



THE TROJAN PRIDE

FEBRUARY 2025 A Newsletter from Your Public School

360.291.3244



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.

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!



REMEMBER!

MAIL IN OR DROP OFF BALLOTS BY
FEBRUARY 11, 2025!



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.

FEB/MARCH PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02/10/25	02/11/25	02/12/25	02/13/25	02/14/25
BREAKFAST				
Omelet & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Teriyaki Dippers Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Cup & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Salad Green Beans Peaches & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Tater Tots Fruit, Dessert & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
02/17/25	02/18/25	02/19/25	02/20/25	02/21/25
NO SCHOOL!!!	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Ham and Egg Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk MAKE-UP DAY!!!
LUNCH				
PRESIDENTS' DAY!!!	Pronto Pup Salad Corn Peaches & Milk	Chicken Nuggets Veggie Sticks Garlic Toast Berry Cup & Milk	Meatball Sub W/Cheese Marinara Sauce Pasta Salad Pears & Milk	Cheeseburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk MAKE-UP DAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
02/24/25	02/25/25	02/26/25	02/27/25	02/28/25
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Corn Dog Fries Celery Boats Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Taco Soup Sour Cream & Cheese Tortilla Chips & Salsa Applesauce & Milk	French Dip W/Au Jus Salad Cheese Stick Peaches & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
03/03/25	03/04/25	03/05/25	03/06/25	03/07/25
Pancakes Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Sloppy Joe Chips & Pickles Creamed Peas Mixed Fruit & Milk	Chef Salad Garlic Bread Peaches Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pears, Jello & Milk	Egg Salad/Turkey Sand. Veggie Sticks Goldfish Crackers 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

“ In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret.”

High 5 and Student of the Month Assemblies

Date	Event
2/13/2025	High 5
2/27/2025	Student of the Month Assembly

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.



Students of the Month From left to right: Carter B, Barron K, Boston N, Delilah K, Aubrey K, Wyatt G

Elementary Pe Ell School ASB Presents Valentines Grams

Valentine Grams can be purchased from now until February 10 for \$2.00 each. To order, turn in your order form and money to your teacher or the office.



Fifth Graders Prepare for Camp

Each year, the 5th grade class takes a trip to a camp called Cispus located in Randle, WA. This year, March 25-28, they will be attending this outdoor educational camp, along with sixth graders from both Boistfort and Evaline schools. Our fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Markee, and several counselors will attend the camp to help lead activities and mentor the students. Mrs. Markee added, “We are also fortunate enough to get Lewis County Search and Rescue volunteers to come and talk about the different things they are able to do and ways they help with search and rescue in our communities.” Ultimately, Camp Cispus is an experience that the fifth graders anxiously anticipate each year and will talk about for years to come.

** Fifth grade students and Cispus counselors please have all Cispus paperwork and fees turned in to Ms. Markee at the school by February 13.

WINTER CONCERT FUN!



On December 18, under the direction of Mrs. Anastasio, the K-12 students performed at the annual Winter Concert. Getting ready to perform at upper left are Ellie P. and Stella L. At right MS and HS band members perform Santa the Barbarian.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

More than Just a Game

With 24 kids on the roster, this year's middle school boys' basketball team saw its biggest turnout in years. As most know, coaching middle school kids can be a challenge in itself, but put 24 of them in one gym together and you might think it'd be impossible. However, Coach Shawna Oechsner says, "The basketball team has a lot of heart and the best energy to be around, making others feel included." According to Coach James Greenwood, "They are all showing improvements and are running through their plays more effectively." This aspect was a factor in helping the team put an end to a 5-game losing streak with a win on the road against Raymond recently. "A few of the kids are really stepping up into leadership roles," Greenwood continued.

Besides working hard to improve their basketball skills, the team has also had some fun along the way. When asked about memorable moments this season, everyone joked about instances when a player shot at the wrong hoop and scored for the other team, or another teammate shot over the backboard during practice and actually made it. "Sometimes, I think they get more excited about going to McDonalds," Oechsner jokingly added, recalling a night when the team was very disappointed that the play area was shut down. At the end of the day, whether it's learning how to execute a play, encourage a teammate, or laugh about a mistake, basketball is truly more than just a game.



7th and 8th Grade Team: Back row from left to right are Kenny C., Dalton M., Preston K., Kason P., Emilio M., Hayden O, Coach Oechsner; Front row: Wyatt L., Nate H., Reed B., Xander C., Bentley J. and Casten M., Not pictured: Douglas M.



6th Grade Team: Back row from left to right are Jaxson S., Chase K., Mason M., Elijah G., Ryatt H., Micah G., and Jaxson B.; Front row: Jethro E., Eli A., Mason B., Mason P., Carben B, and Ryan C.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

It's Almost Auction Time!

