



# THE TROJAN PRIDE



MARCH 2024

A Newsletter from Your Public School

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## Facilities Update!



### The Bond

Thank you Pe Ell School District voters for supporting your school! The bond passed. That's great news! This bond will allow us to improve our track and playing fields and make the overall modernization project easier to plan and start. Look for work to begin in 2025.

### Concession Stand

The concession stand bids have been opened. The project will be awarded to the lowest bid who meets all requirements. Construction is expected to begin in April, with anticipated completion in August.

### Enclosed Canopy Project

The breezeway passage is very close to completion. We are next going to level the walking surface to make it more even for walking and potential ADA requirements. That is the final piece, bringing the project to a conclusion and into use.

### Modernization Project

We have advertised for the architectural and engineering firm for the project. The applicants have been screened and a final choice is forthcoming. Design phase will follow, taking about a year before going out to bid for next summer (2025) construction start.

The complete scope of the project will become more clear when this legislative session concludes and the rural schools' modernization funds are finalized for the 25-27 biennium.

The district holds weekly meetings with the CSG (Construction Services Group) from ESD 112 to monitor, plan, and supervise all of these projects.

## Trojan Booster Club Auction!

The Booster Club will be holding its annual Dollars for Scholars Auction on Saturday, March 9. Here are the timestamps of the event:

- 5 pm Doors Open/Silent Auction
- 6 pm Dinner/Silent Auction
- 7 pm Live Auction

Tickets are \$25 each and the theme is the 90s!

### BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED BY PE ELL HS GIRLS BB TEAM

During the auction at the Methodist Church  
5 pm- Conclusion of event

Dinner, snacks and entertainment will be provided

Minimum donation of \$20 per child, \$10 per extra sibling is suggested



## Library's Appreciation

Pe Ell High School's Library appreciates everyone who made our "Snow Much to Read" book fair in December a success. We could not do it without you!

Thank you everyone!



**MARCH PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03/04/24	03/05/24	03/06/24	03/07/24	03/08/24
BREAKFAST				
Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Teriyaki Dippers/Orange Chicken W/Rice Green Beans Pears & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Corn Dog Veggie Sticks Baked Beans Mixed Fruit & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
03/11/24	03/12/24	03/13/24	03/14/24	03/15/24
Fruit Churro Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Chocolate Donut Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Hot Dog Tater Tots Salad Peaches & Milk	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce & Tomato Corn Pears, Jello & Milk	Chili & Crackers Cheese & Green Onions Applesauce Cinnamon Roll & Milk	Tuna Salad Sandwich Veggie Sticks Chips Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
03/18/24	03/19/24	03/20/24	03/21/24	03/22/24
Omelet & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Turkey & Cheese Roll Up Cucumber Slices Goldfish Crackers Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Taco Salad Cheese, Onion & Tomato Refried Beans & Peaches Dessert & Milk WELCOME GUESTS!!!	CONFERENCES!!!	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
03/25/24	03/26/24	03/27/24	03/28/24	03/29/24
English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Breadstick & Marinara Mixed Fruit & Milk	French Toast/Waffles Sausage & Egg Patty Hashbrown Strawberries & Milk	Lasagna Coleslaw Garlic Toast Pears & Milk	Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!

<b>DAILY PRICES:</b>			
BREAKFAST GRADES TK-12	FREE	WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION!!! ALL STUDENT MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR!	"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER."
LUNCH GRADES TK-12	FREE		
ADULT BREAKFAST	\$3.00		
ADULT LUNCH	\$4.85		
MILK OR JUICE	\$0.45		
VISITING STUDENT BREAKFAST	\$1.50		
VISITING STUDENT LUNCH	\$3.00	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

# ELEMENTARY NEWS



*"Springtime is the Land of Awakening"*

## Elem Dress Up Days

April 18 - Animal Day  
June 13 - Vacation Day



Students of the Month from left to right are Aleya J., Charlotte M., Stella L., Easton F., Mason B., and Kaitlyn C.

## High 5 And Student of the Month Assemblies

Date	Event
March 14	High 5
March 28	Student of The Month

## Grandparents Luncheon



We would like to invite grandparents and senior friends to have lunch with students in Transitional Kindergarten through 5th Grade in the BIG GYM

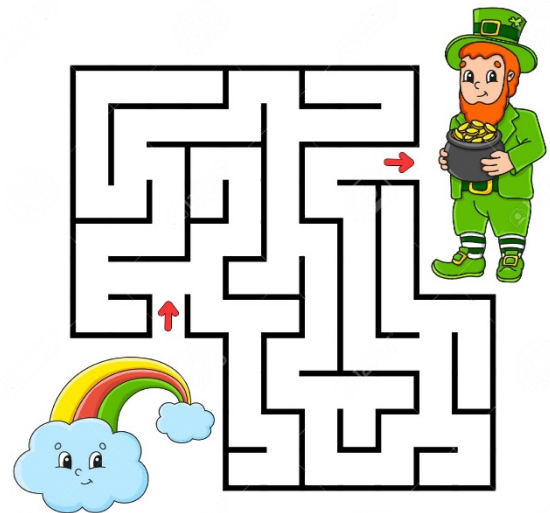
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

### MENU

Taco Salad and more!

