



THE TROJAN PRIDE

AUG – SEPT 2026

A Newsletter from Your Public School

360.291.3244

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 – 7:00 PM**



JOIN US FOR
Open House

COME VISIT THE NEW GYM, PASS-THROUGH STAGE, KITCHEN AREA, ELEMENTARY, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WINGS!!**Subject to change

FAREWELL TO RETIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS

We are saying a fond farewell to paraprofessionals Kim Eanes and Lisa Joner. Both of these ladies retired at the end of the 2025 – 2026 year and will be missed!



Spotlight: Mrs. Kim Eanes

Mrs. Eanes worked as a Para for 16 years at Pe Ell School. She worked with kids at recess, Title 1/LAP, Preschoolers, Kindergarteners and also assisted in the after school program. After retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family.



Spotlight: Mrs. Lisa Joner

Mrs. Joner worked as an SSP, ASP, Para in the Title 1/LAP Program, and much more. She plans to spend a lot of time with grandbabies and husband while gardening and crafting. She says while she will miss the kids and the other staff here, she is ready to move on.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Watch for upcoming Spotlights on our teaching staff:

- John Bollen High School History
- Dianne Elliott Title / LAP
- Bethany Coates Paraprofessional
- Lindsay Andrews Paraprofessional
- Anne McCarty Paraprofessional

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AUG/SEPTEMBER		PE ELL SCHOOL MENU		2026
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8/24/26	8/25/26	8/26/26	8/27/26	8/28/26
		BREAKFAST		
Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
Chicken Nuggets Veggie Sticks Goldfish Crackers Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Nachos Salad Refried Beans Pears & Milk	Corn Dog & Fries Cucumber Slices Sun Gold or Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
8/31/26	9/1/26	9/2/26	9/3/26	9/4/26
		BREAKFAST		
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt Fruit Parfait Cup Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
Macaroni & Cheese Salad Breadstick Peaches & Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Mixed Fruit & Milk	Waffles & Sausage Hashbrowns Blueberries/Strawberries Juice & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce,Tomato & Onion Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
9/7/2026	9/8/2026	9/9/2026	9/10/2026	9/11/2026
		BREAKFAST		
NO SCHOOL!!!	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
LABOR DAY!!!	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Salad Peaches Pudding & Milk	Cheeseburger Lettuce,Tomato & Onion Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
9/14/2026	9/15/2026	9/16/2026	9/17/2026	9/18/2026
		BREAKFAST		
Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt Fruit Parfait Cup Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Celery Boats Applesauce & Milk	Hot Dog Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Pears & Milk	Sloppy Joes Salad Corn on the Cob Mixed Fruit & Milk	Chicken Roll Up Veggie Sticks Potato Chips Fresh Fruit, Dessert & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
9/21/2026	9/22/2026	9/23/2026	9/24/2026	9/25/2026
		BREAKFAST		
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Omelet & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Chocolate Donut Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
Mandarin or Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Mixed Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Pears & Milk	Popcorn Chicken & Fries Carrot Sticks Breadstick Fresh Fruit & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
9/28/26	9/29/26	9/30/26	10/1/26	10/2/26
		BREAKFAST		
Sausage Bagel W/Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt Fruit Parfait Cup Juice Milk	French Toast Sticks Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Granola Rounds Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
		LUNCH		
Chicken Drumsticks Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Bites Garlic Toast, Applesauce & Milk	Taco Salad W/All The Fixings Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa Peaches & Milk	Pulled Pork On A Bun Coleslaw Baked Beans Pears & Milk	Fish Sticks & Tarter Sauce Tater Tots Veggie Sticks Fresh Fruit, Cookie & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
DAILY PRICES:				
BREAKFAST TK-12	FREE	WE WILL BE UTILIZING PROVISION 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ALL STUDENT MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR!!!	"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER."	
LUNCH TK-12	FREE			
ADULT BREAKFAST	\$3.00			
ADULT LUNCH	\$5.25			
MILK	\$0.45			
VISITING STUDENT BREAKFAST	\$1.50			
VISITING STUDENT LUNCH	\$3.00			
			MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

Dear Pe Ell School District Community Members:

The Pe Ell School Board have appointed an Interim Superintendent to provide stable leadership while allowing the Board adequate time to conduct a thoughtful and comprehensive search for the District's next permanent superintendent.

Selecting the next superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of the School Board. Rather than rushing this important decision, the Board believe it is essential to engage staff, students, families, and community members in helping identify the qualities and characteristics most important in our next leader.

