SEAVIEW ACADEMY

Orca News

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Principal's Message

By Mace Gratz

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the second semester. Even though it might be a little cold and dark right now, it's a good time to remember that spring is around the corner, the days are getting longer, and we are (hopefully) able to enjoy a little more sunshine after school each day.

As we gear up for our 2nd semester classes, I applaud all of our Seaview families for the time and effort they invest in their learning each day. We recently received an update from our online providers that showed Seaview Academy students are excelling beyond other programs in their rate of course completion and time on task. This reflects the seriousness that our families, teachers, and students have towards their education. So, thank you all and keep up the good work!

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Mace Gratz

Fine Arts Electives Available

Two Fine Arts electives will be available at Seaview this term. One is a Calligraphy Class, offered by Mrs. Rhyne on Friday, starting February 10th, at the Seaview Learning Center from 11 am to 1 pm. There is room for 5 more students to join, and you can earn .5 credit for Fine Arts.

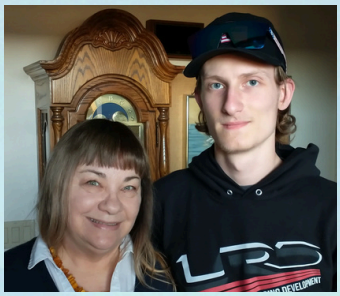
The other class is a Music class, offered by Mrs. Helwick. It will meet from 1:45 to 2:55 pm on Tuesdays at the Seaview Learning Center. This class will focus on learning ukulele, music history, and music appreciation. You can earn .5 Fine Arts Credit for this class, and it will start on February 7th.

Semester 2 Starts Now!

Semester 2 starts now. The end of the term is June 9, 2023. During this term we have Spring Break, April 3rd-7th.

It is easier to start ahead and stay ahead then it is to try to catch up. Please make sure you are spending time on your Edgenuity and Buzz courses every day.

Congratulations to Javen, Seaview Grad!



Congratulations to Javen Descala, one of Mrs. Rhyne's hard-working, Seaview Academy seniors! Javen completed 2 credits while working full time at Wilder's Auto as a Toyota Specialist Mechanic. Javen enjoys salmon fishing and building muscle cars. His dream is to race in NASCAR someday! His parents are Joe and Makayla Descala of Port Angeles.

Javen plans to move to Florida and pursue a career there in the near future. Javen will earn his diploma in June with Seaview Academy, Home of the Orcas!

We all wish you the very best, Javen!

Need help with your academic writing?

Mrs. Rhyne will be teaching a new writing class on Tuesdays at the Lincoln Center, Room 207, from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Students will be writing and engaged in learning. The goal is to help students with building more confidence in their approach to writing while teaching strategies for writing an essay. She will also help students with their writing assignments in their current Edgenuity English Language Arts classes. The Writing Pod 2023 class will focus on how to answer a writing prompt, using a graphic organizer for prewriting skills, and teaching the students the strategies for writing a variety of essays, grades 9-12. The students will choose topics that interest them.😊

Dates: (all times will be from 11:00 - 12:30 pm)
Jan. 17 F I R S T class, Jan. 24, Jan. 31
Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Feb 28
Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21
April 11, April 18, April 25 L A S T Class
For more information, contact Mrs. Rhyne at JRhyne@portangelesschools.org



PA Healthy Kids Coalition Club

The Port Angeles Healthy Coalition club is for Seaview students in grades 6-12, who are serious about helping fellow students who may be having issues such as anxiety or depression, or other issues.



The members will work on leadership activities and projects that will provide information as an outreach program for Seaview students. The theme revolves around the idea for kids to learn how to live healthy lives. Contact Mrs. Rhyne for more information at JRhyne@portangelesschools.org

Teachers are lifelong learners

Some Seaview teachers attended a training session for how to use new technology for teaching their students!

The ViewBoard is a big touch screen with two computers built in which encourages collaboration. It can be used for Meets and in person classes. Even teachers still need to learn!





Captain Joseph House











Students from Mrs. Gochnour's classroom have joined forces this year with Betsy Shultz and the Captain Joseph House Foundation. Students have met as a group to volunteer their time to help clean up the yard and participate in organizing and cleaning items inside the house to get it ready for the next group of families that are planning to visit at the end of February.

