



THE TROJAN PRIDE

MAY 1, 2022

A Newsletter From Your Public School

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Pe Ell School Families,

We wanted to inform you that Friday, April 15, was Mr. Pontius's last day at school for the remainder of the year. His wife is in need of surgery and will be unable to care for Connor, their disabled son. This surgery needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. It will be an 8 to 10-week recovery for this procedure, which will take the recovery into the end of the school year.

In his absence, Mr. Shepherd will be filling in as Principal. He has his administrative credentials through Grand Canyon University, and we are confident this will be a smooth transition for the remainder of the year. Mr. Tyler Frazier will be taking over Mr. Shepherd's history classes during this time. He has his Bachelor's degree in history from Washington State University.

Brandon Pontius and Kyle MacDonald



COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

Parents, it has been good to see students' faces again now that the mask mandate has been lifted. However, COVID protocols are still in place for schools at this time but they have changed slightly. If your child has been sick for 24 hrs or more, they must have a COVID test to return to school. This can be a home test with results provided to the school. If a student is positive for COVID, they have to stay home for 5 days and consider wearing a mask for days 6-10. If they are a close contact, regardless of vaccination status, they can participate in the Test-To-Stay program where they would get tested 3 times over 5 school days. If negative, they can stay in school; if they are positive, they would go home. Students should consider wearing a mask for 10 days if they are a close contact.

Upcoming Music Concerts!

5-12th grade band's concert will be on June 2, at 6pm; the theme is Video Games.
(Students should arrive at 5:30pm)

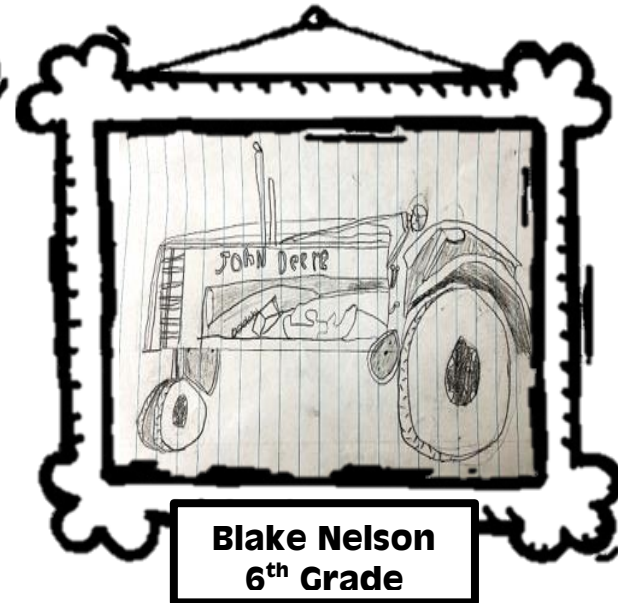
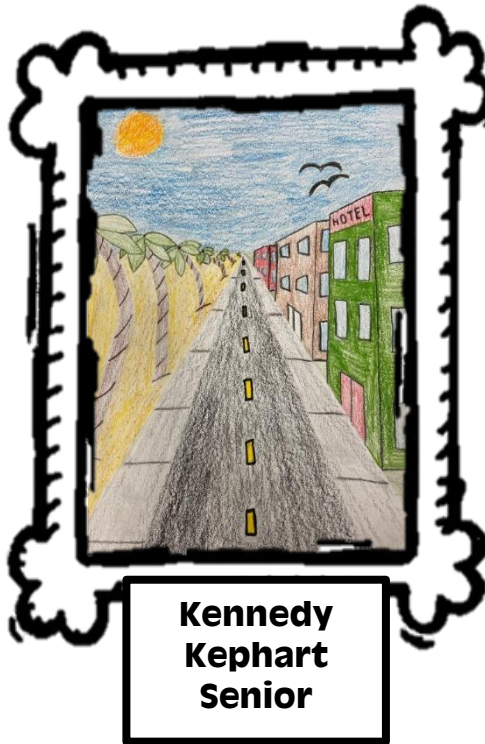
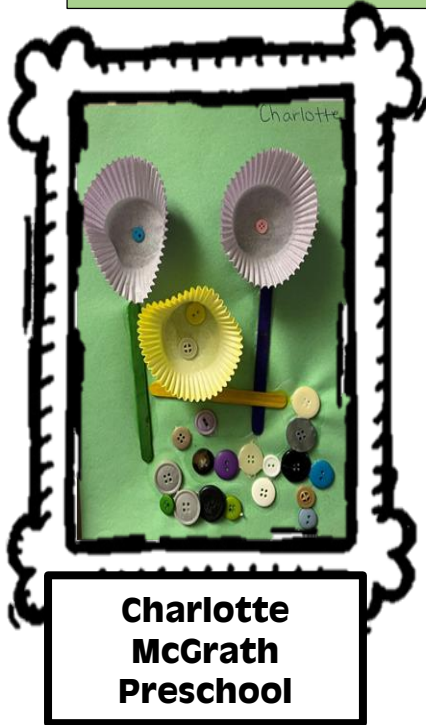


