



# THE TROJAN PRIDE

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A Newsletter from Your Public School

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## Veterans Day Assembly

The Veterans Assembly on November 7 was well attended by many nearby veterans and was followed by a nice snack including cake and fruit punch where people could also sit and talk with the veterans.



## 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!

## K-12 Winter Concert Information

Come support the Pe Ell students as they entertain you with their musical talents and get you into the holiday spirit. The concert will be on **Dec 18 at 6 pm** in the gymnasium. Grades 5-12 are to wear concert black attire. Elementary students can dress to match their songs. Make sure to bring extra cash with you as maple bars will be available for purchase at the door. All profits will go towards supporting the music program.



## Levies Support Learning

In the November School Board meeting, the Pe Ell School District Board of Directors unanimously agreed to include a Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy on a special election ballot. The Pe Ell School District will be running the two-year replacement programs and operation levy on the February 11, 2025 ballot asking \$480,000 for 2026 and \$480,000 for 2027. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

**DECEMBER/JANUARY PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2024-25**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12/09/24	12/10/24	12/11/24	12/12/24	12/13/24
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Cup Juice Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Chicken Broccoli Bake Salad Breadstick Peaches & Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pears, Jello & Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrown Strawberries, Juice & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Tater Tots Fresh Fruit & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
12/16/24	12/17/24	12/18/24	12/19/24	12/20/24
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Juice Milk	Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Fruit Churros Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Fish Sticks Fries Breadstick & Marinara Sauce Fresh Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Hot Dog Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Mixed Fruit & Milk	Turkey Sandwich & Chips Veggie Sticks Fresh Fruit Kandi's Gingersnaps & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
12/23/24	12/24/24	12/25/24	12/26/24	12/27/24
NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>LUNCH</b>				
	ENJOY	WINTER	BREAK!!!	
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
12/30/24	12/31/24	01/01/25	01/02/25	01/03/25
NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>LUNCH</b>				
	HAPPY	NEW	YEAR!!!	
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
01/06/25	01/07/25	01/08/25	01/09/25	01/10/25
English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Chocolate Donut Fruit & Juice Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Teriyaki Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pears & Milk	Tomato Soup & Crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Applesauce Pudding & Milk	Chicken Nuggets BBQ Baked Beans Celery Sticks Breadstick, Peaches & Milk	Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit, Dessert & Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!



<b>DAILY PRICES:</b>			<b>"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER."</b>
BREAKFAST P-12	FREE	WE WILL BE UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION!!! ALL STUDENT MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL 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		
			<b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

“December 1 has arrived bringing the magic of the season with it”

High 5 and Student of Month Assembly	
Date	Event
12/19/2024	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.



### OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

For the month of October, the elementary teachers choose students based on the character trait **respect**.

Pictured from left to right: Aspen C., K; Carter C., 2nd; Benton T., 1st; Avery M., 5th (for September student of the month); Tuff H., 4th; Madelyn B., 5th. Not pictured: Liliana Castillo, 3rd.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WINS PENNY DRIVE

This year, the elementary raised nearly \$262 for the UW Burn Center. Results of the penny drive are:

- TK - 1.49
- K - 20.10
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 20.49
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 32.96
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 39.38
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 63.62
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 83.71

As a reward, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, Tammy Markee, puts a pie in Mr. Shepherd's face.



As a reward for winning the penny drive, the fifth grade ate lunch at the Pe Ell Fire Hall.

# ALL SCHOOL NEWS



## STUDENT ARTWORK



Oriya Busey,  
9th



Chloe Randolph,  
5th



Kade Lusk,  
TK



Ophelia Kimokeo,  
Kindergarten

## Making Memories Last

Ever wonder what it takes to create a year full of memories and put it into one product? Well that is what the yearbook staff does. Led by editors Madi Engel and Brookelynn King, this year's staff has already been hard at work deciding on a theme for the book, creating a cover, designing pages, and taking photos during class activities and at sporting events.

Besides that, earlier this year, students spent one day in Centralia and Chehalis selling business ads to help pay for the production of the book. Senior staff member Avery Guiltner says what she enjoys the most about the yearbook is taking pictures. Ava King, new to the staff this year, agrees saying, "I love getting to be near all the action while taking pictures." Photography, and learning how to use our cameras more effectively is a main goal for 2nd year Editor Madi Engel. "She is determined to become a professional photographer by the end of the year, if not before," declares advisor Kelsey Lennox. "We got a new camera recently and she couldn't wait to open it and start practicing." She has even taken on the project of having a media day for each sport and then using those photos for game day posts on social media. Another main goal for the staff is to make sure they cover all students and activities so that the book is representative of the entire student body.



