



# THE TROJAN PRIDE

FEBRUARY 2024

A Newsletter from Your Public School

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## National Random Acts of Kindness Day

National Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17, 2024! Random Acts of Kindness Day is a day to celebrate paying it forward and being intentionally kind to others. Pe Ell students will have an opportunity to participate in Kindness Bingo by completing Random Acts of Kindness during the month of February and turning in their bingo card to Miss Amber. Bingo cards can be found in the office starting February 1.

### KINDNESS BINGO

Offered a tissue to a person that needed it	Stayed in my pajamas all day and watched a movie	Put something in the recycle bin	Made someone laugh	Said 'thank you' to someone
Gave a friend or family member a hug	Left a positive note in a random library book for someone to find	Invited someone who was eating alone to join me	Left a positive note on a random locker	Read to someone
Made a 'things I'm thankful for' journal entry	Gave someone a compliment	FILL IN YOUR OWN ACT OF KINDNESS!	Wrote a thank you note for the mail delivery person	Texted a positive message to a friend
Helped someone	Got at least 30 minutes of exercise today	Held open a door	Asked someone about their day	Did my chores without being asked
Woke up with a smile on my face	Picked up litter	Let someone go in front of me in line	Smiled at another student	Wrote a happy note to myself



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

STUDENT EDITION

www.randomactsofkindness.org

CARD 6

## Trojan Booster Club Auction!

The Booster Club will be holding its annual Dollars for Scholar's auction on March 9. Here are the timestamps of the event:

- 5 pm Doors Open/Silent Auction
- 6 pm Dinner/Silent Auction
- 7 pm Live Auction

Tickets are \$25 each and the theme is the 90s!

## VISIT THE NEW FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT SECTION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

To learn more about the improvements to our school, visit our school Website for the latest information. You can access it on the main page under **NEW FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT** or under **School Information** then *Facility Improvement*. Contact the school if you have any additional questions.



## 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.



**FEBRUARY PE ELL SCHOOL MENU 2024**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02/05/24	02/06/24	02/07/24	02/08/24	02/09/24
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	Cheese Omelet & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Oatmeal Protein Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	<b>NO SCHOOL!!!</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Pronto Pup Veggie Sticks Chips & Hummus Mixed Fruit & Milk	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Grilled PB & Jam Celery Boats Cheese Stick Fruit Cup & Milk	Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	<b>HAPPY FRIDAY!!!</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
02/12/24	02/13/24	02/14/24	02/15/24	02/16/24
Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk	Maple Bar Fruit & Juice Milk	English Muffin & Jam Fruit & Juice Milk	<b>NO SCHOOL!!!</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Orange Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Mixed Fruit & Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pears, Jello & Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Ham & Breadstick Salad Peaches & Milk	Chicken Burger Lettuce & Tomato Fries Fresh Fruit & Milk	<b>HAPPY FRIDAY!!!</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
02/19/24	02/20/24	02/21/24	02/22/24	02/23/24
<b>NO SCHOOL!!!</b>	Yogurt & Granola Fruit & Juice Milk	French Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit & Juice Milk	<b>NO SCHOOL!!!</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>				
<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY!!!</b>	Pizza Salad Corn Pineapple & Milk	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Carrot & Celery Sticks Applesauce & Milk	Corn Dog Fries Baked Beans Fruit Cup & Milk	<b>HAPPY FRIDAY!!!</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
02/26/24	02/27/24	02/28/24	02/29/24	03/01/24
Ham Egg Bar & Toast Fruit & Juice Milk	Cereal & Muffin Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Burrito Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Juice Milk	<b>NO SCHOOL!!!</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>				
Bison Sloppy Joes Veggie Sticks Chips 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	<b>HAPPY FRIDAY!!!</b>

<b>DAILY PRICES:</b>			
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."  <b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>
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		



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

*"Be Curious, Not Judgmental"*

## Students of the Month



Student of The Month from left to right: Isabella S, Alora H, Carson A, Sofia A, Lila B, and Erin K.