Elementary Concert: "Adventures Away". It will be on a Wednesday June 8, at 6pm
(Students should arrive at 5:45pm)

MAY		PE ELL SCHOOL MENU			2022
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
05/02/22	05/03/22	05/04/22	05/05/22	05/06/22	
		BREAKFAST			
Breakfast Sandwich Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		LUNCH			
Corn Dog Broccoli Bites Baked Beans Fruit Cup & Milk	Pancakes & Sausage Hashbrown Strawberries Juice & Milk	Sloppy Joes Salad Peaches Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Corn Pears, Jello & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		BREAKFAST			
05/09/22	05/10/22	05/11/22	05/12/22	05/13/22	
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Ham & Egg Bar W/Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		LUNCH			
Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Breadstick Mixed Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Sweet & Sour or General Tso Chicken W/Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pears & Milk	Grilled PB & Jam Cheese Stick & Chips Carrot & Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		BREAKFAST			
05/16/22	05/17/22	05/18/22	05/19/22	05/20/22	
English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Ultimate Granola Round Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		LUNCH			
Taco Burrito Salad Refried Beans Pears, Jello & Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Bologna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Applesauce & Milk	Chef Salad Garlic Bread Peaches Milk	Hot Dog Fries Corn On The Cob Fresh Fruit & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		BREAKFAST			
05/23/22	05/24/22	05/25/22	05/26/22	05/27/22	
Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
		LUNCH			
Tuna Salad Sandwich Lettuce & Pickles Celery Boats Grapes, Dessert & Milk	Pepperoni Pinwheel Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Pulled Pork on a Bun Coleslaw Chips Peaches & Milk	Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Baked Beans Pears & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!	
DAILY PRICES:					
LUNCH GRADES P-5	FREE	WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE USDA SSO (SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION)! IN-PERSON STUDENT MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR!	"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER."		
LUNCH GRADES 6-12	FREE				
REDUCED LUNCH 4-12	FREE				
ADULT BREAK/LUNCH	\$3.00/\$4.75				
BREAKFAST K-12	FREE				
REDUCED BREAKFAST	FREE		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
MILK OR JUICE	\$0.40				

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS!

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together", Vincent van Gogh



CISPUS LEARNING ADVENTURE

After having to cancel the last two years due to Covid-19 mandates, Pe Ell students were finally able to return to Cispus Learning Center this year for their annual outdoor camp. The three-night, four-day trip is normally taken during fifth grade, but this year both fifth and sixth-grade students attended together, due to sixth grade missing out last year.

For many years, Pe Ell students have attended Cispus combined with sixth-grade students from Boistfort and Evaline. According to fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Tammy Markee, "This year between the three schools, we took a total of 56 students, 11 high-school counselors, and 4 adults. It was a much larger group than normal, but it was nice being back! Most students seemed to have had a great time, and we lucked out with the weather too!"

Markee added, "I'm also happy to say that the seventh-grade class, who also missed out on their fifth-grade experience in 2020, will be able to finally attend Cispus camp as well! In May, they will be attending a shortened version of our regular camp with some activities a little different from the younger kids. This will be a great opportunity for them to participate in some team building activities and learn leadership skills."



"I had a lot of fun at Cispus. I made new friends and liked hiking to Angel Falls. Everything was so pretty", Fatima Mendez



"My favorite part had to have been fire building and making forts", Hunter Phelps



SENIOR **REMINDERS**

- Turn in ALL candy bar money ASAP.
- First Draft of Senior Project Research Paper was due April 21.
- Keep working on Senior Project Slideshows—due date is May 5.
- Make sure you turn in all your scholarships that are due in May.
- Pay all your fines and fees.
- Final research paper and slideshow are due May 12.
- Senior Presentations will be between June 1-9.

If you haven't paid your Jostens graduation bill, make sure to do that ASAP. You can pay online or in the office.

