



THE TROJAN PRIDE

APRIL 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 CHILD FIND SCREENING

It's that time of year for our annual Child Find Screening (formerly Preschool Screening) for children between the ages of Birth to 5 years.

Screening will be:

Wed., April 30, 2025

8:30 am to NOON

Little Gym

Call 360-291-3244 #2010 to make an appointment.

Please bring your child's *Shot Records* and *Birth Certificate* and have your child wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Annual Booster Club Dinner and Auction

We are excited to share the success of our recent Booster Club dinner and auction which took place on March 15 at the VFW Hall. Thanks to all of the generous donors, buyers, and volunteers, the club was able to raise approximately \$25,000 through the silent auction, live auction, raffle tickets, and dessert frenzy. This money will benefit students through scholarships as well as additional support for Pe Ell sports and clubs. It was a very fun and successful night with about 150 people in attendance. We are already looking forward to next year's events and would love any and all feedback to help improve the experience for everyone. The next Booster Club meeting will be April 13 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Enjoy pictures from the event below and hope to see you there!



APRIL PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
04/07/25	04/08/25	04/09/25	04/10/25	04/11/25
BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Teriyaki Dippers Rice & Breadstick Stir Fry Veggies Peaches & Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Chips & Salsa Mixed Fruit, Jello & Milk	Chicken Drumsticks Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pears & Milk	Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato Potato Wedges Fruit, Dessert & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
04/14/25	04/15/25	04/16/25	04/17/25	04/18/25
Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Omelet & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Corn Dog Veggie Sticks Goldfish Crackers Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Chili & Cheese Celery Sticks Applesauce Cinnamon Roll & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
04/21/25	04/22/25	04/23/25	04/24/25	04/25/25
Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots & Breadstick Celery Boats Fresh Fruit & Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Salad Corn Peaches & Milk	French Toast & Sausage Hashbrowns Strawberry Cup Juice & Milk	Fish Sticks Pasta Salad Baked Beans Pears & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
04/28/25	04/29/25	04/30/25	05/01/25	05/02/25
Biscuits & Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Hot Dog & Chips Veggie Sticks & Hummus Berry Cup Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Ham & Salad Breadstick Peaches & Milk	Cheeseburger 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		
MILK OR JUICE	\$0.45		
VISITING STUDENT BREAKFAST	\$1.50		
VISITING STUDENT LUNCH	\$3.00	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

ELEMENTARY NEWS



“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.”



Leprechaun Visits Kindergarten Class

The Leprechaun visited Mrs. Justice's kindergarten class again this year. Students made Leprechaun traps to try and catch him!

High 5 and Student of the Month Assembly	
Date	Event
4/17/2025	High 5

Elementary Celebrate the 100th Day of School

For the 100th day of school, the elementary students dressed up as 100-year-olds. Pictured below top to bottom, left to right are Hadley M., Boone A., Magnolia T., Miyah P., Briar S, and Athena S.

Grandparents' Lunch

A special thank you to Melissa Holmes and her crew of staff and students for putting on another outstanding Grandparents' Lunch on Wednesday, March 19.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher Spotlight

In January, a new teacher was hired to the middle school staff. Megan Aust, who grew up in Pacific County and graduated from Willapa Valley in 2008, is currently teaching 6th grade social studies, 7th grade forestry, and 8th grade careers. Besides that, in the afternoons, she helps out with the special education department. Ms. Aust received her education and degrees from Centralia College, Oregon State University, and North Carolina State University. She has been teaching for three years, most recently in the Raymond School District before accepting the job at Pe Ell. When asked about the best part of her job, Mrs. Aust said that she "loves giving students opportunities to build career skills and goals." On the flip side, she said the hardest part has got to be "remembering all the students' names." Outside of school, Mrs. Aust enjoys photography and working on her family's farm. Welcome to Pe Ell School Mrs. Aust!



COMING SOON – MS Blueberry Fundraiser!!

The Pe Ell Middle School will once again be selling fresh-picked blueberries from Dr. B's Farm, a local farm in the Boistfort Valley. We anticipate being able to start pre-order sales later this month, with a delivery date falling in early July. Stay tuned for more information!