## Elem Dress Up Days

Feb 15 - Royalty Day  
April 18 - Animal Day  
June 13 - Vacation Day

## High 5 And Student of the Month Assemblies

Date	Event
Feb 1	Student of the Month

ELEMENTARY PE ELL SCHOOL ASB PRESENTS

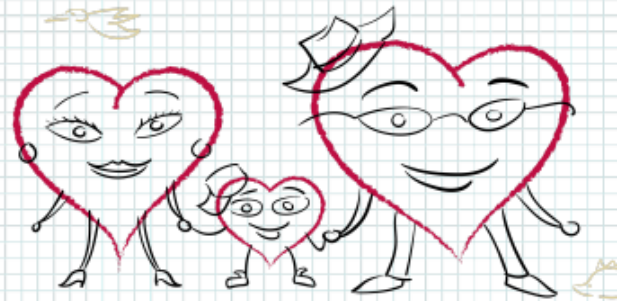
## Valentine's Grams

\$2

A GRAM

\$2

A GRAM



NOW THROUGH -FEB 8<sup>TH</sup> TURN IN  
YOUR GRAM ORDER AND MONEY  
TO YOUR TEACHER OR THE OFFICE



## 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 families from our community who have been able to utilize the Ronald McDonald House.







## Lady Trojans Basketball

The Lady Trojans are having a great season going 12-3 overall and 6-2 in league.



Karli Phelps goes up for a lay-in after a steal against Willapa Valley

## Youth Volleyball Registration



4th-6th Grade

Games start in March

Sign up at

**LCYOUTHSPORTS.COM**

## Youth Basketball Registration

Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Boys and Girls

Games Start in March

Sign up at

**LCYOUTHSPORTS.COM**



## Great Wrestling Year!

The wrestling team has been having an outstanding season. They have had five tournaments all over Lewis and Pacific Counties. Hunter Harris and Konnor Pilz have been doing an amazing job--only losing three matches each. Below is Junior Konnor Pilz pinning his man during a recent match.



## Trojans Basketball

The Boys Basketball team has gone 6-9 overall and 6-4 in league.

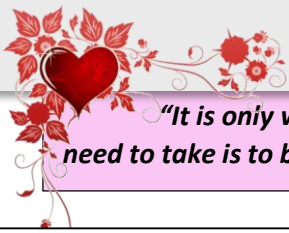


Calan McCarty hits a jump shot against Willapa Valley

## Attention!!!

Children under 6<sup>th</sup> grade **MUST** be accompanied by a parent and are not to play in the gym lobby during sporting events.

# HS / MS NEWS

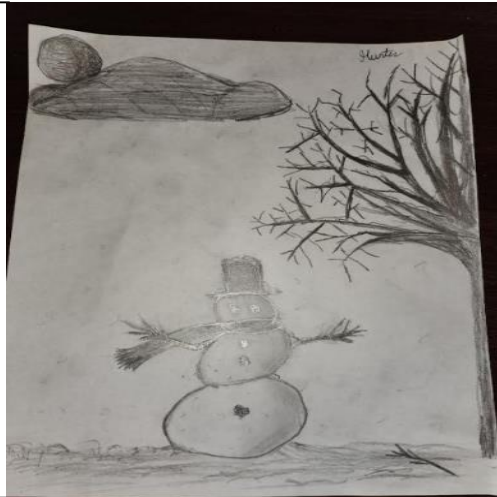


*"It is only when we take chances, when our lives improve. The initial and the most difficult risk that we need to take is to become honest. —Walter Anderson*

## Middle School Artwork Spotlight

Artwork by Hunter P. that is perfect for the winter months.

If your child would like their artwork featured in the newsletter, have them tell their teacher to submit their artwork either by scanning or taking a photo and send by email or by submitting it directly to Ms. Schimmy or the newsletter team. We look forward to more submissions!



