers in Clallam County. He will be at Lincoln High School on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Student Lounge assisting primarily seniors complete the FAFSA completion process.

He can be reached at 360-417-6290 or

sluther@pencol.edu

Seaview Staff at WALA

Several Seaview staff members attended the Washington Association for Learning Alternatives conference in Spokane recently. Although the weather was really cold (wind chills in the below zero range!), we all found the conference to be energizing and useful. It is always educational to get together with others who have the same goals, giving families a choice in how their student receives their education!

Staff Spotlight

Vicki Helwick

Seaview Dean of Students/Teacher



- *Where were you born and raised?*
 - I grew up in Long Beach, California, and loved the beach, swimming, and bodysurfing. I have made my way up the west coast, living in the Bay Area, Portland area, West Seattle, and Port Angeles.
- *Tell me about your family growing up and your family as an adult!*
 - I am the youngest of 4. The three girls are all based in Washington State now, and my brother is in California. We spent time in Seaside and Gearhart, Oregon each summer visiting my aunt and uncle.
- *What do you do for fun when not working?*
 - I sing in several community choirs, do cross-stitch, needlepoint, and beadwork, spend time with my husband, and play with my puppy, Falkor!
- *Do you have pets/tell us about them!*
 - Falkor is the first dog I have ever had. He is a true mutt, and we adopted him from the Jefferson County Humane Society. He is a wonderful pup, and he gets me out walking. He loves car rides, and he will tear a soft toy to shreds in under 10 minutes.
- *What part of the duties and responsibilities for the Seaview Dean of Students position appeal to you the most?*
 - I love that I get to know almost every family when they apply to Seaview. I get to work with the BEST staff in the district, and I get to interact with staff at other schools.
- *What do you think your biggest challenge has been for you in this position?*
 - The biggest challenge for me is learning to juggle all of the tasks I have as both a teacher and a Dean. I learn something new every day, which is a challenge, but also one of my favorite parts of the job.
- *What does success, as the Seaview Dean, look like for you?*
 - Success is getting every student working to the best of their abilities, and every staff member challenged and satisfied with their workload.
- *Tell us anything that you are especially proud of or something that you just want to share.*
 - I am especially proud of my adult children. They are successful and happy, which is what a mom wants!

Vicki Helwick is the most incredible problem solver I have ever worked with. Her communication and quick response to a student or teacher question are 100% supportive. She is always ready with an answer! But that's not all...she is genuine and kind and truly wants the best for those around her. Vicki has those amazing co-worker qualities such as positive energy, collaborative and creative skills, accepting others for who they are, and is definitely goal oriented.

Vicki has always been approachable and highly helpful when I have had Edgenuity program questions. She has always exhibited great bunches of positive smiles and attitude.

I can't imagine Seaview without you! You are an incredible teacher, TOSA, Imagine Learning Guru, Student Liaison, and human being! You have such a huge impact on all students and staff and none of us would be able to do our jobs as effectively without you. Thank you and you deserve all of the recognition!

Vicki has been very easy to work with, always ready with a fun anecdote or pithy phrase. She is always on top of problems heading our way in Seaview, and communicates with teachers effectively and thoroughly.