For more information or to pre-order, please email kcapps@peell.k12.wa.us



When: May 3 from 8 to 11pm

Where: Owl and Olive

Who: Students in 9-12 grades

Tickets: \$20 - single or \$30 - couple

- * See Julie in the office to buy tickets
- * If you plan to bring a guest from another school, you must fill out the guest form and get it pre-approved.

Juniors Go to WSU

On March 12, the Juniors went on a field trip down to Vancouver to Washington State University to learn about colleges they could attend after graduation.



Juniors attending the trip from left to right: Sophia M., Payton Z., Madi E., Ava K., Blaine H., Brynlee H., Bailey C., Kaiden S., and Eli M.

COMING SOON !!

TALENT SHOW

K-12 Talent Show April 17, 12:30-2:00 sponsored by Elementary ASB. If interested in showing off your talent, contact Mrs. Magruder.



My Heart

By Payton Endsley

With one look my heart skips a beat
One smile and I get knocked off my feet
The twinkle in your eyes outshines the sun
Being with you is so much fun
Every time we fight it feels extreme
It makes me want to throw up or scream
But you still stay and figure things out
Even when I cry or pout
I have never met anyone with so many strengths
To keep your happiness,
I would go through great lengths
You have my heart no doubt
I can't wait for our love to sprout
Into a beautiful field of lilies
If only you knew you are my Achilles
To live with you is my greatest gift
Meeting you made my world shift
Our relationship is a work of art
I love you with all my heart



FBLA Member of the Month

The February FBLA member of the month is Charlie L. (center). She received a gift certificate for her dedication.



Senior Corner

Seniors have a number of deadlines coming up in April. Parents make sure you are chatting with your child about meeting these deadlines.

Job Shadows - The final job shadow was due March 28. Some students might still be needed to complete these. Make sure you speak with your child about completing their 3 job shadows. Even if they missed the deadline, they will get partial credit in class for completion, and they need to have 3 job shadows in order to pass the senior project. Students were assigned job shadows back in November, and we have discussed them every week since the start of school.

Senior Research Paper/Slideshow - 1st draft of the senior research paper and slideshow are due April 14, and final drafts are due May 1.

Senior Presentations - Senior presentations will be the weeks of May 12-20. Students will need a lot of practice in front of an audience to prepare for their presentation. Seniors will get one chance to practice in front of me, prior to their final presentation in front of the panel.

Scholarships - There are many local scholarships on the Pe Ell School District Website that have upcoming due dates. Since we only have 12 students in the class, there is a lot of money available for everyone that applies. Make sure kids meet the deadlines.

Financial Aid - We took a couple class periods for kids to start their FAFSA. Most of the students have started it but may need information from parents. Please make sure to stay on top of this, so everyone is ready to attend college/trade schools in the fall.

Apply for College - Talk with your child about applying for all colleges/trade schools they are interested in. Most of the students interested in attending Centralia College applied a couple weeks ago. It is good to have your child show you their log-in and go over details about attending the college of their choice this fall.

Graduation Plans - If you have not been planning for graduation or this is your first child to graduate, there are a number of things you should start this month. Make sure you have your graduation invitation list, order invitations, be prepared to mail invitations, plan your family/friend graduation party, talk to your child about handing out roses (they get 12 from the school, 2 free and the others are \$2 a rose), put all important dates on your calendar.

The next couple weeks will be very busy and sometimes stressful for seniors. They have a lot of deadlines to meet, a number of projects and assignments to complete, some are competing in spring sports, they are meeting deadlines for scholarships, planning their senior trip and graduation, reality of their school years at Pe Ell are coming to an end, and they all have senioritis. So, parents try your hardest to support them through this time the best way possible.



SPORTS AND OTHER NEWS

FASTPITCH UPDATE

The Lady Titans had a double header on Saturday, March 22, where they lost their game against Graham-Kapowsin and won their game against Kentwood.

2024-25

Overall
1-1

District
0-0 (3rd)



PHS Yearbook on Social Media

Follow the Pe Ell yearbook on Instagram and Tiktok to stay up to date with yearbook happenings! You may just find yourself highlighted in one of their reels or photos!