TO MASK OR NOT TO MASK **THAT WAS THE QUESTION**

After two years of wearing masks, the mask mandate was finally lifted on March 12, 2022. A few days before it got lifted, we asked some middle and high school students how they were feeling about this. Here are some of their responses.

7th grade:

Devyn Shannon: "I'm glad it's gonna be gone and they didn't really do anything anyways."

Karli Phelps: "Great because they didn't do much, you're getting more germs by pulling your mask up anyways."

8th grade:

Maxine Baldwin: "I don't really care about it, masks or no masks."

Danny Hoffman: "Really good, I can finally breathe better."

9th grade:

Jacob Hayes: "It's cool."

Silas Edgar: "I don't really care but it's cool."

10th grade:

Michael Bontempo: "I kinda like it because we will be able to breathe better finally."

Blake Howard: "It's great!"

11th grade:

Layla Smith: "I'm glad because there's no point in wearing them if they aren't being enforced anyways."

Kail Homan: "Pretty great!"

12th grade:

Michael Morales: "It's what I've been wanting."

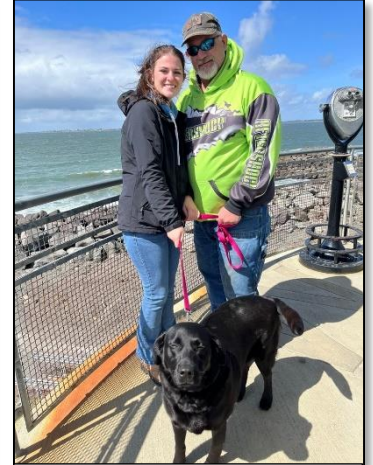
Dani Shannon: "It's great, and there was no point in it anyways."

STUDENT LIFE

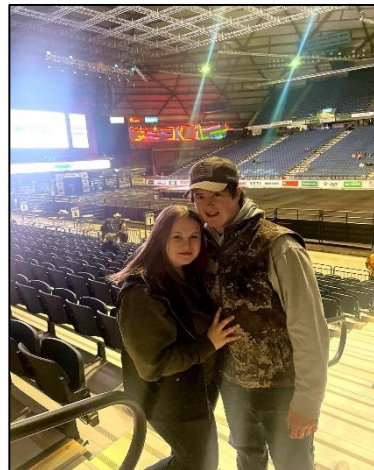
Spring Break 2022! Pictured below are a few students from the high school doing some fun activities over the break.



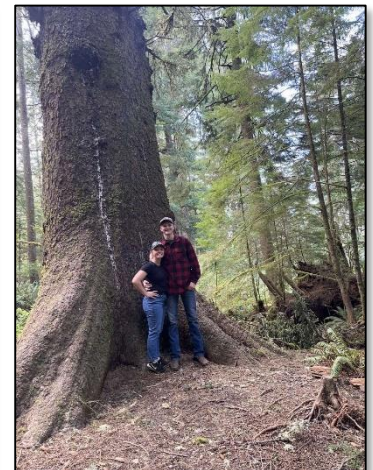
Road Trip to California



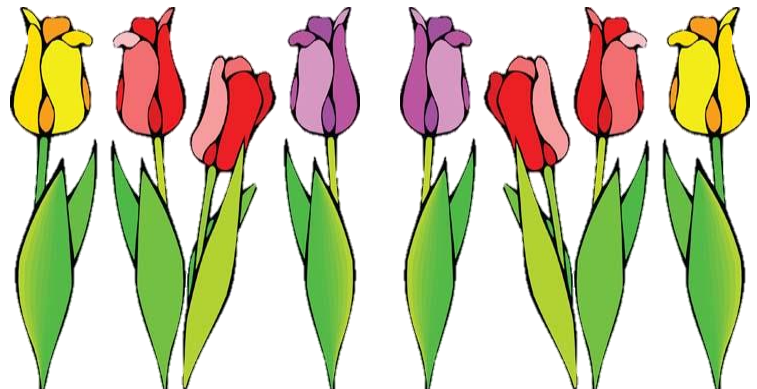
Quick Trip to Westport Beach



Professional Bull Riding



Fun at Seaside



Teacher Talk

By: Payton Peterson

In this month of Teacher Talk, the teachers thought that it would be a good idea to appreciate the projects that students have completed in their classes. Not all the time are we busy with papers, math problems, scientific methods, and learning about the world's history. Here are some of the exciting projects we have spent time on!

BAND CLASS BANNERS: Mrs. Anastasio's Band Class



Brookelynn King, Mylee Warren, and Emma Kissner stand under their Bass Hats Banner.

