



# THE TROJAN PRIDE

NOVEMBER 2024

A Newsletter from Your Public School

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*Titan quarterback Nate Fluke prepares to pass for a first down.*



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Nov. 21 and  
Friday, Nov. 22, 2024

**ALL GRADES:** Conferences are by appointment only: Thursday Nov. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and also Friday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**You may begin making reservations starting Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 by calling the school office.**

## The Marching Band Rolls Through Leavenworth

On Saturday, September 28, the Pe Ell Marching Band made an appearance at the Leavenworth Autumn



## Taking on a New Role

By Morgan Rieke




We'd like to formally congratulate and welcome Mr. Keith Shepherd who recently became the TK-12 principal as of August 2024. Before accepting this position, Mr. Shepherd held the title of Dean of Students and worked primarily with the high school students here at Pe Ell over the past two years. When interviewed about his new position Mr. Shepherd stated, "I am excited to get to assist and work with all students in many different grades." He continued, "I want kids to understand that I want to see the best in them, and it may not come out that way, but that's what I'm looking for."

When asking around, it appears that students and teachers alike think the new principal is a great fit, commenting that they think he's well-suited for the position for many reasons and they are excited to see what he can accomplish. Business teacher Leza Schimelpfenig knows that it's a big job and stated, "His is a hard job and I'm glad it's him and not me."

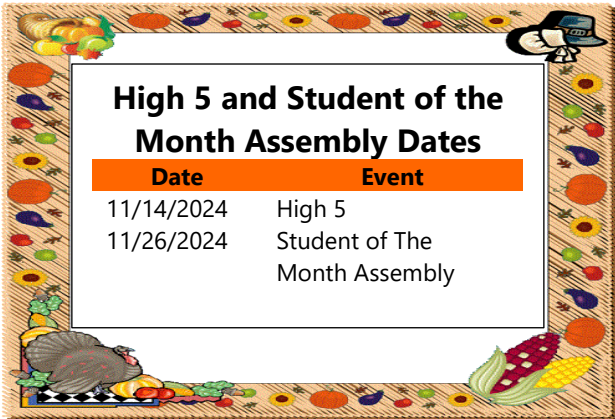
It was also pointed out that Mr. Shepherd was a teacher for most of his educational career and has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels here at Pe Ell. This means he knows what might need to be changed or improved when it comes to not only the curriculum being taught but also aspects of classroom management and student engagement. High school English teacher Kelsey Lennox commented, "I can tell that he cares about not only the students, but also his staff. He regularly checks in whether it be a quick conversation in the hall or a random stop in my classroom to observe my teaching, say hi to students, or ask how things are going. Not to mention the breakfasts he makes us on our Professional Development days...those are always a plus."

Overall, the students and staff seem happy with him as the principal because of the great connections he has built. They feel like they can be honest but also know they're going to have a fair trial if in trouble. The students know his expectations, agree with the actions he makes, and are excited to see what he will do in the future. Senior student Avery Guiltner stated, "Mr Shepherd is slaying this whole principal thing."