If you want to make sure that you can reminisce on all the fun and exciting, and sometimes embarrassing memories that happen throughout this year, make sure to purchase your yearbook! You can do this in the office at any time, but it is best to get them early for a great deal! Currently, yearbooks are priced at \$30 for one, or our special sibling deal of 2 for \$50. Prices will increase in the second semester.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS



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.



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**4TH-6TH BOYS  
BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION**  
NOVEMBER 4TH - DECEMBER 21ST

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# MORE GENERAL NEWS



## TIME TO RENEW BOOSTER BOARDS!

If you would like a Booster Board, the initial cost is \$30 with an annual renewal fee of \$20. This is a great way to show support for our students. Contact Suzanne Nelson if you would like to get a board at 360-520-9836. Thank you for supporting our students!

## Senior Fundraiser

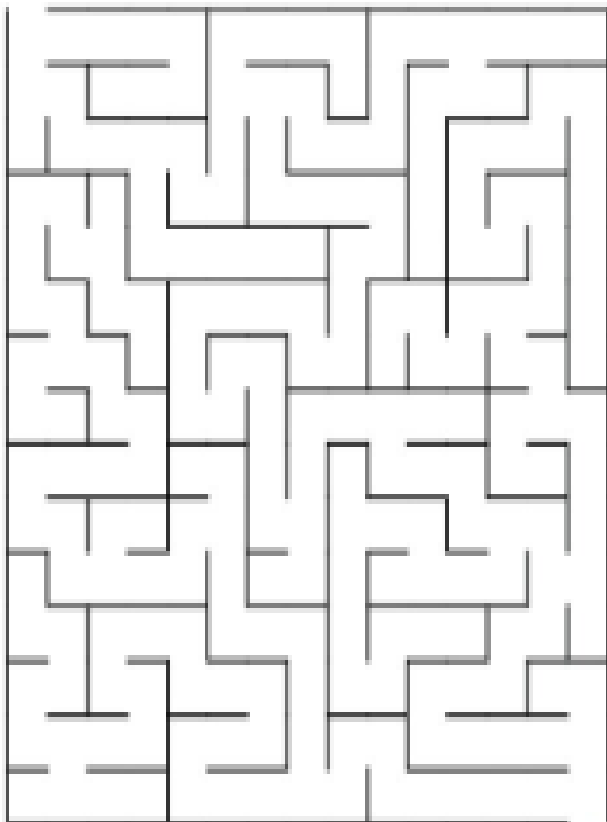
The senior class of 2025 will soon be selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars! They will have a variety of choices at both \$1 and \$2 options. So reach out to a senior student or look for them at home basketball games. You can even purchase whole boxes of bars for \$60. All proceeds will go towards funding the senior class trip in June.



## CHRISTMAS MAZE

Can you help Santa find his bag full of gifts?

START



FINISH



## Knowledge Bowl

Knowledge bowl will be attending their first meets on the 5th and 12th of December in Toledo.

## Start Getting Your Gift Baskets Ready!

Dollars for Scholars Auction is coming soon, so be thinking of what you're going to put in your class or business gift baskets. More info coming.



# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## FBLA Member of the Month



As part of the FBLA Club we are introducing Member of the Month. Presenting the first award to Ben P. (middle) are V.P. Taylor (left) and President Aly (right).

## FBLA FALL CONFERENCE

On October 25, all members of Pe Ell FBLA went to Lower Columbia College for the fall conference, with the goal to form connections, network with other students and attend new officer training. The officers included Aly W, Nathen R, Taylor U and Randy B.



FBLA member who attended are from left to right Nathen R, Sofie G, Brennan C, Aly W, Cowyn M, Taylor U, Jayden N, Ben P, Charlie L, and Travis P.

## Leading the Charge

The ASB this year, led by advisor Stasha Magruder, looks a little different with the addition of a leadership class, allowing for more time on planning and implementing activities and projects. This class is mostly made up of the ASB officers, with a few additional students who show leadership qualities. According to Magruder, "The class brings new opportunities such as a day for the members to mentor elementary students, a day to explore our Character Strong curriculum, a day to have actual ASB meetings, and finally a day for working on projects to improve the school. Vice president Blaine Howard says one of their main goals for the year is to, "Bring back more school spirit and to increase student involvement". This however, may pose some challenges. Senior class rep, Calan McCarty says, the hardest part about being an ASB officer is "Coming up with creative and fun ideas that interest the whole student body and not just a select few is actually quite difficult." On the flip side of that, Madi Engel states the best part about being in ASB is, "Having a lot of say in what happens and bringing back the student lounge." Some of the main activities that the ASB is in charge of this year include the Homecoming Olympics, The Homecoming Dance, and Veterans Day which was a success.