To assist with this process, the Board has contracted with Northwest Leadership Associates, a firm with extensive experience conducting superintendent searches throughout the Pacific Northwest.

During the coming months, community members will have several opportunities to participate, including:

- Completing an online Leadership Profile Survey
- Attending community forums
- Providing input regarding the leadership qualities and priorities most important for the future of our school
- Participating in opportunities to meet finalist candidates

Information gathered throughout this process will be used to develop a Leadership Profile that will guide the recruitment and evaluation of candidates. While the School Board is responsible for making the final selection, community input will play an important role throughout the search.

We appreciate your continued support and encourage everyone to participate in this important process. Together, we can identify a leader who will build upon the strengths of the Pe Ell School and help shape a successful future for our students.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our schools.

The Pe Ell School Board

SCHOOL START AND DOORS OPEN

Doors will open daily at 7:50 a.m. Staff won't be available to help until then. School start time is 8:15 a.m., at which time, doors will be locked.

SKYWARD LOGINS

You will need your Skyward login and password information to keep track of grades and display class schedules for MS / HS. If you do not have a login/password or you have forgotten yours, contact Lisa Miller at 360-291-3244 for assistance.



STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

Kindergarteners and 7th graders, please have your immunizations completed prior to school starting. These can be obtained at either your doctor's office or a pharmacy. Be sure and bring documentation on the first day of school. Contact the school if you have any questions.

Pe Ell Community:

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. There have been many changes with the building and staff for the upcoming school year.

We will have many new staff members for the upcoming 2026-27 school year. John Bollen will be taking over the HS history position and Dianne Elliott will be returning to us to lead our LAP/Title as well as a few other items. We have also hired Bethany Coates, Lindsay Andrews, and Anne McCarty as new paraprofessionals at Pe Ell. Welcome to the Pe Ell team!

Our Elementary and Middle School staff will be back in their respective wings for the upcoming school year.

The new Kitchen area, Pass-through Stage, Library, Community Space and Gym will also be completed and ready for use. The office will be mostly ready but will still have some work to be completed. The conference rooms, Superintendent, Business Manager, and Principal's offices will be completed as well as the front office area.

Elementary and Middle School recess will resume going out the doors they originally went out prior to construction. The sidewalks have been replaced and students will need to walk on them getting to the playground. Grass will be planted in the next month or so; the rains will help with growth.

Bus pick up and drop off will be back to the front of the building as it was before construction started. **Parent pick up and drop off will still be in the back of the building** where it was last year, and students will make their way through the gym to go to classes and breakfast. The little gym will be used as the cafeteria this year as well as housing a temporary classroom for one teacher.

High school students will be in the shop building in temporary rooms this year. The restrooms for students will be the portable ones outside between the Shop and Fitness Center. Most of the classes will be in that area but some may require students to walk to the Middle School wing or little gym (which will be the cafeteria next year except for one classroom) for their classes. Band and music classes will be in the Fitness Center.

Title/LAP/SPED will share a room in the Elementary wing and SPED will also have the Makers Space off of the Library as their room and again, Band and music classes will be in the Fitness Center.

Staff parking will be once again in the front of the building and guests will be entering through the new front of the building. The doors will remain locked and parents will need to be allowed in via a secure door when entering. If a parent is waiting for a student, they may wait in the community room or in the entry of the school for their child.

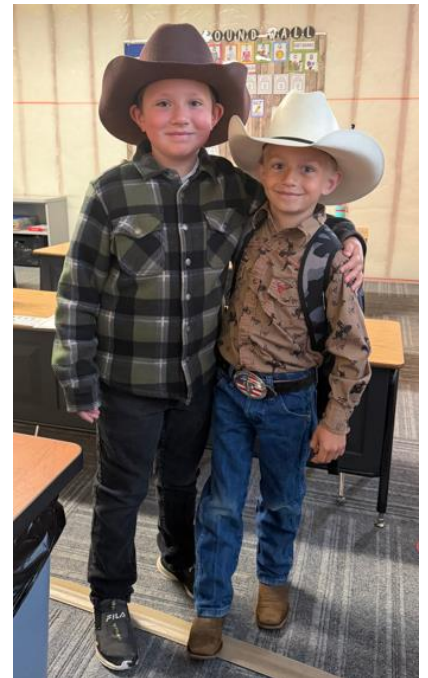
We are excited about the new happenings at the school for the upcoming year and years to come and are excited to share these changes with you.