| NOVEMBER   |   | PE ELL SCHOOL MENU  |  |   | 2024            |  |
|--|---|---|--|---|-----------------|--|
| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |                 |  |
| 11/04/24   | 11/05/24  | 11/06/24  | 11/07/24   | 11/08/24  |                 |  |
| Breakfast Burrito<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk   |   | Cereal & Cheese Stick<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | Breakfast Sandwich<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk                            | Chocolate Donut<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| LUNCH  |   |   |  |   |                 |  |
| Waffles & Ham<br>Hashbrown<br>Peaches<br>Juice & Milk  | Pizza<br>Salad<br>Corn<br>Pineapple & Milk              | Chili & Crackers<br>Cheese & Onion<br>Applesauce<br>Cinnamon Roll & Milk  | Chicken Burger<br>Lettuce & Tomato<br>Tater Tots<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   |                 |  |
| 11/11/24   |   | 11/12/24  | 11/13/24   | 11/14/24  | 11/15/24        |  |
| NO<br>SCHOOL!!!  |   | Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Cup<br>Juice<br>Milk   | Pancake Sausage Stick<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk                         | Breakfast Pizza<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| LUNCH  |   |   |  |   |                 |  |
| THANK YOU<br>VETERANS!!!<br>WE SALUTE YOU!!!   |   | Chicken Fajitas<br>Refried Beans & Sour Cream<br>Chips & Salsa<br>Pears & Milk  | Hot Dog<br>Veggie Sticks<br>Chips<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk                | Hamburger<br>Lettuce & Tomato<br>Fries<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk  | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| 11/18/24   |   | 11/19/24  | 11/20/24   | 11/21/24  | 11/22/24        |  |
| Ultimate Granola Round<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  |   | Cereal & Muffin<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | Fruit Churros<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk                                 | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| LUNCH  |   |   |  |   |                 |  |
| Chicken Nuggets/Strips<br>Fries & Breadstick<br>Carrot & Celery Sticks<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk | Pizza<br>Salad<br>Corn<br>Pineapple & Milk              | Thanksgiving<br>Feast<br>With All The Trimmings!!!  |  | CONFERENCES!!!  | CONFERENCES!!!  |  |
| 11/25/24   |   | 11/26/24  | 11/27/24   | 11/28/24  | 11/29/24        |  |
| Omelet & Toast<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Cup<br>Juice<br>Milk             | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   |  | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| LUNCH  |   |   |  |   |                 |  |
| Sloppy Joes<br>Salad<br>Chips<br>Mixed Fruit & Milk  | Corn Dog<br>Fries<br>Celery Boats<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk | THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!   |  | THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!   | NO<br>SCHOOL!!! |  |
| 12/02/24   |   | 12/03/24  | 12/04/24   | 12/05/24  | 12/06/24        |  |
| English Muffin & Jam<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | Cereal & Cheese Stick<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk          | Breakfast Burrito<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk  | Maple Bar<br>Fruit & Juice<br>Milk                                     | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   |                 |  |
| LUNCH  |   |   |  |   |                 |  |
| Teriyaki Dippers<br>Rice<br>Stir Fry Veggies<br>Pears & Milk                                 | Pizza<br>Salad<br>Corn<br>Pineapple & Milk              | Taco Soup<br>Cheese & Sour Cream<br>Chips & Salsa<br>Applesauce, Jello & Milk   | Cheeseburger<br>Lettuce & Tomato<br>Fries<br>Fresh Fruit & Milk        | NO<br>SCHOOL!!!   |                 |  |
| DAILY PRICES:  |   |   |  | <br>"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER."<br>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE |                 |  |
| BREAKFAST P-12   | FREE  | WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE<br>COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY<br>PROVISION!!!<br>ALL STUDENT MEALS<br>WILL BE FREE<br>FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL<br>YEAR!!! |  |   |                 |  |
| LUNCH P-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  |   |  |   |                 |  |

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

“November Days Are Short and Sweet, Filled With Family, Fun, and Treats to Eat.”




### High 5 and Student of the Month Assembly Dates

| Date       | Event                         |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| 11/14/2024 | High 5                        |
| 11/26/2024 | 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.



### Elementary Raffle

The Elementary sold 50/50 raffle tickets for a fundraiser and brought in \$2,678. They split the pot with the winner, Rita Kaszycki, each getting \$1,339. **A huge thank you** to all who purchased tickets and to those Elementary students that sold raffle tickets.



### September Students of the Month

From left to right Archer T., Sylver R., Hadley M., Angus K., Aleeya B.

Below are brief responses from teachers as to why they chose the students they did.

**Kindergarten:** Archer: “Archer is a kind student who works hard in class.” - Carmen Justice

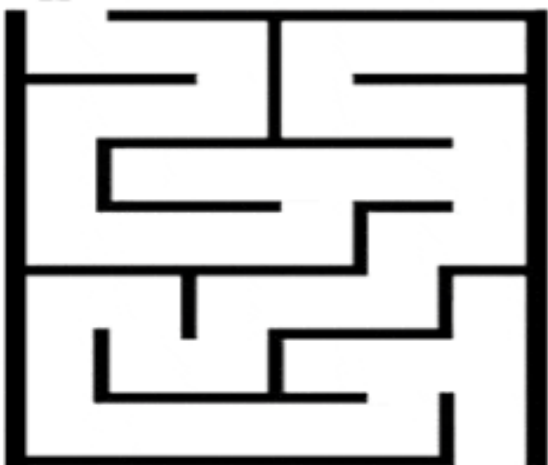
**First Grade:** Aleeya: “Aleeya is a hard worker who strives to give her best every day. She is kind to her classmates and is a good classmate to others”

**Second Grade:** Angus: “Hardworking, shows grit”

**Third Grade:** Sylver: “Sylver is a very well-rounded student with a personality that shines.”

**Fourth Grade:** Hadley: “She’s a very hard worker and never gives up!”

Help the Pilgrims reach the turkey feast!