Cheyenne Nygaard, Liam McGrath, Ricki Coleman, and Mauricio Morales proudly display their Woodwinds Poster.

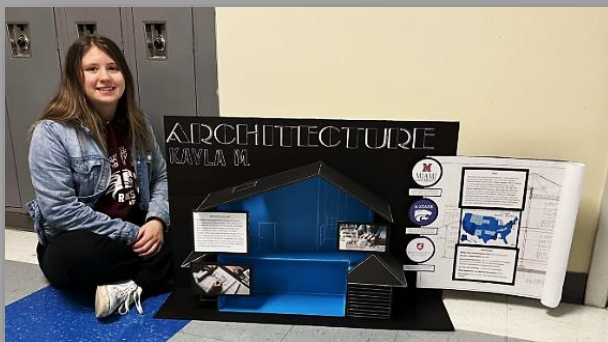
BOB ROSS PAINTINGS: Mrs. Lennox's Art Class



Gracelyn Jensen holds her "Distant Mountain" painting.

Charlie Belanger smiles with her Bob Ross painting.

SENIOR PROJECTS: Mrs. Robinson's CWP Class



Kayla Miller (above) sits next to her Architecture Senior Project Poster while Ava Bush (right) points proudly to her Veterinary Technician Senior Project Poster.



ELEMENTARY NEWS

"Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."

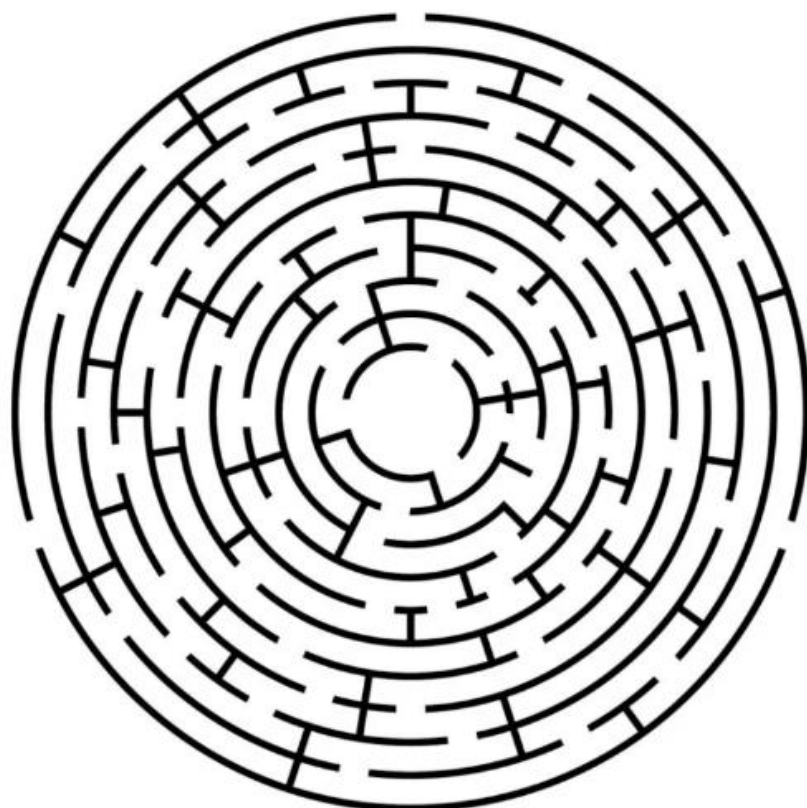


STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Kindergarten: Sylvester R, First Grade: Harrison M, Second Grade Easton S, Third Grade: Camelia M, Fifth Grade: Kenneth C.

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY FUN!

High 5	Student of the Month
May 12	May 26
June 9	June 22 & Dress Up

MAY MAZE



Mother's Day Tea



Thursday, May 5, 2022
 2:00 – 3:00 pm
BIG GYM

CLUB and SPORTS UPDATES

Yearbook - Just a reminder! Grab your yearbook before they sell out! They are \$35 a piece or 2 for \$60 (sibling deal). Purchase in the office or at <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09058100>. Yearbooks are first come first serve, so don't wait to grab yours while they last.



