



THE TROJAN PRIDE

JANUARY 2025

A Newsletter from Your Public School

360.291.3244



Immediate help for students in need

The Pe Ell School participates in a program that funds school related items for students in grades 6-12. The program donates funds a couple of times a year but encourages schools to reach out to the community and organizations for donations to also assist these students. Student information remains anonymous pertaining to who receives the funds. If you would like to assist these students by donating or if you have questions about the program, please contact Keith Shepherd, Principal, at 360-291-3244 ext. 1040 or kshepherd@peell.k12.wa.us.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE !!



If your child(ren) are **NOT FEELING WELL** or are obviously sick, **PLEASE** keep them home. We have had numerous children come into the office who have been sent to school sick. Please assess your child each morning and call the office if they will not be attending. Thank you for your cooperation.

SNOW BUS ROUTES

If snow routes are called, bus routes will be modified to the following:

Mrs. Arrington

No McCormick Cr. Rd., Jones Rd., Railroad St., Wells Rd. or 1st St. and S. 1st St. (Can meet the bus at the corner of 1st St./Railroad or First St./Jones Rd.)

Mrs. Phelps

No Katula (Can meet bus at Highway 6/Mauerman wide spot by underpass) No Kobe Rd. (Can meet bus at Dryad Firehall)

Mrs. Risley

No Chandler Rd, No Toepelt Rd. (Can meet the bus at Elk Creek/Chandler or Toepelt Rd./Elk Creek or Dryad Firehall) No Pe Ell McDonald Rd. past Mauerman.

Mrs. Engel


No Beam Rd. (Can meet bus at Highway 6/Mauerman wide spot by underpass)

Bus changes will be posted to Notify Me through the school website. We encourage parents to sign up for notifications!



JANUARY PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01/13/25	01/14/25	01/15/25	01/16/25	01/17/25
BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Corn Dog Veggie Sticks Baked Beans Fruit Cup & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Spaghetti Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Peaches & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fruit, Dessert & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
01/20/25	01/21/25	01/22/25	01/23/25	01/24/25
NO SCHOOL!!!	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY!!!	French Toast Sausage Links Hashbrowns Berries, Juice & Milk	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pears, Jello & Milk	Cheeseburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
01/27/25	01/28/25	01/29/25	01/30/25	01/31/25
Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Breakfast Quesadilla Fruit & Juice Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Orange Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Peaches & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Taco Salad Black Bean Salsa Mixed Fruit Pudding & Milk	Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Breadstick Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
02/03/25	02/04/25	02/05/25	02/06/25	02/07/25
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Ham and Egg Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancakes Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Chicken Drumsticks Garlic Mashed Potatoes Cheesy Bread Mixed Fruit & Milk	Hot Dog Pasta Salad Baked Beans Peaches & Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Bologna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Applesauce & Milk	Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!

				
DAILY PRICES:				
BREAKFAST GRADES TK-12	FREE	WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION!!! ALL STUDENT MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR!	"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER."	
LUNCH GRADES TK-12	FREE			
ADULT BREAKFAST	\$3.00			
ADULT LUNCH	\$5.00		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
MILK OR JUICE	\$0.45			
VISITING STUDENT BREAKFAST	\$1.50			
VISITING STUDENT LUNCH	\$3.00			

ELEMENTARY NEWS

“Every day is a new beginning, but there’s something especially magical about January.”

High 5 and Student of The Month Assemblies

Date	Event
1/16/25	High 5
1/30/25	Student of the Month Assembly



Elementary - Youth Basketball Team from left to right: Avery M, Carlee B, Remi M, Hadley M, Sofia A, Lila B, Autumn G, Jewell W, Kaitlyn C.

SAVE THOSE PULL TABS



Grades K-5 will be collecting pull tabs. The class that brings in the most pull tabs will receive a reward. This money goes to support the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks for supporting this cause; we have had people from our community who have been able to utilize the Ronald McDonald House. Deadline will be announced later.



The Feeling of Giving

For the Christmas holidays, our food service supervisor Missie Holmes sets up a Christmas shop for the elementary students to enjoy every year. This shop, known as the Penguin Patch, gives young kids an opportunity to experience shopping for family and loved ones at a reasonable price. Not only does it help them learn to budget but also lets them experience the feeling of giving. This year, the Penguin Patch was held the first week of December in the cafeteria. High school teacher and FBLA advisor, Leza Schimelpfenig, and her high school FBLA members assisted students in shopping as well as wrapping their gifts. “My absolute favorite part of the Penguin Patch experience is seeing the joy on the kids’ faces when they get to pick out and wrap the gifts they chose.” The kids themselves couldn’t agree more. Fifth grade student Brettley Benschung commented, “It was really awesome, and it had a lot of variations. I had so much fun picking out everyone’s gifts.” It’s easy to say that The Penguin Patch is a highly anticipated and loved experience.