### Elem Dress Up Day

Dec 19–Christmas Spirit



# GENERAL NEWS



## ANOTHER YUMMY TASTE OF WASHINGTON

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Pe Ell's Food Supervisor Melissa Holmes and her outstanding crew provided us with another outstanding Taste of Washington meal. Shown left – Mrs. Holmes, Principal Shepherd, and Superintendent MacDonald serve tasty fruits to some elementary students.

## Fall Book Fair Reading Is Sweet!!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be November 18 through 26. Shop online at:  
[@bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/peellschool](https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/peellschool)

Easy pay option with the ewallet - more information to come.



## WE WE Club Activities

The WE Club will be raising money again this year to buy Christmas Gifts for kids in our community. We are planning 3 fundraisers where 100% of the money we raise will go towards our gift giving.

**YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED:** It's back!!!! We will be doing our annual "You've Been Flocked" fundraiser. If you find a flock of pink flamingoes in your yard one day, just follow the attached directions and play along.

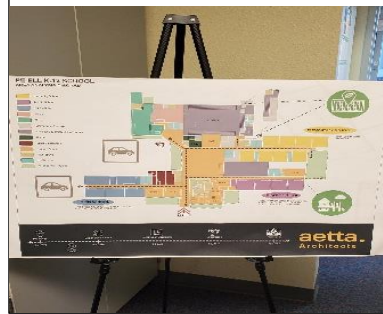
**DANCE-A-THON:** Kids will be asking people to sponsor them for their dance-a-thon. Each member needs to raise at least \$50 in pledges.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE PLATTERS:** WE Club will be selling Christmas Cookie Platters. We will start selling these platters mid-November and deliver or have them ready for pick up before Christmas Break. The WE Club hopes to raise at least \$2500 this year for our gift giving activities. Thank you all that will help us reach our goals.



## Change is Coming to Pe Ell

On the left is the proposed layout for the new remodeling of our school and on the right is the new concession stand building that's almost finished. Students, staff, and faculty are super excited for the new renovations in the next few years.







## The Tradition Lives On

By Avery Guiltner

The Homecoming tradition continued this past month with students participating in spirit week, Homecoming Olympics, Homecoming court, the football game, and of course the Homecoming dance. The spirit week dress up days included superhero day, decade day, Disney Descendants day, and concluded with a class color wars day. Sophomore Cassidy Hayes said she enjoyed the decade day the most because, "A lot of people participated and really went all out with their costumes."

Homecoming Olympics kicked off on a Wednesday afternoon with each of the high school classes performing a musical from Disney's Descendants movie. This relatively new tradition has become quite the production with students spending several days planning their dance, practicing the dance, and preparing props. When asked about his first experience freshman Liam Lennox stated, "It was fun and not as stressful as I expected because I had my whole class up there performing and all the other classes did it as well. Plus, it was exciting to have all the little kids there cheering us on." The following day, the Olympics continued in the afternoon with class competition games like powder puff football, iron man volleyball, the relay race, and more. In the end, the seniors came out on top as the overall winners of the Olympics, beating the juniors by three points. When asked about her experience, senior Payton Endsley jokingly replied, "At least we didn't get 5th place."

On Friday October 18 at half time of the football game, homecoming court princesses rode in vintage cars around the track and then were escorted by their princes to the middle of the field. This year's royalty included freshmen Wyatt Harris and McKayla Jensen; sophomores Liam McGrath and Ruby Magruder; juniors Blaine Howard and Madi Engel; seniors Johnny Williams, Payton Endsley, Jakob Hayes, Avery Guiltner, Calan McCarty, Brookelynn King, Logan Oechsner and Aly Webster. After moments of anticipation, the King and Queen were announced! Congratulations to seniors Calan McCarty and Brookelynn King who were crowned during a fireworks presentation.



9<sup>th</sup> Graders Welcome you to "Be Our Guests"



The 10<sup>th</sup> Graders Step on Stage and "Set It Off"



Juniors Steal the Show with "Good to be Bad"



Seniors Slice it up with "Night Falls"



The entire Highschool waiting for the results of the pie eating Competition



2024 PHS  
**HOMECOMING**  
*Spirit Week*  
 DRESS UP DAYS & ACTIVITIES

Junior and Freshman boys cheer on the Powder Puff girls in green



Logan Oechsner chows down his delicious pie



Sophomore boys finish up their 2 bits dance



Silas Edgar hits up the volleyball up during the Iron man volleyball tournament



Senior boys toss up Calan McCarty during their 2 bits cheer



Congratulations to King Calan McCarty and Queen Brookelynn King



Senior HOCO Court from left to right: Aly Webster, Logan Oechsner, Queen Brookelynn King, King Calan McCarty, Avery Guilltner, Jakob Hayes, Peyton Endsley, and Johnny Williams



# MORE GENERAL NEWS

## PWV Wins Four Straight Games

By Chaisee Land

Only half way through their season, the PWV Titans currently hold 2nd place in the Pacific 2B league. Here's a little recap of games over the past month. On September 27, the Titans traveled to Ellensburg to take on Lake Roosevelt. What first appeared to be a huge loss in the making with the Titans down by 20 at half, ended up being a much tighter game than expected. After an intense double overtime, PWV came out on top winning the game 34-28. When asked about the game and what he thought turned it around, junior Hunter Harris said, "It was more about who had more heart on the field and who wanted it more."