Cost is \$4.85

*Please RSVP by March 12, 2024 if you are planning on attending the event.*



## SAVE THOSE PULL TABS

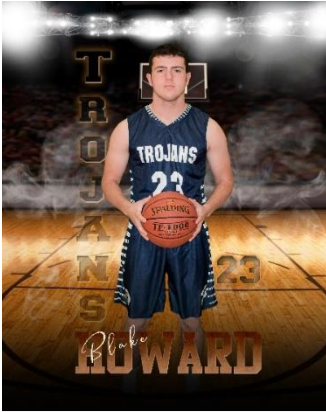
Grades K-5 will be collecting pull tabs. The class that brings in the most pull tabs will receive a reward. This money goes to support the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks for supporting this cause, we have had families from our community who have been able to utilize the Ronald McDonald House.



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## Basketball Senior Night



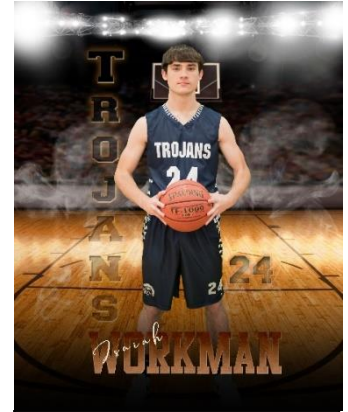
**Blake Howard**



**Carter Phelps**



**Landon Smith**



**Isaiah Workman**

On Tuesday, January 30, we celebrated Senior Night at the last boys' basketball home game. We will miss our seniors and all the hard work they have put in over the years.

### Lady Trojans

The Girls took 3rd in Districts winning over Valley in Montesano with a score of 27-21.

Unfortunately, they lost to Sunnyside Christian during the opening round. We are so proud of our Lady Trojans!



### Trojan Basketball

The Trojans made it to the second round of Districts where they lost out in a rival match against Valley.





# MORE SPORTS NEWS



## Konnor P. and Hunter H. Become First Pe Ell Wrestlers to Attend State Wrestling!

On February 16 and 17, Konnor and Hunter attended State at Tacoma, Washington. Below, reporter Odin H. interviewed Konnor who gave answers to a few questions on his wrestling and his thoughts attending State.

Odin: How do you feel about competing at state?

Konnor: "It was pretty fun".

Odin: Is there anyone you'd like to thank?

Konnor: "Coach Rob and Coach Toneil."

Odin: What was your favorite thing about State?

Konnor: "Hanging out with everyone."

Odin: What's your favorite thing about wrestling?

Konnor: "How close everyone is."



Left to right: Konnor P. and Hunter H. stand in front of the Tacoma Dome at State.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## NBA STAR VISITS PE ELL

The 7'2" former NBA Seattle Super Sonic player James Donaldson came to Pe Ell school to give a motivational speech on mental health on January 10. He also took time to take pictures with students and staff. "He has really inspired many students", said sophomore Danny H.

## HS Track & Field

Track practice started the 26<sup>th</sup> of February with the first track meet being in Napavine on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.



## Booster Boards

**\$20 - Renew**  
**\$30 - Brand new**

Please make all checks to Pe Ell Booster Club  
Contact or find Suzanne Nelson or Vandi Greenwood to pay your fees or order a board



# HS / MS NEWS

*"Well done is better than well said."  
-Benjamin Franklin*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FBLA MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMBERS WHO PLACED AT REGIONALS ON FEBRUARY 2!

From left to right: Macy T. – 1st in Business Ethics; Robert H. – 1st in Career Research; Nathan H. – 1st in Exploring Technology; Travis P. - 2nd in Exploring Technology; and Evey L. – 1st in Elevator Speech. Not pictured is Savannah S. - 2nd in Business Ethics.



## WA FBLA TO STATE



The Pe Ell Chapter makes it to State!

Wyatt K, Odin H, Michael B, Aly W, Nathan R, Kian E, made it to State by placing in Regionals on February 2 at Lower Columbia College.

WA SBLC takes place in Spokane April 24-27.



Attending Regionals from left to right: Wyatt K., Michael B., Odin H., Cowyn M., Kian E., Nathan R., Jayden N., and Randi B.



Young life camp will be the 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of August. Talk to Anne McCarty at 360-880-5287 or your Young life leader about prices and fundraisers.