Do you like food, auctions, and helping out the students of the school? Well it's your lucky day because the Pe Ell Trojan Booster Club is holding their annual scholarship dinner and auction on March 15 at the VFW hall. The theme for this year's event is PHS Throwback, so mark your calendars, put on your favorite Trojan gear, and come support the class of 2025. "This year's dinner and auction will be filled with all the fun and food you've come to expect at our yearly event. Please join us in raising funds to provide scholarships, as well as support our Pe Ell clubs, teams and students. We look forward to seeing you there!" stated club president Whitney Wooster.

Tickets for the auction are \$30 per person which covers admission into the event. Dinner, catered by The Crowded Kitchen, will also be provided along with beverages available for purchase. To buy your tickets, contact a senior student or a Booster Club member. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door and **NO MINORS ALLOWED**. When asked what she thinks about the fundraiser, senior Brookelynn King said, "I am very grateful for the scholarship dinner because the program provides several students a chance to get a scholarship." So, don't miss out on this opportunity to have a great time while also helping our local kids get a jumpstart on their future.

Start Getting Your Gift Baskets Ready!

With the auction coming soon, 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: Seniors 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. If parents have any questions about the information listed above, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Robinson at the school.

Seniors Experience Hands-on Learning

Ever wonder what makes us who we are? Or why we act and respond the way we do? Well, that is something the senior class has been learning about and exploring in their psychology class with Mrs. Robinson all year. Since one of the major units of study in this course is child development, the senior class has been helping out in the T-K classroom. Robinson explains, "Having the students do this helps them better understand the different stages of child development through hands-on learning and observation." For the past several weeks, the seniors have gone down during second period for the T-K kids. Once there, the seniors divide and conquer when helping out, making sure that every kid has a watchful eye while still allowing them to flourish. When we asked the T-K class what they liked about the older students coming down to help, one student replied, "I like having them play with us." When asked a similar question, the senior class agreed that it is really fun to hang out with the younger kids. Senior Cowyn McGrath added, "It is nice watching the new generation learn and grow." High school teacher Kelsey Lennox added, "It's fun to see the connections the older kids are building with the little ones. They tell me stories about them during English class, and I've even seen some of the seniors sitting with the T-K kids during breakfast time." While the senior class won't be able to continue working with the T-K kids for the whole year, it's safe to say that they are enjoying this opportunity and will cherish the memories they make. Pictured left with T-K students are seniors Silas E., Calan M., Jakob H., Cowyn M., and Johnny W.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Senior Wrestlers Embrace Their Final Chance

With the wrestling season comes new wrestlers, two of them being seniors. This year, the high school wrestling team added Logan Oechsner and Cowyn McGrath to the line up. Despite their inexperience, they've both done quite well. Logan has an overall record of 17-14 and Cowyn has an overall record of 7-15. When asked if he wished that he'd started wrestling sooner, Cowyn replied, "Yes, the sport takes time to learn and I unfortunately do not have that time." These boys and all of their teammates have a few meets coming up before districts begin, one of them being a home meet and their senior night on January 29 when all four seniors (Ethen Noble, Konnor Pilz, Logan Oechsner, and Cowyn McGrath) will be honored. It is actually the first ever high school wrestling meet at Pe Ell, so we hope to see many supporters there. When asked about why he decided to join wrestling this year, Logan responded saying, "I thought I would be better at it than I was at basketball." With it being their senior year, this is their one and only chance to try and qualify for the state meet, but only time will tell how they will perform the rest of the season. We wish them and all the wrestlers the best of luck.



Back row left to right: Finn M, Blake B, Ethen N, Logan O, Hunter H, Cowyn M, Deacon G, Ethan F, Addyson H; Front row Left to Right Brody M, Konnor P, Madison P, Addie S, Ben P, Peyton P.



Senior wrestlers are celebrated before their wrestling match. From left to right: Logan O., Calan M., Ethen N., and Konnor P.

Boys Hoop Highlights

Under new head coach Ross Hojem, the high school boys' basketball team has done fairly well with an overall record of 7 and 8, and 4 and 2 in league play. When freshmen and first year varsity player Wyatt Harris was asked about the season thus far, he said, "We have improved our passing, team chemistry, and our flow of the game has gotten much better since last year." The JV squad, whose record is currently 7-6 has also been working hard to improve. Sophomore Braxton Corder stated, "Our team has gotten better at communication, strong passes, and taking better shots, and I think we're going to win out and end with a 10-6 record." With three games left in regular play, the Trojans will face Oakville, Wahkiakum, and CAA. Senior night will be on Thursday February 6 vs CAA, and district games will start on the 10th of February.