K-3 SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

LC YOUTH SPORTS
K-3RD GRADE BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION OPEN
JAN. 6TH - FEB. 9TH
REGISTER AT:
LCYOUTHSPTS.COM

LC YOUTH SPORTS
KINDERGARTEN Basketball
REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 6TH
LCYOUTHSPTS.COM

LC Youth Sports
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REGISTRATION STARTS JANUARY 6TH
LCYOUTHSPTS.COM

ALL SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

PE ELL WRESTLING TEAMS REPRESENT!



Figure 1Wrestlers show off their bling at their recent tournament at North Mason High School. From left to right front: Ben P., Blake B., Ethen N. Back: Addi S., Peyton P., Ethen F., Dallas M., Hunter H., Logan O., Cowyn M., Konnor P., and Brody M.



Middle School wrestlers wrap up their season with an end-of-year tournament in Illwaco. Top: Mason B.; Middle from left to right: Hayden O., Ian S., Kaiden C., Addi S., Ella M., Anna P.; Bottom: Mason F., Brody M., Elden G., Fynn M., Jaxson B., and Mason P.



Our youth wrestlers for 2024 - 2025.

Middle School Basketball

The MS girls' basketball season was from early November to early December. The coaches for the girls were Shawna Oechsner and Andi Barnett. The girls had 15 girls turn out allowing them to have two teams this season compared to just one last year. The A team finished with an overall record of 5-4 which was more than some people expected as the team was made up of mostly 6th graders, and a couple 7th and 8th graders. Although the B team came up short on wins, they put their all into learning the game and working hard. "The girls have improved tremendously over this season, and I'm proud of them," said Coach Oechsner.

The boys middle school basketball season began with their first practice on December 10 with a total of 24 boys who turned out. Yes, you read that correctly...24! The coaches for this year are James Greenwood and Shawna Oechsner, and they are excited for the season to begin and to see what these boys can accomplish. Their first game is on Monday, January 6 against Raymond in Pe Ell.



Top row from left to right: Noel K., Raelynn F., Kensley S., Julie W., Maisy K., Tristyn Z., Payton P., Libby N.; Bottom row: Aubrey R., Erin K., Camelia M., Ella G., Gracie P., Layton W., and Taylor G.

MORE GENERAL NEWS

Senior Fundraiser

The senior class of 2025 are selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars! They will have a variety of choices at both \$1 and \$2 options. So, reach out to a senior student or look for them at home basketball games. You can even purchase whole boxes of bars for \$60. All proceeds will go towards funding the senior class trip in June.



Start Getting Your Gift Baskets Ready!

Dollars for Scholars Auction is coming soon, so be thinking of what you're going to put in your class or business gift baskets. More info coming.



Senior Corner



SCHOLARSHIPS: All local scholarships are listed on our website. Filling out scholarships is a long, and sometimes complicated process. Parents, please make sure you are communicating with your child and guiding them through this process. If you have any questions regarding scholarships, please email Mrs. Robinson.

SENIOR PROJECTS: Senior have started working on their research/poster development and will start the process of writing their paper. Presentations will be in May, but there are many deadlines students will need to meet along the way.

FAFSA (Financial Aid) - We will be working with students filling out the FAFSA application. **REMEMBER:** ALL STUDENTS THAT PLAN OR EVEN THINK THEY WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE NEED TO APPLY FOR FAFSA.

JOB SHADOWS: It is impossible to pass the senior project without their 3 required (12 hours) job shadows. Their job shadow information is the base of their paper and presentation. The rough draft of the paper is due at the beginning of April, and all job shadows should be completed by then in order to have a complete paper.

Jacob from Centralia College will be here Feb. 25 to speak to our seniors. More information coming on this in our next edition. If parents have any questions about the information listed above, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Robinson at the school.

