



THE TROJAN PRIDE



NOV. 2023 A Newsletter from Your Public School

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Elementary Pumpkin Patch K-2nd Friday, October 6, 2023



Cell Phone Reminder



Parents please **DO NOT** contact students during class time on their cell phones. If you need to reach your child, please contact the office and we can get the student for you or a message to them. There is a School Board approved policy for no cell phone use in the classroom as it is a disruption of the education process.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our annual Veterans Day Assembly
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
1:30 in the Big Gym

Please contact the office to register your veteran's attendance.

Thank you **VETERANS** for your service!

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

**THROW
KINDNESS
AROUND
LIKE
CONFETTI**

NOVEMBER 13



Taste Washington



On Wednesday, October 4, Taste Washington was active at school where kids had a feast! We thank all the staff/students that were involved in this event!



NOVEMBER PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11/06/23	11/07/23	11/08/23	11/09/23	11/10/23
BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churro Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Hot Dog Tater Tots Baked Beans Applesauce & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Waffles & Sausage Hashbrowns Strawberries Juice & Milk	Soft Pretzel & Cheese Salad Peaches Dessert & Milk	THANK YOU VETERANS FOR PROTECTING US WITH YOUR SERVICE!!!
BREAKFAST				
11/13/23	11/14/23	11/15/23	11/16/23	11/17/23
Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Pop Tarts Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Meatball Sub Hoagie Fries Broccoli Bites Pears & Milk	Ham & Cheese Roll Up Veggie Sticks Goldfish Crackers Fresh Fruit & Milk	Thanksgiving Feast W/All The Trimmings!!!	Turkey Sandwich Salad Chips Fruit Cup & Milk	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
11/20/23	11/21/23	11/22/23	11/23/23	11/24/23
Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Corn Dog Fries Celery Boats Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	THANKSGIVING	BREAK!!!	HAPPY FRIDAY!!!
BREAKFAST				
11/27/23	11/28/23	11/29/23	11/30/23	12/01/23
Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH				
Teriyaki Dippers Rice Stir Fry Veggies Mixed Fruit & Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito Salad Corn Peaches & Milk	Chicken Nuggets Garlic Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Breadstick, Pears & 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 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

“November tries its best to make us forget summer”

September

High 5 and Student of the Month Assemblies

Date	Event
Nov 9	High 5
Nov 30	Student of the Month
Dec 20	Student of the Month
Jan 18	High 5
Feb 1	Student of the Month

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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. Pull tabs will be due in March, date TBD.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be December 4 through 11. Family night is Wednesday December 6 from 3 to 8 PM.

More information coming.



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.



Elem Dress Up Days

Dec 20 - Christmas Cheer Day
Feb 15 - Royalty Day
April 18 - Animal Day
June 13 - Vacation Day



STUDENT OF THE MONTH from left to right are Kacen D., Maisyn T., Tucker T., Asher B., Camelia M., and Brayden B.

HS & MS NEWS

**“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile” –
Albert Einstein**

SENIOR CORNER



Seniors will be starting their senior projects in November. The first part of the senior project is to set up three separate job shadows, a total of 12 hours at a business that represents the career path the student has chosen as their topic. These job shadows can be completed during school time, but please let the office know when your child will be absent. The job shadows are due by mid-April.

Parents, please speak with your child and discuss different types of job shadows that would work for this project. If you need help finding job shadows, please contact Mrs. Robinson, and she will help you out. The job shadows are the most important part of the project, and we really stress the importance of them being in person and not just email or phone interviews. The knowledge kids gain from this experience is one of the most valuable experiences they have during their senior year. Please encourage and help your child brainstorm ideas, and set these up sooner than later.

When we get back from Christmas break, we will be starting the other parts of the senior project, kids will continue to apply for colleges, and they will start applying for scholarships. The second half of the school year is extremely busy and can be stressful for seniors, so the earlier kids can get their job shadows completed, the better. If you have any questions on the senior project, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Robinson at the school.

ALSO, scholarships are beginning to come in. Seniors are sent emails informing them of scholarship availability, but the announcements are also posted on the school's website under the **PARENTS** section on the main page.

Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks on sale for \$30 each. Get yours now as prices are going up soon!