Back row from left to right: Coach Phelps, Blaine H., Eli M., Wyatt H., Blake N., Jakob H., Nathen H., Asst. Coach Phelps. Front row: Liam L., Pierce E., Calan M., Manager Tate G., Silas E., Liam M., and Mauricio M.

COME CHEER ON OUR TROJAN LADIES !



Thursday, Feb. 13

6:00 pm in the Big Gym

Come support our undefeated Girls' Basketball team as they start their District Playoffs.

HIGH SCHOOL - CLUB NEWS



HS FBLA Fundraiser



The Pe Ell FBLA Chapter is selling Vale-Grams for a fundraiser for State. Vale-Grams include a flower and an Otis Spunkmeyer cookie. If you want more information or want a Vale-Gram, talk to anyone in the Pe Ell FBLA chapter or see Ms. Schimmy.



FBLA MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Pictured above with VP Nathen R. and Pres. Ally W. is January winner Brennan C.; pictured left with Ms. Schimmy is December winner Nathen R.

FBLA DOES WELL AT REGIONALS!

The Pe Ell Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America competed at the Winter Leadership conference on Friday, January 24 at Lower Columbia College. The following High School students finished in the top 6 of their events qualifying them for State in April:

- Nathen Ridgway 1st Place Computer Applications
- Charlie Larkin 2nd Place Word Processing
- Aly Webster 3rd Place Job Interview
- Randi Belanger 4th Place Graphic Design
- Jayden Nelson 4th Place Graphic Design
- Peyton Pilz 4th Place Word Processing
- Ben Parker 5th Place Word processing



Also placing at regionals are Middle School students:

- Nathan Holmes 1st Place Intro to Technologies
- Robert Hasson 1st Place Careers
- Travis Pike 2nd Place Intro to Technologies

Knowledge Bowl



On January 16, the Pe Ell Knowledge Bowl team traveled to the Toledo Baptist Church with the A team coming back with the first-place trophy beating many other teams from the area.



Knowledge Bowl members from left to right: Cowyn M., Mateo T., Hunter H., Blaine H., Llam M., Blake N., Oriyah B., Macy T. and kneeling is Charlie L.

Senior Fundraiser

The senior class of 2025 are still selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars! There are 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.



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**POSTAL CUSTOMER
RURAL ROUTE 4**



FEBRUARY/MARCH CALENDAR

Feb 7	MS Dance – Little Gym	7:00 – 9:30
Feb 8	HS Boys Wrestling Districts	10:00 am
Feb 11	Knowledge Bowl - Regionals	
Feb 12	HS BB Districts – TBD	6:00 pm
Feb 13	HS GBB Districts – at Pe Ell	6:00 pm
Feb 15	HS Girls Wrestling Districts – TBD	10:00 am
Feb 17	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT’S DAY	
	HS Boys Basketball Districts at Raymond OR Adna	5:30
Feb 18	HS Girls Basketball Districts at Raymond OR Adna	5:30
Feb 19	HS Boys Basketball District at Raymond	5:30
Feb 20 – 22	HS Wrestling State	
Feb 20	HS Girls Basketball Districts at Raymond	5:30
Feb 21	Weather Make-Up Day – all students!	
Feb 22	Basketball Districts (Boys and Girls) @ Montesano	TBD
Feb 24	Pe Ell Youth Baseball Signups - Cafeteria	6:00 pm
Feb 25	Centralia College Visit – Seniors	
	Pe Ell Youth Baseball Signups - Cafeteria	6:00
	Basketball Regionals - TBD	5:30
Feb 26	Pe Ell Youth Fastpitch Signups – Cafeteria	5:00 – 8:00
Feb 28 – Mar 1	Basketball Regionals – TBD	4:00
Mar 3	First day of HS FP, BB, Track	3:30
Mar 5 – 8	Basketball State – TBD	
Mar 8	HS FP @ Montesano – Jamboree	9:00 am

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

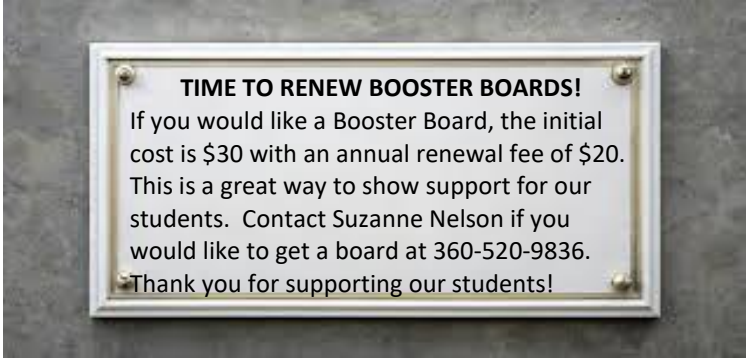
STUFF TO KNOW

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



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

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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