Career Day

The Pe Ell 9th-12th students had an opportunity to listen to a number of business owners and professionals throughout the afternoon on December 9 at our 1st ever Career Day. We had 15 speakers who came into the school and talked with our students about owning a business, career opportunities, the interview process, and much more. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Thank you to all of the presenters for attending our 1st ever Career Day. Taking three hours out of your busy day was not easy or convenient, but what a fabulous opportunity you have given our students. The wealth of knowledge we had in our building December 9 and dedication to our community and students was outstanding. Thank you so much for sharing your time, talent, and knowledge with us. It is a rare occasion where our students have the opportunity to listen to business owners talking about career opportunities, and different career options. We believe we will be doing this again in the future and hope you all will return for our next event.

The following were guest speakers during our 1st Annual Career Day:

- National Guard
- Army – shown below
- Janet Shepherd - Maple Street Manor
- Suzanne Nelson - RN
- Hailey Alexander - Dental Hygienist
- Chris Phelps - Phelps Construction/Restoration
- Dave Atkins - West Coast Mechanical Solution
- Brittany Kaech - American Horse Transportation
- Matt Noren - Thorbeckes
- Janet Toepelt - Eveys
- Chris Halpin - Weyerhaeuser Superintendent
- Lori Ashley - Charter Fishing
- Jason Phelps - Phelps Calls
- Lewis County Sheriff
- Napavine Fire Department

Thank you all for sharing your time, talent, and knowledge!



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Our Pe Ell Ladies are Having a Great Year!

We wanted to honor our Volleyball players who received special recognition from their league. Congratulations ladies and Coach Jill and Coach Stasha for an awesome season!



Our Trojan volleyball team on the right, ham it up for the camera with the Naselle team on the left.



Starting Off with a Bang!

The beginning of a new basketball season brought great things for the Lady Trojans. The girls started with a bang, playing a team they hadn't previously met- Rochester. Despite their higher division, Rochester was squashed in a 48-14 victory for Pe Ell. This winning streak would continue in their first home game on December 6, in an outstanding game against the Ocosta Wildcats in which all five starters racked up stats, such as ten points and eight rebounds for sophomore Emma Kissner. But the team wasn't finished yet- they went on to Three Rivers Christian on December 10 to clutch a 70-14 win, as well as another blowout against the Winlock Cardinals ending with a score of 65-24. They charged on through Willapa Valley, Karli Phelps dropping five three pointers in the 51-28 game. Then they brought their record to an astonishing 6-0 win-loss ratio after a win against the Washington School of Deaf on December 17, despite missing two starters- their point guards, Karli Phelps and Brookelynn King, due to sickness and injury. The remaining girls took care of business, ending the unique game with a 52-21 score. Next, the Trojans faced the Rochester Warriors again, but this time at home; however, the outcome was the same as they defeated them 54-18. In their most challenging game, after winter break, the Trojans handled the Naselle Comets. Despite being down just before the end of the first quarter, Karli Phelps hit a half-court buzzer beater to bring the score to 15-14. This created the spark to push the girls in the second half, bringing them to a victory of 55-39. The girls remain undefeated with eight wins and zero losses.



2024-2025 Girls' BB team from left to right front: Karli P, Brookelynn K, Madi E, Ruby M; back row: Cassidy H, Emma K, Coach Lennox, Coach Lusk, Coach Robinson, Peyton Z, and Ava K.

MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls is an annual competition among the high school classes. For this competition, each class gets to choose a theme and then is allowed a certain amount of time to decorate their section of the hallway to match their theme. For their decorations, they can make them using basic supplies at school, or bring in supplies or props from home. The themes for this year were as follows: the freshmen with Cozy Christmas, the sophomores with Cowboy Christmas, the juniors with Winter Wonderland, and the seniors with Santa's Shop. The decorating happens a couple weeks before students leave for Christmas break so that they can enjoy their creations and the happiness it brings to the hallways. This year, some of the classes really brought their creativity and their themes to life with homemade snowflakes, painted murals, Christmas trees, cowboy boots, a horse saddle, and even a real-life fireplace!

When it comes to deciding on a winner, it is always difficult, so this year the elementary teachers each brought their classes through the high school hallway to examine each section and cast their vote on who did the best job. It was the sophomores with Cowboy Christmas that came out on top. When asked about his first experience, freshman Wyatt Harris replied, "It was fun and I can't wait to do it next year." Even though her class came in last place, senior Avery Guiltner added, "This year the hallways looked magical!"



Sophomore class wins with Cowboy Christmas.



