

# PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to 2015! I hope you, your student and extended family have had a nice and safe winter break.

Please stay informed about inclement weather procedures; winter has only just begun! Keep an eye on the School District website – [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) – for announcements and stay tuned to KONP Radio 1450AM for school closure or delay information. We'll also send out notices via K12alerts®, a notification for emergency and attendance communication, by email, phone and optional texting to our families and staff.

Let's have a continued great year!

— Dr. Marc Jackson, Ed.D.

## FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BALLOT ISSUES: LEVY AND BOND

The Port Angeles School District Board of Directors has approved two ballot items for the February 10, 2015 special election: a two-year maintenance and operations levy and a bond to construct a new high school on the existing site to replace Port Angeles High School and renovate the Performing Arts Center.

Bond and levy monies serve two completely different purposes. A maintenance and operations levy helps pay the annual cost of running the District's schools – about 20.5% of the District budget. It funds school repairs, student transportation and supports extracurricular activities such as athletics and music programs.

Bond money is used to build or replace school buildings or major equipment. Bond elections occur much less frequently and have a longer duration. Dry Creek and Jefferson Elementary bonds will be paid off in December 2015, and the bond for a new high school will follow directly behind with the least impact on taxpayers.

**The Levy:** The estimated tax rate for the maintenance and operations levy is expected to be \$3.26 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, the same rate per \$1,000 as exists for 2015. The fixed amounts requested are \$8,637,144 in 2016 and \$8,723,516 in 2017.

The existing maintenance and operations levy, approved in February 2011, is set to expire December 31, 2015. The new levy would be a replacement levy, not a new tax. It would renew the current four-year levy which expires at the end of 2015 and would maintain levy funding for the School District for two years through 2017.

**The Bond:** A February 10, 2015 bond in the amount of \$98,254,000 for a term of 25 years will provide for the construction of a new high school on the existing site to replace Port Angeles High School and renovate the Performing Arts Center.

The estimated tax rate for the bond is expected to be \$2.06 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (a \$1.60 per \$1,000 **increase** over today's rates) for 25 years based on 2014 values.

Visit **\*2015 Levy and Bond Information\*** online at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) for additional information about the February 10, 2015 maintenance and operations levy and the bond to build a new high school. Questions can be sent to [info@portangelesschools.org](mailto:info@portangelesschools.org).

## K12ALERTS - PHONE - EMAIL & OPTIONAL TEXT

The School District will continue using the k12alerts system to send newsletters, voice messages by phone, and optional text messaging to your phone in times of inclement weather and emergencies. You may sign up now at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) for optional text messaging. Click on the red k12alerts button!



## Winter 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8, 2015**  
School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Central Services Building

**January 15, 2015**  
Women's League of Voters  
Forum - Levy and Bond  
6:30 p.m.  
PA Senior & Community Center

**January 19, 2015**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Schools Closed

**January 22, 2015**  
School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Roosevelt Elementary

**February 12, 2015**  
School Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Central Services Building

**February 16, 2015**  
Presidents' Holiday  
Schools Closed

### ELIST News

Sign up to receive School District news via email. Visit the School District's website, [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) and look for the k12alerts red symbol and sign up instructions.

### Volunteer in Your Schools

If you would like to volunteer in our Port Angeles schools, please call your neighborhood school or the Central Services Building at 360.457.8575 to find out how you may get involved. Thank you to all volunteers in our schools who offer so many learning opportunities to our students and staff!