The following week, the Titans dominated rivals RSB in a home game at Valley ending in a final score of 53-14. The Titans then switched it up playing a day game on Saturday October 12 in Ilwaco which ended in another big win, with the final score 36-6. In regards to that game, freshman Matthew Krafczyk stated, "It was a little disappointing because we thought they'd be top 10."

Moving on, PWV hosted Forks for their Homecoming game in Pe Ell on Friday October 18. Racking up over 350 yards of offense, the Titans beat Forks 34-6. With this win, they secure a 2B crossover playoff game berth, but are aiming for much more than that.



*Titans prepare for their next play.*



## SENIOR CORNER

**SENIOR PARENT NIGHT:** There will be a Senior Parent Night on November 21 starting at 6:00 PM to go over the senior project including job shadows, scholarship opportunities, FAFSA (Financial Aid), senior deadlines, community service, and end-of-year activities. There are a number of important topics and deadlines seniors have to meet in order to graduate this year. It is vital that at least one parent/guardian for each student attends this meeting, so you are informed of these important events, and can assist your child in becoming prepared for their future. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Robinson at 360-291-3244.

## Veterans Day Assembly

Please join us for our annual  
Veterans Day Assembly

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**  
**1:30 in the Big Gym**

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

Thank you, **VETERANS**, for your service!

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**NOV – DEC CALENDAR**

|           |   |                      |
|-----------|---|----------------------|
| Nov 4     | MS GBB @ Raymond<br>Volleyball Districts  | 5:45<br>6:00         |
| Nov 5     | MS Wrestling @ Pe Ell<br>Volleyball Districts   | 5:00<br>6:00         |
| Nov 6     | <b>White Pass College &amp; Career Fair (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>)</b><br>MS GBB vs Ilwaco | 5:45                 |
| Nov 7     | <b>VETERANS ASSEMBLY – Big Gym</b><br>MS Wrestling @ Hoquiam<br>Volleyball Districts                  | 1:30<br>5:00<br>6:00 |
| Nov 8     | Volleyball Districts  | 6:00                 |
| Nov 9     | Volleyball Districts  | 6:00                 |
| Nov 11    | <b>NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY</b>   |                      |
| Nov 12    | MS Wrestling @ Montesano<br>MS GBB @ South Bend   | 5:00<br>5:45         |
| Nov 13-14 | State Volleyball @ Yakima   | TBD                  |
| Nov 13    | MS GBB vs Ocosta  | 5:45                 |
| Nov 14    | MS Wrestling @ Ocosta   | 5:00                 |
| Nov 18-26 | <b>BOOK FAIR</b>  |                      |
| Nov 18    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of HS GBB, BBB, and Wrestling   |                      |
| Nov 19    | MS Wrestling @ Chehalis   | 5:00                 |
| Nov 20    | MS GBB vs Naselle   | 5:45                 |
| Nov 21-22 | <b>NO SCHOOL – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</b>   |                      |
| Nov 21    | <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - Library</b><br>MS Wrestling @ North Beach                                   | 5:30<br>5:00         |
| Nov 25    | MS GBB @ North Beach  | 5:45                 |
| Nov 26    | MS Wrestling @ Winlock<br>MS GBB vs Raymond   | 5:00<br>5:45         |
| Nov 27-28 | <b>NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>   |                      |
| Dec 2     | HS GBB @ Rochester<br>HS BBB vs North Beach<br>MS GBNB @ Ilwaco                                       | 5:30<br>5:45<br>5:45 |
| Dec 3     | MS Wrestling @ Ocosta   | 5:00                 |
| Dec 4     | HS GBB/BBB @ NWC (Lacey)<br>MS GBB vs South Bend  | 5:45<br>5:45         |
| Dec 5     | MS Wrestling @ Bush MS  | 5:00                 |
| Dec 6     | HS GBB/BBB vs Ocosta  | 5:45                 |
| Dec 7     | MS Wrestling Girls End of Year  | 10:00 am             |

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

**STUFF TO KNOW**

**Instruments Wanted**

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.

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