Thank you,
Keith Shepherd
Principal



END-OF-YEAR HAPPENINGS

The Elementary enjoyed a HOT but fun Field Day on Monday, June 15. Pictured below are the Elementary students and Middle and High school helpers who participated. Pictured middle left: PE teacher Mr. Aselton commands his first-ever Field Day. Pictured middle top: Elementary students enjoy a nice break before the next activity. Pictured middle bottom: the TK class celebrates their graduation and pictured right: First graders Mavrik S. and Hunter B. smile as they show off their outfits for Country Western dress-up day.



MORE END-OF-YEAR HAPPENINGS



The High School enjoyed many end-of-year activities. Pictured top left: During Class Comps, the scoreboard reflected the '67' meme. Top right: the Freshmen class (on the right) over powers the competition by defeating the other classes in the tug-of-war. Middle right: the classes compete in the relay – the Senior class won Class Comps all around. Middle left (from left to right): during Honors Night on May 26, Senior Madi Engel was voted Outstanding Student; Danny Hoffman was voted Outstanding Senior. Karli P. was voted Outstanding Junior, Maisy K. was voted Outstanding Freshman, and Oriya B. was voted Outstanding Sophomore. Bottom: the graduating class of 2026 pose for a candid right after graduation practice.



GENERAL NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

We would like to thank our families, friends, and community members for their support of our clubs and organizations in our fundraisers during the 2025 – 2026 school year. Your generous support allows our clubs and organizations to participate in many activities such as providing scholarships, gifts at Christmas, attending conferences and field trips, and purchasing supplies and materials.



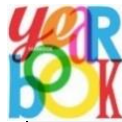
The Junior class organizes and prepares to deliver 150 pizza kits during their class fundraiser.



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

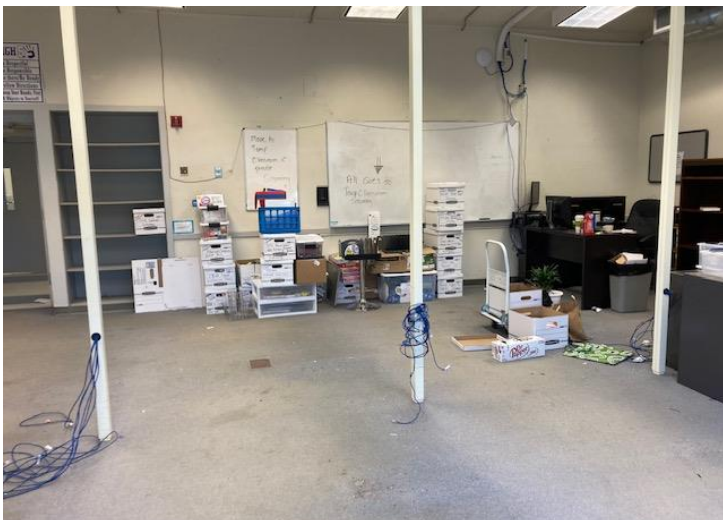
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

You can order your pictures online on the school's website or through the order form coming home soon! Call the office if you have any questions.



Yearbook - Just a reminder!
Grab your yearbook before they sell out!

They are \$30 a piece or 2 for \$50 (sibling deal).
Purchase in the office or at
<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09058100>.
Yearbooks are first come first serve, so grab yours while they last!



The High School classrooms were packed up and moved on the last day of school with the help of the student body. Pictured above, *for the very last time*, Mrs. Schimelpfenig's IT and Computer Lab classrooms are waiting for items to get moved. Teachers are excited about what their new classrooms will look like!

SCHOOL REMODEL PICTURES



SCHOOL REMODEL ON SCHEDULE

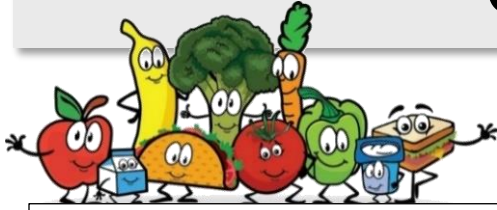
The Gym, Pass-through Stage, Kitchen, Elementary, and Middle School wings will be completed in time for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

These pictures show the progress being made to other portions of the building.

Pictured top: front entrance of the school; middle: the High School siding has been removed and prepped for the new siding; bottom: view from the parking lot to the cafeteria.



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FOOD SERVICE UPDATE FOR 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Once again, we are thrilled to announce that all meals will be **free** for students. We will be utilizing Provision 2 (a four-year claiming option) and our school qualifies with HB1238 to continue to serve meals at no cost to families.