"The Captain Joseph House Foundation is a one-of-a kind non-profit corporation created to support Gold Star Families of our military's fallen war heroes since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism on 9/11. With volunteer and paid staff, donation funding and inspiration, the Foundation will ensure a place for families of the Fallen to gather for respite and will provide a continuum of care for their personal healing."

If any other Seaview students are interested in volunteering and working with this foundation, please get a hold of Stephanie Gochnour at sgochnour@portangelesschools.org.

Students of the Month

Each month we honor students who have shown exceptional focus on their studies. Students may be recognized for their effort or their academics. Congratulations to our January Students of the Month!

Orca Award for Outstanding Effort

Mason Bennett
Aiden Jugueta
Edessa Battles
Halo Newman-Lynch
Jesenia Ronces
Kason Albaugh
Devon Coburn
Genessa Mozingo
Joscelin Anderson
Savannah Sandeen
Elliott Custer

Orca Award for Academic Achievement

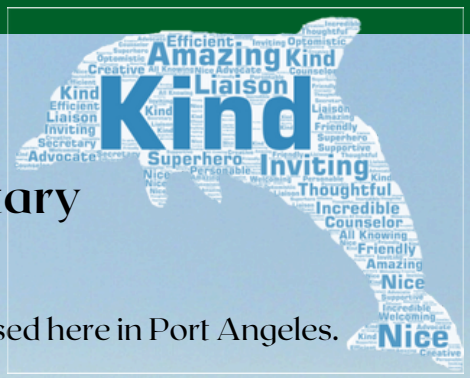
Heaven Wood
Kathryn Jones
Riley Schultz
Lilean Cole
Alex Angevine
Nura Barid
Omar Barid
Eli Woodward
Vivian Hagman
Maisy Kay-Sanders
Liam DeWolf
Jaden Quinonez

Seaview at School Choice Event



Seaview staff attended the Clallam County School Choice Fair on January 21st. We showcased our ORCA program for K-5 students, and our distance learning option for 6-12 grade.

Staff Spotlight
Kaitlin Smithson
Seaview Registrar/Secretary





Where were you born and raised?

I was born in South Korea but mostly raised here in Port Angeles.

Tell me about your family

My family was very conventional, I have a younger brother and my parents have been married for 35 years now. After meeting my boyfriend in 2013 I finally married him in 2019! He has a daughter and we raise her together. She's a 9th grader at PAHS this year and keeps me plenty busy.

What do you do for fun when not working?

I like to go on hikes around my house! I live in Diamond Point so I have the whole Miller Peninsula to explore with my family and my dogs!

Do you have pets? Tell us about them!

I have five animals! I have two cats and three dogs. My cats, Jasper and Kaizen, look like twins but are a year apart. My three dogs, Kyra, Jackson and Pluto are all the loves of my life!

What do you love about Seaview the most?

I absolutely love our Seaview family. Each teacher is incredibly collaborative and unique. I truly love what I do and the part I play in helping teachers and families. This has been the best job I've ever had!

What does success, as the Seaview secretary, look like for you?

Success is being able to answer questions for teachers or families and helping them feel like they can do their jobs well! Watching the success of the partnerships between each Seaview family and teacher is just the most gratifying feeling.

Anything else we should know?

I'm just so proud of my daughter. She's going to work for NASA one day and has gone to Space Camp twice, received a college scholarship in middle school, is involved in orchestra and plans to travel to New York in March!

I appreciate how Kaitlin makes Seaview feel welcoming to students and faculty. I'm amazed by how super speedy she is, too!

Kaitlin, You're the best! Thanks for taking care of all the details. We appreciate you!

Kaitlin, what would we do without you? You are always available to help us with our student classes, credits and transcripts when we need it at a last minute's notice. You add a personal touch and kindness with our Seaview families and staff. We all appreciate everything you do for us!

Kaitlin is our Seaview superhero because she is our registrar, assistant principal, secretary, social worker, general all around high functioning family liaison, all around superstar, and I owe her a huge amount of chocolate for all the support she has given me in the past 5 months!!!

Kaitlin is always so friendly, inviting and optimistic. She goes the extra mile to assist me in making sure that Seaview kids get the very best we can offer. She is the hub of our Seaview wheel. Without her, we are not able to function. I appreciate everything Kaitlin does. That is why she is my Seaview superhero.