WE Club The Gift of Giving

By Morgan Rieke

The Pe Ell High School WE Club is part of the WE charity, which is a family of organizations that empowers people of all ages to make a difference. The main mission of the WE Club at Pe Ell is to help children and teens have a magical Christmas. This year, the club fundraised money by making and selling cookie platters, hosting a dance-a-thon on the last day of school before Christmas break, and organizing the "You've Been Flocked" event. Through these three fundraisers, the students raised nearly \$3,000, allowing them to purchase over 200 presents for local children.

On December 16, students spent the day shopping for their assigned families. The next couple afternoons at school, they wrapped all of the gifts, and then finally on Thursday the 19th, they delivered the gifts. Before heading back to school, students stopped at Maple Street Manor and sang Christmas carols for the residents. Members of the Pe Ell Club were interviewed about their feelings on this year's efforts. Madi Engel said, "It feels really good to be able to help kids, and we always wish we could do more." All of the students agreed that it feels really good to give back to the community. Karli Phelps added, "It makes me happy not only knowing I am bringing joy to the children but also that I'm relieving some of the stress from the parents and families."



Pictured top left: Ava K., Bailey C., and Morgan M shop for gifts at Walmart; top right: Brynlee H., Blaine H., Calan M., and Danny H. sing carols for the residents at >>> Bottom: WE Club members prepare to deliver gifts to local families.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER RURAL ROUTE 4



JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Jan 11	HS Wrestling – TBD	
Jan 12	Booster Club Meeting – Library	6:00
Jan 13	MS BBB vs South Bend	5:45
	SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Library	5:30
Jan 14	HS GBB/BBB @ CAA	4:30
	HS Wrestling @ Forks	5:00
Jan 15	MS BBB @ Ocosta	5:45
Jan 16	Knowledge Bowl – Toledo	
	HS GBB/BBB vs TRC	4:30
Jan 18	HS Wrestling @ Raymond	10:00 am
Jan 20	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
Jan 21	HS BBB vs Winlock	5:45
Jan 22	MS BBB @ Naselle	5:45
Jan 23	HS Wrestling @ Rainier	5:00
	HS GBB/BBB vs WSD	5:45
Jan 24	FBLA Leadership Conference – Lower Columbia College	
	Weather Make-up Day if Needed	
	MS BBB vs Valley	5:45
Jan 25	HS Wrestling @ TBD	10:00 am
	HS GBB/BBB @ Valley	2:30
Jan 27	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Library	5:30
	MS BBB vs North Beach	5:45
Jan 28	MS BBB @ Raymond	5:45
	HS BBB JV @ Firm Foundation	6:00
Jan 29	Safety City – Kindergarten	12:00
	CISPUS Parent Meeting - Library	6:00
	HS Wrestling @ Pe Ell	5:00
Jan 30	HS GBB/BBB @ Oakville	4:30
Jan 31	HS GBB vs Winlock	6:00
Feb 1	HS Wrestling @ Ilwaco	9:00 am
Feb 3	MS BBB vs Ilwaco	5:45
Feb 4	HS GBB/BBB vs Wahkiakum	4:30
Feb 5	MS BBB @ South Bend	5:45
Feb 6	HS GBB/BBB vs CAA (Senior Night)	4:30
Feb 8	HS Boys Wrestling Districts	10:00 am

* Events are subject to change – please check Website for updates

STUFF TO KNOW

Instruments STILL Needed

If you have any used instruments you no longer use, consider donating it to the school. We are also taking cash donations for new instruments.

For more information, contact:

Jesyka Anastasio
 janastasio@peell.k12.wa.us

TIME TO RENEW BOOSTER BOARDS!
 If you would like a Booster Board, the initial cost is \$30 with an annual renewal fee of \$20. This is a great way to show support for our students. Contact Suzanne Nelson if you would like to get a board at 360-520-9836. Thank you for supporting our students!

Knowledge is Power *By Chaisee Land*



Starting off strong, at their first meet of the year, the Pe Ell High School Knowledge Bowl team took home a 1st place win in the 2nd flight on the 5th of December. When asked what his favorite category is, the A team captain Blaine Howard stated, "Geography because I know a lot about it." Just one week later on December 12, the team traveled back to Toledo where they earned a 3rd place finish in the 2nd flight. The next meet is scheduled for January 16. This year's team members are Cowyn McGrath, Blaine Howard, Liam McGrath, Mateo Hortman, Blake Nelson, Charlie Larkin, Macy Thornton, and Oriya Busey. The team is coached by Clayburn Lusk.

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Attention!!!
 Children under 6th grade **MUST** be accompanied by a parent and are not to play in the gym lobby during sporting events.

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