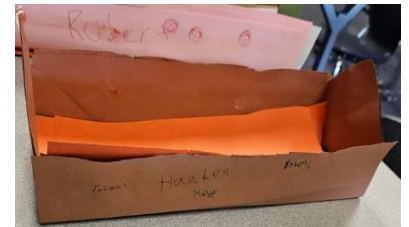
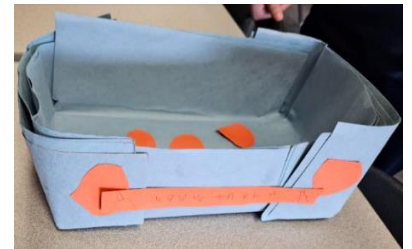
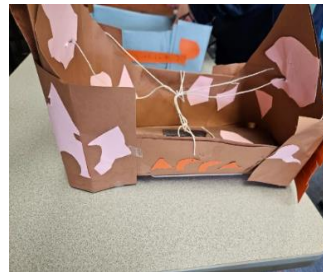
SkillsUSA Bake Sale a Smashing Success

Saturday October 14, the Pe Ell SkillsUSA members shown below, hosted a bake sale at the Security State Bank where they raised a total of \$1,447.43. Sales from the bake sale will go to membership and travel fees for SkillsUSA. The Pe Ell SkillsUSA advisor Phil Kepler had this to say, "Thanks to the community for coming out and supporting SkillsUSA for the middle school and high school".



7th Grade Creates Floating Canoes

On October 17, the Pe Ell 7th grade finished an art project where they created American Indian canoes and tested whether or not they would float. All four of the canoes created were able to float. Below are the canoes crafted. Great job 7th grade.



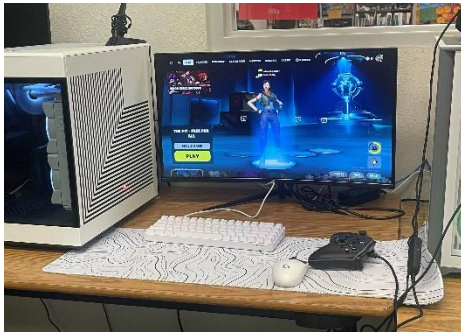
HIGH SCHOOL & CLUB UPDATES

Trojans Esports

Here's an update on the Trojans Esports club. The Esports club meets Friday from 10 am to 2 pm and every day after school unless said otherwise. More information about tournaments and competitions will be provided at meetings.

Reminder:

Sign and turn in Esports Club Syllabus to Mrs. Schimelpfenig or Evan ASAP!!!



Title 1/Lap Needs Volunteers

Title 1/ Lap would like volunteer readers. Contact Cheryl Rhodes 360-291-3244 ext. 4030 if interested. Thanks!



Skills is getting ready for their conference in January and may take as many as 30 students. Skills has raised \$1,447 thanks to donations from the community.

The Knowledge Bowl is Ready to Compete!

Knowledge Bowl Dates:

November 20

December 7

January 11

Knowledge Bowl Location:

Toledo



Washington State
KNOWLEDGE BOWL



WE Club will be doing their annual "You've Been Flocked" fundraiser. All proceeds raised will go towards buying gifts for local families for Christmas. The WE Club is a non-profit school club that has raised over \$1500 a year for the past several years. After the money is raised the WE Club members go shopping, wrap gifts, and deliver to families in our community. The club has a couple fundraisers a year to raise money for our gift giving. So, if you see a group of Pink Flamingos hanging out in your yard during the months of November or December, please play along, donate to a great cause, and nominate someone that will enjoy playing along and giving to a wonderful cause.

If anyone would like to donate to our club, please contact Mrs. Robinson at 360-701-7963 or talk with Julie in the office. This year the WE Club expects to raise over \$2000.



Friday the 20th was an eventful day for this year's FBLA team. They participated in this year's Fall Conference to learn about FBLA and for more experienced members, learn more about leadership. This year's Fall Conference was at Lower Columbia College. The members enjoyed the donuts from Heavenly Donuts afterwards. Pictured left back row: Emma K., Wyatt K., Odin H., Kian E., Michael B., Cowyn M. Front row: Aly W., Macy T., Randi B., Robert H., Ben P., and Advisor Mrs. Schimelpfenig. Pictured right: students from all over SW Washington enjoy the key note speaker, Bryant Collier, from Atlanta.

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD INSERT



PE ELL SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS

The Pe Ell School District is discussing ways to improve our facilities. The Pe Ell School Building was built in 1952, occupied in the 52'-53' school year, with the gym and woodshop completed and occupied in the 53'-54' school year. In 1993, we remodeled the high school and middle school wings. In 2007, an elementary school wing was added, along with improvements to the relocated middle school wing, and the grandstand was replaced.

Recently, the Pe Ell School District was awarded a **Small Schools Modernization Grant** of 2.21 million dollars for roof replacement. The District has been awarded a planning grant to plan for a second modernization grant of 6 million dollars for improvements including a kitchen remodel, asbestos floor tile removal from some classrooms, finishing outside siding replacement, and creating instructional space within our library. **This is exciting news!**

An even more exciting possibility is a chance to modernize our school almost completely by combining these two grants with a small local bond, utilizing the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) dollars that are available to a school District every 30 years. The two modernization grants in conjunction with the bond and SCAP would bring a total of **24-27 million dollars** to modernize our facility. This would include:

- Classrooms
- Non-learning spaces
- Sports fields, track, and buildings
- "Old bones" such as plumbing, electrical, and HVAC

Our school building is the center of the Pe Ell Community, and it is feeling its age of 70 years and needs some major structural improvements.