Congratulations to the drone team members (Logan and Cowyn) for placing first in state. Congratulations also to Brookelynn King, Calan McCarty and Ricki Coleman for getting first in state in their community service projects. The SkillsUSA team will be looking for donations to go to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference. For a fundraiser, they will be selling plants, vegetable starters, welcome signs, and benches. They will also be selling picnic tables for \$250.00 each. There are three 6x8 picnic tables available. All donations will be used for flights, hotels, food, and transportation. Flyers with more information will be coming soon!

Sports Highlights

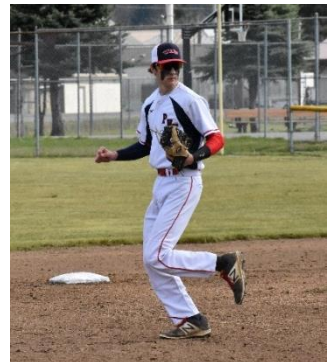
Carter Phelps is starting off his sophomore track season with a bang by being ranked 1st in state for 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles. He is also ranked 5th in the state for 100 meter!

At a track meet in Morton White Pass, **Charlie Carper** broke her long jump PR. She jumped 16 feet which was 2 more feet than her last PR! Charlie is also ranked first in state for girl's long jump!

Senior **Jesse Justice** is ranked 3rd in state for long jump and also ranked 3rd for triple jump!

Dani Shannon has hit two home runs already in her senior season of fast pitch! One was against Forks and the other was against Raymond.

Ava Bush has also hit 3 home runs in her senior season of fast pitch! One was against Montesano and the other two were against Raymond.



Joseph K. moves into position to prepare for the next play.

Coaching Positions Available

Our sports teams here at Pe Ell are in need of dedicated coaches to help keep and build our programs. As many know, sports are not only a great way for kids to build confidence and friendships but also to learn life skills like hard work, responsibility, and teamwork. If you are someone who would like to see the student athletes at Pe Ell thrive and are interested in any of the positions below, please contact Athletic Director Keith Shepherd.

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PWV-

- Middle School Football Head Coach
- Middle School Football Assistant Coach

Pe Ell-

- Middle School Volleyball Coach
- High School Volleyball Head Coach
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
- High School Girls Basketball Head Coach



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RURAL ROUTE 4 POSTAL ROUTE

MAY CALENDAR

May 2	HS Guest Speaker	2 nd – 4 th Period
May 3	HS BB @ N Beach (DH)	3:00
	HS FP vs N Beach (DH)	3:00
	HS Track @ Adna Invite	3:30
May 4	MS Track @ N Beach	3:30
May 5	Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea – Big Gym	2:00 to 3:00
	HS FP @ Castle Rock	4:00
	HS JV FP @ Castle Rock	4:00
May 7	HS BB Districts	TBD
May 9	MS Track @ S Bend (Sub District)	3:30
	HS FP @ Montesano	4:00
May 10 – 12	7th Grade CISPUS Trip	
May 10	HS BB Districts	TBD
May 11	HS FP vs Eatonville	4:00
	HS Track @ Raymond (Sub District)	4:00
May 12	MS Track @ N Beach (District)	3:30
May 13	HS BB Districts	TBD
May 14	HS FP vs Adna	12:00
	HS BB Districts	TBD
May 16	HS FP Districts @ Centralia	4:00
May 18	HS FP Districts @ Centralia	TBD
May 19	School Board Meeting (Zoom)	5:30
	QUAD District Meet @ Franklin Pierce	4:00
May 21	HS FP Districts	TBD
	HS BB Regionals	TBD
May 26 - 28	HS Track State – Cheney	
May 27 - 28	HS BB State)	TBD
	HS FP State (Yakima)	9:30
May 30	MEMORIAL DAY – No School	
June 1	CC IT Tour (IT/Web Classes)	9:00 a.m. – 12:30
June 2	Spring Band Concert – 5th – 12th – Big Gym	6:00
June 3	WEATHER MAKE-UP DAY – all students	

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO PE ELL CHAPTER**

The Pe Ell Chapter recently returned from competing in the Future Business Leaders' of America State Leadership Conference. The conference was held from April 20 to 23 in Spokane, Washington. Students competing at State were (left to right):

- Navarra Chappell, Computer Applications
 - Halee Anderson, Digital Video Production
 - Wyatt Kissner, Website Design and
 - Kian Eddy, Publication Design
- Not pictured: Nyx Darkwood, Word

Our top finishers were Nyx Darkwood who finished 5th for Word processing and Navarra Chappell who took 1st place in Computer Applications and is now on her way to Nationals in Chicago. Great job everyone!



In competing for the first time, Kian Eddy (far right) said, "I found the key to unlock my confidence".