The 2024-25 ASB officers are as follows:  
President–Brookelynn King  
Vice President– Blaine Howard  
Secretary–Madi Engel  
Treasurer - Hunter Harris  
Senior Class Rep - Calan McCarty  
Junior Class Rep - Bailey Cox  
Sophomore Class Rep - Ruby Magruder  
Freshman Class Rep - Blake Nelson



# MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## WE Club

WE Club is raising money for our yearly Christmas gift giving. We have 3 important fundraisers happening at this time.

**You've Been Flocked:** You may have been a victim of or will be a victim of our "You've Been Flocked" fundraisers. We thank all of you who have played along so far, and hope to continue to have another successful year raising money.

**Dance-a-Thon:** The WE Club is also taking pledges for our yearly Dance-a-Thon. All proceeds go toward our gift giving project.

**Christmas Cookie Platters:** The WE Club has brought back a popular fundraiser, selling Christmas Cookie Platters. We are selling Christmas Cookie Platters for \$30 each. These platters will be delivered on December 6. Please ask a WE Club Member if you are interested in purchasing a cookie platter.



## SENIOR CORNER

The seniors have started both job shadows and their senior project proposal. Following Christmas Break, they will be starting their senior papers and posters. Parents please assist your kids with job shadow ideas.

## Honoring our Senior Athletes

### Volleyball



Brookelynn King  
League MVP

### Football



Konnor Pilz

We will miss our seniors and all the hard work they have put in over the years.

## NEW AND EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING WITH THE LADY TROJAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

Though some of their games early on in the season didn't go as planned, the team didn't let anything stop them especially after the challenges they've overcome. Stasha Magruder, the assistant coach to Jill Engel, stated that some of the challenges they faced included, "A brand new coaching staff, a new league with different competition, and a few injuries that really threw a hitch in the routine." However, these obstacles have proved the team's unwavering grit and ability to adjust.

Along with this, while the matches were closer than any game this season, the Lady Trojans pulled out a three-match sweep versus Firm Foundation who went all five matches with them the first time they met up. This time, however, the scores were 25-19, 25-23, 25-19. Sophia Milanowski, a right-side hitter on the team, stated that, "It was very upbeat, and we talked a lot which helped each other out."

The Trojans ability to come back stronger than ever, even after a loss, was also shown in a competitive and high-pressure game on September 24 when Pe Ell took on Wahkiakum in three well-fought and close matches. Instead of throwing in the towel, the girls played them again on October 17 and rallied in a five-match game that ended in an uplifting deciding match, the final score reading 15-9 in the Lady Trojans' favor. This victory put them second in the league, and showed Wahkiakum and everyone else the resilience of the Lady Trojans.



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PE ELL SCHOOLS



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RURAL ROUTE 4**



**DEC/JAN CALENDAR**

Dec 2	HS GBB @ Rochester	5:30
	HS BBB vs North Beach	5:45
	MS GBNB @ Ilwaco	5:45
Dec 2 – 5	<b>PENGUIN PATCH HOLIDAY SHOP</b>	
Dec 3	MS Wrestling @ Ocosta	5:00
Dec 4	HS GBB/BBB @ NWC (Lacey)	5:45
	MS GBB vs South Bend	5:45
Dec 5	Knowledge Bowl	
	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
Dec 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of MS BBB	3:30
Dec 10	HS GBB/BBB @ Three Rivers	4:30
Dec 12	HS BBB @ Wishkah	6:00
	HS GBB @ Winlock	6:00
Dec 14	MS Wrestling Boys End of Year @ Ilwaco	10:00 am
	HS GBB/BBB vs Valley	12:00 pm
Dec 17	HS GBB/BBB (JV) @ WSD	5:45
Dec 18	<b>HOLIDAY CONCERT K-12 – Big Gym</b>	6:00
Dec 19	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING</b>	5:30
	HS GBB vs Rochester	4:30
	HS BBB vs Firm Foundation	7:00
Dec 23 – Jan 3	<b>WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL!</b>	
Jan 3	HS GBB/BBB vs Naselle	12:30
Jan 4	HS Wrestling @ North Beach	10:00 am
Jan 6	<b>SCHOOL RESUMES!</b>	
	HS GBB/BBB @ Ocosta	5:45
	MS BBB vs Raymond	5:45
Jan 7	HS GBB/BBB vs Oakville	4:30
	HS Wrestling @ Napavine	5:00
Jan 8	HS GBB/BBB/MS BBB Team Photos	
	MS BBB @ Ilwaco	5:45
Jan 9	HS GBB/BBB @ Wahkiakum	4:30
Jan 10	Enrichment Day	
Jan 11	HS Wrestling - TBD	

\* 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.

For more information, contact:



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**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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