Purchase tickets from Julie at front office

## Senior Corner



**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Seniors have been receiving information via email about our local scholarships. We will go over the best way to fill out the scholarships, writing their scholarship letters, and how to put them together. All local scholarships are listed on our website. Filling out scholarships is a long, and sometimes complicated process. Parents, please make sure you are communicating with your child and guiding them through this process. If you have any questions regarding scholarships, please email Mrs. Robinson.

**SENIOR PROJECTS:** We kicked into high gear starting in January on senior projects. We will be working on our research/poster development, and will start the process of writing our paper. Presentations will be in May, but there are many deadlines students will need to meet along the way.

**RUNNING START STUDENTS** – Running Start students have been sent an email with their requirements. **REMEMBER:** contact Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Robinson, or Mrs. Schimelpfenig if you have any questions.

**JOB SHADOWS:** Parents, please be talking with your child about job shadows. It is impossible to pass the senior project without their 3 required (12 hours) job shadows. Remember the teachers and staff will assist seniors in this process if they need help. Their job shadow information is the base of their paper and presentation. The rough draft of the paper is due at the beginning of April, and all job shadows should be completed by then in order to have a complete paper.

**FAFSA** (Financial Aid) - We will continue working with students filling out the FAFSA application. **REMEMBER:** ALL STUDENTS THAT PLAN OR EVEN THINK THEY WILL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE NEED TO APPLY FOR FAFSA.

If parents have any questions about the information listed above, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Robinson at the school.

# HIGH SCHOOL & CLUB NEWS



## Knowledge Bowl

Washington State  
KNOWLEDGE BOWL

The Knowledge Bowl meet on January 11 was canceled due to weather.

The next Knowledge Bowl meet will be Regionals on February 9.

### Congratulations to our Pe Ell Middle School FBLA Officers!

President: Evey Larkin  
V. President: Travis Pike  
Secretary: Robert Hasson  
Treasurer: Nathan Holmes



They will be competing at their first leadership competition on February 2 at Lower Columbia College.



## WAFBLA

### HS FBLA Fundraiser



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



## YEARBOOK

Yearbook prices are now \$35 each or two for \$60. We only order a certain amount of yearbooks, so buy your yearbook before they are all out.



## Club

The WE Club would like to thank everyone that donated and participated in "You Have Been Flocked" and our Dance-a-Thon. We raised over \$3000 and helped out 17 children in our area. Walmart also donated toys for our gift giving. This is a wonderful fundraiser to gain an understanding of Paying It Forward and being part of something that is bigger than themselves. Once again, thank you to all that helped with this year's gift giving and making it so successful!

Young Life Presents  
**Father Daughter  
Dance**

<i>Friday</i> 02/09/24 6:30-8:30PM	<i>Saturday</i> 02/10/24 6:30-8:30PM
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Dancing, cupcakes,  
crafts, bingo,  
& tons of  
fun!

\$30 / Couple \$10 / Additional daughters \$10 / 4x6 Professional printed photo	Register online* → or at the door. *Early bird photo option
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Lewis & Clark Ballroom 117 Magnolia St, Centralia WA  
The School District does not sponsor this event and assumes no responsibility for it.



# PE ELL FACILITIES UPDATE

## Pe Ell School Facilities Update

### School Safety Projects

The **Enclosed Canopy Project** is nearing completion. This project, in conjunction with the recently completed **Key Fob Project**, will make our school safer by limiting exposure of our students to the outside during the school day and limiting access to the building aside from the designated entry (the right-side cafeteria entrance doors). It is an unfortunate reality that schools need to increase safety measures for all; these two projects will do that. Timber dollars from debt service are financing this project.

### Concession Stand Project

This project was proposed in the last two bond measures. It has been a hope for 30 years! The school board made this a priority, and it is going to happen this year. The stand will include bathrooms. Design plans are complete, permitting is being submitted, and the project is out for bid. A construction start of Spring 2024 is anticipated with substantial completion in August of 2024. Timber dollars from debt service are financing this project.