## Senior Corner

**SENIOR PROJECTS:** Due in March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Job Shadow March 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Job Shadow March 21
- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Research Paper March 28



**RUNNING START STUDENTS** – Running Start students have been sent an email with their requirements.

REMEMBER: contact Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Robinson, or Mrs. Schimelpfenig if you have any questions.

*If parents have any questions about the information listed above, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Robinson at the school.*



The ASB has been busy working on assemblies and sending off players to State.

## Knowledge Bowl is Going to State



Pe Ell Knowledge Bowl won Regionals with third place and is on their way to State on March 23 at Wenatchee High School.



# HIGH SCHOOL & CLUB NEWS

## SkillsUSA Event Results

This January, Pe Ell SkillsUSA competed in several events including Team Engineering, Crime Scene Investigation, Photography, Commercial Drones, and Leadership Competitions. Below are the results and placements of our SkillsUSA members. Give them some well-earned congratulations!

**TEAM ENGINEERING:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emilio M, Fynn M, Bentley H. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Emma P, Matthew K, Landon W. 4<sup>th</sup> place, Blake N, Liam L, Dallas M. 5<sup>th</sup> place, Evey L, McKayla J, Savannah S. 6<sup>th</sup> place, Maisy K, Kason P, Nate H.



**JOB SKILLS DEMO:** Pictured with Detective Matthew Wallace is 1<sup>st</sup> place, Maisy K., 2<sup>nd</sup> place Bentley H., 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Wyatt H. Helper, Evey L.



**ACTION SKILLS WINNER:** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mylee W.



**COMMERCIAL DRONE WINNERS:** 6<sup>th</sup> place, Eliza J, and Abigail W.



**CSI WINNERS** pictured left to right: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Randi B., Eliza J, Sofie G.; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Liam M., Mauricio M., and Pierce E. (not pictured).



Pictured left to right: completing their **CSI** tasks are Liam, Mauricio and Pierce. **Team Engineering** poses for a group picture.



Special thanks to Northwest Hardwoods for donating \$15,000 worth of lumber. Also, thanks to the Lewis County Sheriff's Department for donating their time to show our teams how to conduct CSI investigations.

## HIGH SCHOOL ART



**Morgan Rieke**  
Sophomore



**Sophia Milanowski**  
Sophomore



**Avery Guiltner**  
Junior

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 Lisa Miller, District Secretary  
 Julie Castro, Secretary



### MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of MS Track	3:30
Mar 9	HS FP @ Monte Jamboree	9:00 a.m.
Mar 13	HS BB vs Lake Quinalt	4:00
Mar 14	HS Track @ Napavine	3:45
Mar 15	HS FP @ Auburn vs Enumclaw	3:00
	HS FP @ Auburn vs Peninsula	5:15
Mar 16	HS Track @ Rainier – ICEBREAKER	8:30
Mar 18	OJP Theatre (K-1)	11:00
	HS FP vs Rochester	4:00
Mar 19	HS BB @ Chief Leschi (DH)	3:00
	HS FP vs Chief Leschi (DH)	3:00
Mar 20	<b>GRANDPARENTS' LUNCHEON</b> – Big Gym	11:00 – 1:00
	MS Track @ South Bend	3:30
Mar 21 – 22	<b>NO SCHOOL – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</b>	
Mar 21	HS Track @ Tenino	3:45
Mar 23	Knowledge Bowl State – Wenatchee	
	HS BB @ Naselle	12:00
Mar 26 – 29	<b>CISPUS CAMP</b>	
Mar 26	HS BB @ Forks (DH)	3:00
	HS FP vs Forks (DH)	3:00
Mar 27	MS Track @ Raymond	3:30
Mar 28	HS Track @ Hoquiam	3:45
Mar 29	HS BB vs Mossyrock	4:00

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

### STUFF TO KNOW

#### CHILD FIND SCREENING (formally preschool screening)



Pe Ell School District  
 EDUCATING TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Screening will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. – NOON in the little gym. If you have a child between the ages of **Birth to 5 years of age**, please schedule an appointment for your child's screening by calling the school at (360) 291-3244 #2010.

Please bring your child's **Shot Records and Birth Certificate** and have your child wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. We look forward to seeing you!

## YEARBOOK

Yearbooks have gone up in price and are now \$35 for 1 and \$60 for 2. We only order a certain amount of yearbooks. Buy yours in the office before they are all out!

### ★ Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences ★ Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 2024

Parents will have the opportunity to conference with teachers, by appointment only, **on March 21 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM and again from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM and on Friday, March 22 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.**

Appointments for conferences may be made beginning **Monday, March 11 by calling Julie Castro at (360) 291-3244 #2010.**

**There will be no school for TK-12 on both of these days.** You may also request a phone conference if you prefer that method of conference.

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