Instagram = phs_yearbook2024

Tiktok = @phs.yearbook1



Girls Basketball–On to State

The Lady Trojans basketball team recently received an exciting opportunity to go to Spokane and play in the 2B state tournament which has not happened since 2013. After an undefeated season and a district championship (which also hasn't happened since 2013), the team was ecstatic to head over the pass and play. First, they played a regional game in Wenatchee against Waterville-Mansfield who was seeded at number two in the state. Waterville's squad played really tough defense with a full court press that the Lady Trojans just couldn't handle, and they were unfortunately handed their first loss of the season. The following weekend at the Spokane Arena, the Lady Trojans took on Oakesdale where they started strong, outscoring them 16-12 in the first quarter. However, a cold second quarter led to Oakesdale leading by seven at the half. The third quarter wasn't much better for the Trojans as they were outscored 15-8. Although Pe Ell held Oakesdale to just 8 points in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to take the win, and they ended up losing 38-52. Despite not placing at state, this team is one step closer than they were last year, and are now even hungrier for another taste of Spokane next year. "What these girls accomplished this year is something to be proud of and I'm so blessed to have been a part of it. I couldn't ask for a better group of girls and coaches to have spent the last 108 days with! I'm already looking forward to summer ball and preparing for next season!" remarked Coach Kelsey Lennox.

1B District IV Champions



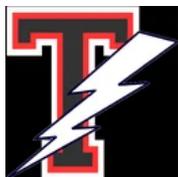
BASEBALL

On March 19, the JV boys won their game against Ocosta 15-2. Way to go boys!

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1-0

District
0-0 (3rd)



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK HAS BEGUN!



Spring has arrived and our Pe Ell track season is off to a running start. If you see our runners out, please slow down and pass cautiously as you go by.

Go Trojans! ~ Coach Capps & Coach Phelps

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK DURING MARCH 31 – APRIL 4!