### Online Bulletin Board

Check it out:  
[www.portangelesschools.org/parents/bulletin-board](http://www.portangelesschools.org/parents/bulletin-board)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## SCHOOL WEBSITES

### Port Angeles High School

www.portangelesschools.org/pahs

### Lincoln High School

www.portangelesschools.org/lincoln

### Stevens Middle School

www.portangelesschools.org/stevens

### Dry Creek Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/  
drycreek

### Hamilton Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/  
hamilton

### Franklin Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/  
franklin

### Jefferson Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/  
jefferson

### Roosevelt Elementary

www.portangelesschools.org/  
roosevelt

### Parents As Partners

www.portangelesschools.org/  
parents-as-partners

### No. Olympic Peninsula Skills Center

www.nopsc.org

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## ONLINE DISTRICT CALENDAR

http://portangeles.tandemcal.com

## LEAGUE PRESENTS FORUM ON LEVY AND BOND

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County will sponsor an Informational Forum on the February 10, 2015 Levy and Bond measures on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the Port Angeles Senior Center Gymnasium, 328 East 7th Street, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Speakers will include Superintendent Marc Jackson, Director of Finance and Operations Kelly Pearson, Director of Maintenance Nolan Duce, and Port Angeles High School student Sydney Roberts.

Lots of time will be allowed for questions from the audience. Please come, bring your family, bring your friends, learn about these measures and be an informed voter! For more information, contact Debbie Martin by email, [biscayartlww@yahoo.com](mailto:biscayartlww@yahoo.com).

## CITY OF PORT ANGELES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Cable Franchise Renewal:** Please join us at an upcoming focus group session on February 24-25, 2015. What are the biggest issues facing the City? What is your vision for local media in Port Angeles, now, and for the next 10-15 years? Learn about the future, and bring your ideas for new technology and improved cable service. Get more details and register for our focus groups at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/Port\\_Angeles](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Port_Angeles). For more information, contact City of Port Angeles Power Resource Manager Gregg King by phone, 360.417.4710, or email [gking@cityofpa.us](mailto:gking@cityofpa.us).

## COMMUNITY CAFE CONVERSATIONS ADDRESSES BULLYING

Prevention Works! invites the community to a Martin Luther King Day event on Monday, January 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Carver Room at North Olympic Library System Port Angeles Branch. Participants will discuss four specific factors that comprise bullying. All are welcome - Interested parents, students, teens, teachers, church leaders, the community! The event offers a follow up discussion for youth and parents after the December Port Angeles High School and Stevens Middle School assembly presentations by cyber-bullying experts Darrin and Beth Laur. Sponsored by PreventionWorks! BRAVE Task Force (Bullying Reduction And Violence Elimination). Contact Mary Doherty at 610.952.6026 for additional information.

## BLOCK FEST COMING TO PORT ANGELES SCHOOLS

Children can learn math and science through block play with their parents. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to give your child a head start in math and science. BLOCK Fest is coming to Dry Creek Elementary School on January 10, 2015. Sessions will be held at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Coming to Roosevelt Elementary School on January 24; sessions will be held at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Stay tuned for news about the March 29 Block Fest event at Jefferson Elementary. Sponsored by Parenting Matters Foundation and the First Teacher Program, A United Way Partner Agency.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Voter registration forms are available at schools, Clallam County Auditor or Elections Departments (223 East 4th Street Suite #1 Port Angeles, WA 98362), public libraries and other government offices.

You may also request a form online at [www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Print-Voter-Registration-Forms.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Print-Voter-Registration-Forms.aspx) or register online, [www.sos.wa.gov/elections/myvote/olvr.html](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/myvote/olvr.html).

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of the state of Washington
- At least 18 years old by election day

**Note:** To register for the February 10, 2015 vote, your mail-in and online registration is due by Monday, January 12, 2015. You may register in person by Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Clallam County Elections Office.

A ballot for the School District February 10, 2015 levy election will be mailed to the homes of registered voters on or around January 21, 2015. Ballots must be returned by mail or in person to the Clallam County Courthouse by 8:00 p.m. February 10, 2015.

## JANUARY K-8TH READING CONTEST

The Clallam County Literacy Council sponsors a reading contest each January throughout the County and encourages children to read, read, read. When they read books, they are eligible for a 1,000 book giveaway. Learn more from your student's teacher!

**REMEMBER TO VOTE BY FEBRUARY 10, 2015.**

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