



# THE TROJAN PRIDE

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## Pe Ell Booster Club Dinner & Auction

**Saturday, March 14th**  
**Pe Ell Vets Hall**

★ ★ ★  
**Tickets \$30 Each** ★ ★ ★  
(Pre-purchase only, not available at the door)

All proceeds benefit students through generous  
scholarships and help provide additional support to  
Pe Ell teams and clubs as opportunities arise.

Silent Auction - 5pm  
Dinner Served - 6pm  
Live Auction - 7pm

### Dinner Catered by The Prairie Kitchen

Prime Rib, Garlic Parmesan Chicken, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Swiss  
Macaroni & Cheese, Salad & Dinner Roll  
Beer and Wine Available for Purchase. 21+  
Tickets may be purchased from a PHS Senior or Booster Club Member  
Adults Only Please.

## Snow Routes

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

**Mrs. Arrington-** No McCormick Cr. Rd., Jones Rd., Railroad St.,  
Wells Rd. or 1<sup>st</sup> St. and S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (can meet bus at the corner of  
1<sup>st</sup> St./Railroad or First St./Jones Rd.)

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

**Mrs. Risley-** No Chandler Rd, no Toepelt Rd. (can meet 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 on Notify Me through the school  
website. We encourage parents to sign up for notifications.**



## WATCH US CHANGE!

Forma Construction is  
doing an excellent job  
on the school remodel.  
Here are some pictures  
of 'hat's going on in the  
front and on the sides  
of our school!





# GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS



## HS FBLA Valentine Fundraiser



The Pe Ell FBLA is selling Vale-Grams for our fundraiser for state. Vale-Grams include a flower and an Otis Spunkmeyer cookie for \$5. If you want more information or want a Vale-Gram, talk to anyone in the Pe Ell FBLA Chapter or see Ms. Schimmy.

danny's stuff



*The 9th grade Graphics Design class takes a "blind" typing test to make sure they have memorized their keyboards. Chaos ensued as they could not keep from laughing.*



## Fifth Graders Prepare for CISPUS Camp

Each year, the 5th grade class takes a trip to a camp called Cispus located in Randle, WA. This year, March 31 - April 3, 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**

# SPORTS NEWS

## Pe Ell is Currently 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Columbia Valley 1B League

Pe Ell's recent loss to Naselle, dropped their record down to 5-3. However, they maintain their 4<sup>th</sup> place in their league. The JV and Varsity teams are looking forward to the support of their home crowds in their final games on Thursday, February 5 against CAA. Come ready to cheer your boys on!



Pictured above: the JV Team huddles up.

## High School Girls Basketball

The Girls took on some tough preseason, winning only 2 games before their first two league wins over Oakville and Wahkiakum. Coming back into this year with three returning seniors and four returning starters from last season. The girls are working hard every day and keeping their heads up preparing for the harder teams they will see in the post season. "Seeing harder teams early in the season is helping us." Senior Ava K. comments "We may not win but it is teaching and refining us to prepare us for state."

Pictured below is the Girls Basketball team in a huddled up before the Oakville game.



## PE ELL WRESTLING HAVING A GREAT SEASON!

As the wrestling team cheers on Fynn M. to beat his opponent (shown left), he puts in the half and attempts to put his opponent on his back to get the win and move on to the next round at the Raymond wrestling match on Saturday, January 17.

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

**"In February, there is everything to hope for  
and nothing to regret."**

## High 5 And Student of The Month Assemblies

Date	Event
2/12/2026	High 5

## Elem Dress Up Days

Feb 26 Crazy Hat  
April 30 Country Western  
June 11 Beach



## Valentine's Day

TK is participating in **Hearts Around the USA** for Valentine's Day. We exchange valentines with other Preschool classes and learn about the state they're from!



## Pull Tab Contest Begins



The Pull Tab Contest for Pe Ell Elementary will start March 2 and end March 12. You can send in pull tabs starting Monday, March 2. If you don't have a student to send them in with, they can be taken to the office. These pull tabs will help the Ronald McDonald house. The winning class will win a special treat. Thank you for saving pull tabs throughout the year for this worthwhile cause. We have had children from our community who have stayed at Ronald McDonald house during their child's illness and recovery.



**Students of the month from left to right: Beau P, Archer T, Elijah S, Grady G, Tate G, Ellie P.**



## 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.

**ALSO** – please make sure your students have the appropriate coats / boots with them in case they need to go outside during recess/lunch breaks.



## VALENTINE CANDY GRAM

Each gram is \$2 and you can send as many as you want. Students will be coming home with the form soon. Grams will be sold up to February 10 and delivered February 12 at school.

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## POSTAL ROUTE RURAL ROUTE 4

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Feb 2	MS BBB @ Ilwaco	5:45 / 7:00
Feb 3	HS BBB @ Wahkiakum	4:00 / 5:45
	HS GBB @ Wahkiakum	7:00
Feb 4	MS BBB @ S Bend	5:45 / 7:00
Feb 5	<b>Career Fair (11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	
	HS GBB vs CAA	5:45
	HS BBB vs CAA	4:30 / 7:00
Feb 6	Knowledge Bowl – Regionals @ Tumwater	
Feb 7	District (Boys) Wrestling - Winlock	
Feb 10 – 22	HS GBB & BBB Districts	TBD
Feb 14	District (Girls) Wrestling – Montesano	TBD
Feb 16	<b>NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>	
Feb 19 – 21	<b>Wrestling State – Tacoma Dome</b>	
Feb 20	<b>Weather Make-up Day if Needed</b>	
Feb 23	<b>School Board Meeting - Cafeteria</b>	5:30
Feb 27 – 28	HS GBB & BBB Opening Round	Spokane

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

**STUFF TO KNOW**

### News from Your Pe Ell Trojan Booster Club!

Our next meeting is February 1 at 6 pm in the cafeteria. The one following that will be March 1 at 6 pm also in the cafeteria. These will be our last two meetings prior to the auction, and we would love to see more volunteers there!

The auction will be Saturday, March 14. Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and the Live Auction will begin at 7 pm. The Prairie Kitchen will be serving Prime Rib and Garlic Parmesan Chicken with sides. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Spotlight: NEW PARA!**

This month's spotlight is to welcome our new para Kristina Shipton! What is a para or paraeducator? A Para is a teacher's aide who works to assist students (primarily those with special needs or learning disabilities). Kristina started as a Para at Battle Ground Elementary School and has been one for around 10 years. We also received an inspirational quote from her for the article: "Work hard to get where you want to go and be where you want to be"



2026  
 Valentine's  
 DAY

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