### Bond Measure

The Pe Ell School Board of Directors set aside time in their August, September, October, and November regular meetings for discussion and public input about a bond. They decided to run a bond that will become active when the current bond expires. The measure for a \$1.9M bond, if passed, will support the modernization project by improving our outside areas and other items not covered by state grants. A new bond would allow timber dollars to continue flow into debt service for other future facility improvements and to lower taxes.

Bond items include: track replacement with football field improvements and irrigation, temporary classrooms for displaced classes during construction activities (portables), other site upgrades including school and youth ball fields, and some finances for overall project planning and unforeseen building costs.

### Modernization of School Project

Finances: Rural Modernization Grant I (\$5M) is funded through construction. Rural Modernization Grant II (\$6M)– is funded through planning, with construction funding anticipated no later than July 2025. Rural Modernization Grant III (\$6M)– Application to apply has been opened and will be reviewed for submission. SCAP (School Construction Assistance Program) will be applied for no later than Fall 2024.

Scope of work: Whole building modernization including upgrades to building envelope (roofing, siding, doors, windows), safety and security, heating and cooling, plumbing and electrical, interior finishes, classroom technology, and furnishings.

Timeline: Advertisement for architectural and engineering services is posted with final review and selection of a design team to take place in February of 2024. The design phase is anticipated to start Winter 2024 and extend through June of 2025. The bid phase is Summer 2025 (estimated) with a construction start of Summer/Fall 2025 (estimated).

**Board of Directors**  
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## RURAL ROUTE 4 POSTAL CUSTOMER



**District Administration**  
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 Bobby McCalden, Business Manager  
 Brandon Pontius, TK-8 Principal  
 Keith Shepherd, HS Dean of Students/AD  
 Lisa Miller, District Secretary  
 Julie Castro, Secretary

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 1	HS GBB/BBB @ CAA	4:00
Feb 2	<b>FBLA Winter Leadership Conference @ LCC</b> <b>HS TOLO Dance – Little Gym</b>	7:00 am 8:00 – 10:30 pm
Feb 3	HS Boys Wrestling Sub Regionals @ Kalama HS Girls Wrestling Sub Regionals @ Hoquiam	8:00 am 8:00 am
Feb 4	<b>Booster Club Meeting – Library</b>	6:00
Feb 5	MS BBB @ N Beach HS GBB Districts – TBD	5:45 6:00
Feb 6	HS BBB Districts – TBD	6:00
Feb 7	MS BBB vs Valley HS GBB Districts – TBD	5:45 6:00
Feb 8	HS BBB Districts – TBD	6:00
Feb 9	<b>Knowledge Bowl Regionals – Tumwater ESD</b> HS GBB Districts – TBD	6:00
Feb 10	HS Boys Wrestling Regionals @ Adna HS BBB Districts – TBD	8:00 am 6:00
Feb 12	<b>Special School Board Meeting – Library</b> HS GBB Districts – TBD	5:30 6:00
Feb 13	HS BBB Districts – TBD	6:00
Feb 15 – 16	GBB & BBB DISTRICTS – TBD	6:00
Feb 16 – 17	HS State Wrestling @ Tacoma	
Feb 17	HS GBB DISTRICTS @ Montesano HS BBB DISTRICTS @ Montesano	2:00 6:00
Feb 19	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>	
Feb 22	<b>School Board Meeting – Library</b>	5:30
Feb 23	Weather Make Up Day – if needed HS GBB / BBB Regionals	
Feb 26	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of HS FP/BB/Track	
Feb 28 – Mar 1	<b>HS BASKETBALL STATE</b>	

\* 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!**



### TROJAN PRIDE NEWSLETTER TEAM

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### Booster Boards

**\$20 - Renew**  
**\$30 - Brand new**

**Please make all checks to Pe Ell Booster Club**

**Contact or find Suzanne Nelson or Vandi Greenwood to pay your fees or order a board**