Applications will be sent home the first day of school and will be posted in the lunch room section on the website soon. Please return all forms to the school as soon as possible as information is used to ensure our school receives other state funding for educational programs and ensures that your child gets all the possible benefits he/she is entitled to.

We are looking forward to serving students healthy, appealing foods on a daily basis with a **BIG EMPHASIS** on fresh fruits and vegetables to assist in the learning process!

We have received another WSDA grant for \$11,000 and will continue serving locally grown foods from farms in Washington State and more specifically our local counties. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 360-291-3244, ext. 3042.

Missie Holmes, Food Service Director/Supervisor

If you need school meal program information in another language, please call **360-291-3244**.

Si necesita información sobre el programa de comidas escolares en otro idioma, llame al **360-291-3244**

Congrats to the Pe Ell Track and Field team on a wonderful performance at State!!!

Pictured from left to right:

Eli M. – 2nd in 110 Hurdles and 5th in 300 Hurdles

Liam M. – 6th in 300 Hurdles

Hunter H. – 7th in Shot Put

Karli P. – 4th in 100 Hurdles

Blaine H. – 7th in 300 Hurdles



GOLF TOURNEY A SUCCESS!

Lucas, Liam, Jared and Cameron won the PWV Football and Pe Ell Wrestling Golf Tourney Fundraiser on July 25. A huge thank you to the many sponsors and players who helped both teams raise over \$5,000.



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RURAL ROUTE**AUG - SEPT – OCT CALENDAR**

Aug 17	School Board Meeting – Pe Ell Fire Hall	5:30
Aug 18	Parents' All Sports Meeting – New Library (tentative)	6:00
Aug 19	First Day of HS Football	1:30
Aug 24	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
	First Day of HS Volleyball	3:30
Aug 26	OPEN HOUSE (subject to change)	5:00 – 7:00
Sept 1	VB Jamboree @ Oakville	5:00
Sept 2	HS GVB vs Willapa Valley	4:30
Sept 4	HS Football vs RSB @ Valley	7:00
Sept 7	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL	
	JV Football vs RSB @ South Bend	6:00
Sept 8	HS GVB vs White Pass	5:45
Sept 9	INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY	
Sept 10	HS GVB @ CAA	5:45
	MS Football vs RSB – location TBD	6:00
Sept 11	HS Football @ Rainier	7:00
Sept 12	HS GVB @ Crosspoint	5:45
Sept 14	JV Football vs Rainier @ Valley	6:00
	MS VB @ Ocosta	5:45
Sept 15	HS GVB vs Wahkiakum	5:45
Sept 17	HS GVB @ Morton	1:00
	MS Football vs Ilwaco – location TBD	6:00
Sept 16	MS VB vs Willapa Valley	5:45
Sept 18	HS Football @ Hoquiam	7:00
Sept 21	School Board Meeting –Community Room	5:30
	MS VB @ S Bend	5:45
	JV Football vs Hoquiam @ Valley	6:00
Sept 22	HS GVB vs Tahola	5:45
Sept 23	MS VB @ N Beach	5:45
Sept 24	HS GVB @ Cornerstone	5:45
	MS Football – TBD	6:00
Sept 25	HS Football vs Toledo @ Valley	7:00
Sept 28	HS GVB vs NWC	5:00
	JV Football @ Toledo	4:30
	MS VB vs Raymond @ Boistford	5:45
Sept 29	HS GVB vs Three Rivers	5:45
Sept 30	MS VB @ Ilwaco	5:45
Oct 1	HS GVB @ Firm Foundation	5:45
	MS Football - TBD	6:00
Oct 2	PWV Football @ Adna	2:00



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

PARENTS' ALL SPORTS MEETING

There will be an all sports meeting for parents on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm. The tentative location for meeting is the new Library.

**STUFF TO KNOW****RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION TO MILITARY**

Federal laws require all schools which receive federal funds to provide upon request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A secondary school student or parent of the student may request this information NOT BE released without prior written parental consent. Such requests should be made in writing and kept on file in the school office.

**AIDS CURRICULUM**

Students in grades 5 through 12 will be learning the state's mandated AIDS curriculum this winter/spring. Parents who wish to review the curriculum may do so by calling the school.

**CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION**

In cases involving court-ordered custody of children, the District must have legal documentation of restrictions to ensure compliance with court orders.



REMINDER: Please make sure you return ALL office paperwork, EMERGENCY forms, etc. to the office ASAP!!