

Seeking Volunteers for Our Book Fair!



Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school October 23-25.

Volunteers are the motivators to help any Book Fair become a success. We hope that you share with us your skills to help students discover the power of reading.

If you have some time to help with the Book Fair, please complete the form below and circle the areas where you would like to help out. Send the form back to Mrs. McKee in the Eagle Reading Room or email at jmckee@ptschools.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs. McKee'.

Mrs. McKee
Book Fair Chairperson

Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

I have circled areas where I'd like to help out:

- Setting up the Fair –Tuesday October 22 2:00-2:50 pm
- Helping shoppers at the Fair October 23 8:00-8:30 am
- Packing up the Fair – Friday October 25 @ 3:00 pm

4th/5th grade only

Why Music?

Other than for the joy? The inherent beauty? The ability to bring a smile to performers and audience members alike?

Providing a child with the opportunity to build a foundation of musical skills, coupled with the strength of a mentoring relationship, helps foster confidence and build a competency set that will serve them well both in and out of the classroom.

Learning music is an ideal environment for the application of practical skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving strategies, persistence and collaboration. When a student works on a new piece of music, they look for embedded instructions and for sequences and patterns.

They learn to think critically by breaking down complicated sections into understandable chunks and working their way through difficult passages. Perseverance leads to accomplishment. With ensemble music, other skills such as collaboration, active listening and leadership skills emerge.

Research confirms that students who study music fare better in school - and in life. By way of example, a 2012 NEA study showed that students who have access to the arts in or out of school do better academically and become more active and engaged citizens. These results are particularly true within lower socio-economic groups.

Similarly, studies have shown that music and arts education help high-risk students stay in school. And brain research shows not only that music improves skills in math and reading, but that it promotes creativity, social development, personality adjustment, and self-worth.

STAFF:

Larry Pepper – Music Teacher at Salish Coast Elementary school. With a background in vocal music, Larry graduated with a BA in music from San Jose State University in 1975 and taught K-5 general education and music in Juneau, Alaska for 20 years. In 1999 he joined the Port Townsend School District and taught K-5 music at Mountain View Elementary and Grant Street Elementary. Larry also directed the choir at Mountain View. Larry also has a master's degree in Public School Administration.

Daniel Ferland – Music Director at PTHS and Fine Arts Coordinator of the Port Townsend School District. Daniel has worked in the district since 2014 and helped to build an award winning orchestra program capturing various awards and invitations to perform out of state and in Canada. He also started the Winter Stringfest Event which serves over 150 student musicians from around Jefferson County. Student string teachers will assist Mr. Ferland in this program.

Fall 2019 YEA Music

YEA Music! is an afterschool music program based on the El Sistema music system beliefs that music is beneficial to the overall development of children including intellectual, emotional, and social development.

4th, 5th, and 6th grade students are currently being accepted for the 2019 fall session.



Schedule:

YEA Music! will meet at Blue Heron School on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm. A session will include a healthy snack for students, an academic mentoring session, followed by music lessons in choir and strings. Students will take both classes.

2019 Fall Term begins the week of Nov. 4th through the week of December 2nd. A finale performance will take place at Winter Stringfest at PTHS on December 8th at 3:pm.

COST:

YEA Music! is a free program provided in a partnership between YEA Music! (a 501c3

organization) and the Port Townsend School District.

Healthy snack, tutoring session, music lessons, and use of an instrument are provided to students free of charge. Salish students ride the after school bus to Blue Heron for YEA classes. Bus transportation home at 5 may be available depending on need. (parent pickup at Blue Heron is preferred)

How to Apply:

Space is limited for 2019. Blue Heron 6th graders, please pick up applications from the office. Refer any questions to Daniel Ferland:
dferland@ptschools.org

Salish Coast Students' pick up applications from classroom teachers.

Questions? Contact
Larry Pepper
lpepper@ptschools.org
360-531-0977

Nov. 4

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!

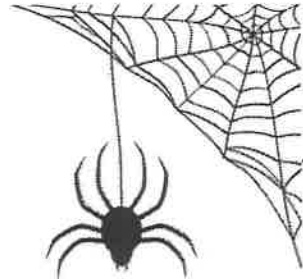


**PT PTA CARNIVAL
AT SALISH COAST!
OCT. 26, 1-4 pm**

Game tickets 25 cents
Costume contest
Snacks for sale

Special prizes thanks to Whistle Stop Toys

Volunteers Needed:
text Sarah Rubenstein 510-326-1162
or sign up online <http://tiny.cc/PTACarnival>



MAIN STREETS 25TH ANNUAL PORT TOWNSEND
DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

&

FAMILY PORTRAIT TOWN PHOTO

ON HALLOWEEN—THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2019

Photo at 4:15 pm followed by Parade & Trick or Treating

Children Pre-school through 6th Grade in costume are invited to participate!

Participants must be accompanied by an adult

- ❖ Children assemble at 4:00 pm at 1st Security Bank Plaza, Adams & Water Streets
- ❖ Photo will be taken at 4:15 pm, Parade to follow after
- ❖ Parade participants march down Water Street to Polk Street
- ❖ Trick or Treat immediately following the parade at participating businesses throughout Downtown (Water Street, Washington Street and in between)

Sponsored by the Port Townsend Main Street Program, Olympic Peninsula Steam, The Old Whiskey Mill, and Participating Merchants. **PLEASE NOTE: Water Street and some side streets from Madison to Polk will be closed to traffic from 3:30pm to 5:30pm for public safety at this event. Approximately 1,500 to 2,000 people attend this event. ptmainstreet.org**

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