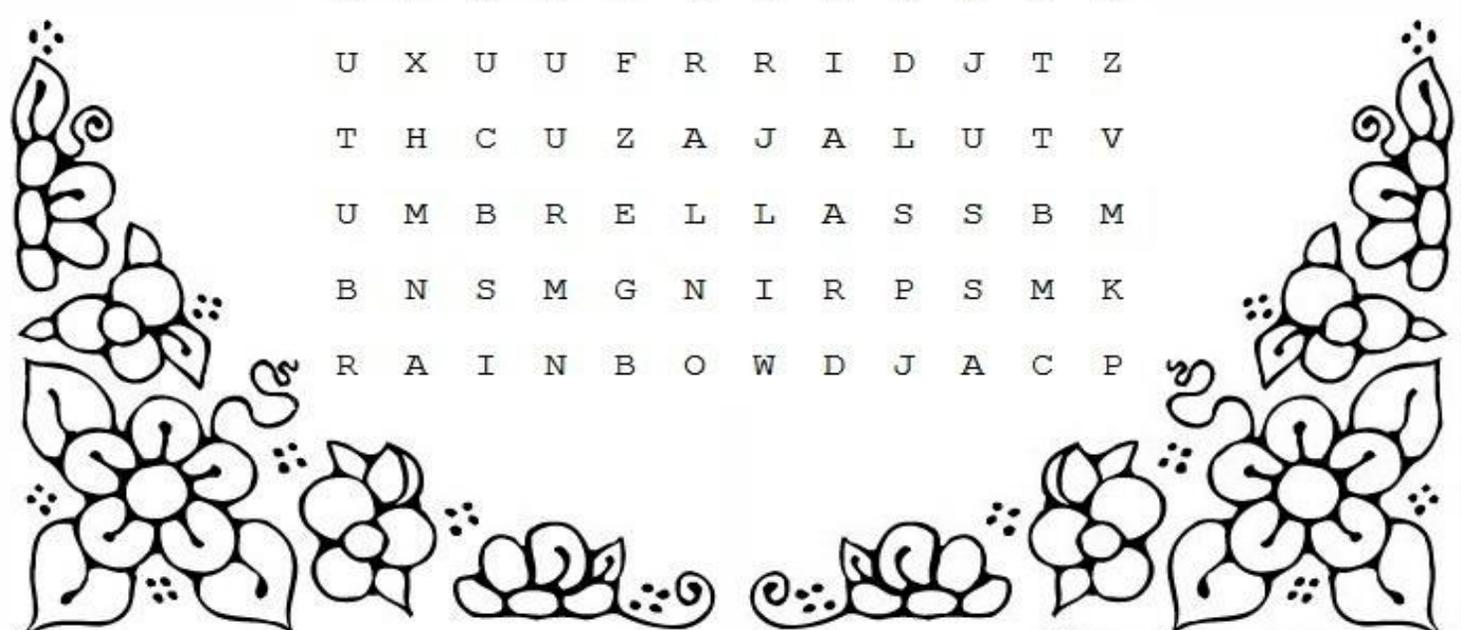


Spring

BUDS
DAFFODILS
FLOWERS
GRASS
RAIN

RAINBOW
SEEDS
SPRING
TULIPS
UMBRELLA

G F S Q O I I S L S U R
E D U R Y G N D M B K V
B T A P T I Q E K D I F
S K N F A G H E H P B C
P T D R F B W S Q P R J
I S R E W O L F D T L S
L F H Z F G D S A N U M
U X U U F R R I D J T Z
T H C U Z A J A L U T V
U M B R E L L A S S B M
B N S M G N I R P S M K
R A I N B O W D J A C P



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RURAL ROUTE 4**



APRIL CALENDAR

Apr 3	HS Track @ Winlock	3:30 pm
Apr 5	HS BB @ Kittitas vs Kittitas and Asotin	9:00 am
Apr 8	HS BB @ Forks (DH)	3:00 pm
	HS FP vs Forks (DH)	3:00 pm
Apr 9	Sports Pictures	
	MS Track @ South Bend	3:30 pm
Apr 10	HS BB @ Ocosta	4:00 pm
	HS Track @ Henrietta-Wiesal Invite Raymond	4:30 pm
Apr 12	HS BB vs Naselle (JV to follow)	12:00 pm
Apr 14	HS BB @ Adna	4:00 pm
	HS FP @ Montesano	4:00 pm
	HS JV FP @ Montesano	6:00 pm
Apr 15	HS JV BB vs Toutle Lake	4:00 pm
	HS JV FP vs Toutle Lake	4:00 pm
Apr 16	MS Track @ Ocosta	3:30 pm
	HS BB vs MWP	4:00 pm
Apr 17	TALENT SHOW	12:45 – 2:00 pm
Apr 21	Olympia Junior Theater (4th Grade)	11:00 am
	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Library	5:30 pm
Apr 22	HS BB @ Chief Leschi (DH)	3:00 pm
	HS FP vs Chief Leschi (DH)	3:00 pm
	HS Track @ Onalaska	3:30 pm
Apr 23	MS Track @ Raymond	3:30 pm
Apr 23 – 26	FBLA STATE CONFERENCE – Bellevue	
Apr 25	HS FP @ Rochester	4:00 pm
	HS JV FP @ Rochester	4:00 pm
	HS Track @ Chehalis Activators	5:00 pm
Apr 26	HS Track @ Chehalis Activators	9:00 am
	HS BB vs Onalaska (JV to follow)	12:00 pm
	HS FP @ Hoquiam (JV to follow)	12:00 pm
Apr 29	HS BB vs N Beach (DH)	3:00 pm
	HS FP @ N Beach (DH)	3:00 pm
Apr 30	Child Find Screening – Little Gym	8:30 am
	MS Track @ N Beach	3:30 pm
May 1	HS Track @ Ocosta	3:30 pm
May 2	HS BB @ RSB (DH)	3:00 pm

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

STUFF TO KNOW



Little Caesars[®]
Fundraising

From now until April 14, you can order your own Little Caesars Pizza Kit. The Junior class will be selling Pizza Kits as a fundraiser towards their class trip. The delivery will not be until the week of the 28th. Ask a junior or Mrs. Robinson or Mrs. Schimelpfenig how to place your order.



Proud to be a
Title I School

The Pe Ell School District uses Title I and LAP resources primarily to assist elementary, middle, and high school level students who are at risk of not meeting the state's performance standards in reading and/or math. For more information, contact Cheryl Rhodes at crhodes@peell.k12.wa.us

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