How exciting it would be to have our community's children in a modernized building and in an optimum learning environment each day! The coming together of two state revenue streams creates a unique opportunity to get a lot without a huge tax burden to our District patrons. Our bond amount would be very close to the amount of 1993 and 2007 bonds. The annual cost to the taxpayer would be close to unchanged if a bond is approved.

An interesting fact in Pe Ell is that local bond debt actually can create more money through the generation of timber dollars flowing into debt service. The current bond has generated over two million dollars this way. These extra funds have been utilized by the District to reduce taxes, pay for building repair costs that arise, purchase technology equipment, and avoid local capital projects and technology levies.

Our District has used timber (forest) money to replace the most damaged external siding, repair roof leaks, repair and replace boilers, and build the current safety projects of securing safe inside passage throughout the school and limiting access to the building. The new concession stand is also a project funded by timber dollars in debt service.

Additionally, we have utilized other state and local grants to improve classroom heating and cooling systems. Though the District has been appreciative of the ability to make these repairs, they have been stop gaps for problems that have arisen. While we realize that any amount is significant, the burden to our tax payers would be less than 10% of the total cost if a small bond was passed, and the annual tax amount per landowner will remain nearly unchanged.

If you are interested in learning more, there will be a third school facilities discussion at the November 16 School Board Meeting. There is also more information on our school website and can be accessed by clicking the links.

HS & MS SPORTS NEWS

High School Basketball

Girls and Boys basketball practice starts
November 13.



Trojan Wrestling

High school wrestling starts on Tuesday,
November 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the fitness building.



PWV Football



The Titans and Timberwolves line up to give each other high fives at the end of the game.

Titan Cheerleading



Bailey C., Madi E., Kaylee M., and Alana N. are cheering after a touchdown made by the Titans against the Napavine Tigers.

Trojan HS Volleyball



The Lady Trojans gather in a circle and prepare for their game against Mossyrock.

MS Volleyball Has Great Season



The MS Volleyball Team finished the season 9 – 1! Left to right: Coach Jurek, Maisy K., Tristyn Z., Payton P., Isabelle M., Savannah S., Morgan M., McKayla J., Addyson S., Erika W., Coach King, and Manager Robert H.

ATTENTION!!

Per the student handbook:
Students 6th grade and under are NOT allowed to be at athletic events without a parent.



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 6	MS Wrestling @ Pe Ell	5:00
	MS GBB @ Ocosta	5:45
Nov 7	VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY – Big Gym	1:30
Nov 8	White Pass College & Career Fair	
	HS VB State (Yakima)	
	MS GBB @ N. Beach	5:45
Nov 9	ASVAB Testing	8:30
	SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Library	5:30
	HS VB State (Yakima)	
	MS Wrestling @ Adna	5:00
Nov 10	VETERANS DAY OBSERVED	
Nov 13	First day of HS GBB/BBB	3:30
	MS Wrestling @ Hoquiam	5:00
	MS GBB vs Valley	5:45
Nov 14	1 st day of HS Wrestling	3:30
Nov 15	MS GBB @ Naselle	5:45
Nov 16	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Library	5:30
	MS Wrestling @ WV/SB/Raymond	5:00
Nov 20	KNOWLEDGE BOWL – Toledo	
	MS Wrestling @ Toledo	5:00
	MS GBB vs Raymond	5:45
Nov 21	Wrestling Weigh-In (HS only)	10:00 a.m.
	MS GBB @ S. Bend	5:45
Nov 22 – 24	THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL	
Nov 27	HS BBB/GBB @ Ocosta	5:45
	MS GBB vs Ilwaco	5:45
Nov 28	Sports Pictures	
	MS Wrestling @ Shelton	5:00
Nov 29	HS BBB/GBB @ Oakville	4:30
	MS GBB vs Ocosta	5:45
Nov 30	MS Wrestling @ Tenino	5:00
Dec 1	HS BBB JV / GBB V vs MMK	5:45
Dec 2	HS BBB/GBB @ Winlock	12:00

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

STUFF TO KNOW

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!

Thanksgiving Luncheon!

The annual Thanksgiving meal is on November 15! Parents are welcomed to eat with their students grades TK-5. Reservations must be made by Thursday, November 9 by calling the school at 360-291-3244 x3042.

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REMEMBER: CLOCKS GO BACK!

Clocks go back an hour on the first Sunday of November which is Nov. 5!



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