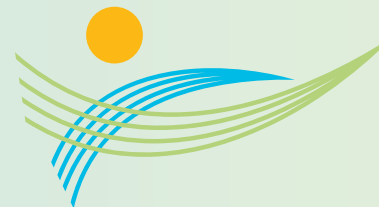


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Reflecting on the 2020-21 School Year

While the 2020-21 school year has been full of challenges, the students, families, and staff of the Port Townsend School District have worked hard to provide the best possible learning experience for students. The year began with some students learning all remotely, while others attending school two or three days a week. Some students continued the entire school year as “distance learners” connecting with their teachers and classmates only via Zoom and a digital classroom. Many students were able to return to school for part or full time in-person learning as the health restrictions allowed.

In April the health guidelines allowed an increase in the amount of in-person learning. At Salish Coast Elementary School students returned for five days a week of in-person learning. Blue Heron Middle School offered four days a week

of in-person learning for all students, and Port Townsend High School had students attending in person two days a week. OCEAN school students were able to attend optional in-person enrichment activities.

Teachers were creative in providing enriching learning experiences while keeping everyone safe. Students participated in virtual field trips, and worked with volunteers over Zoom. School sports looked different this year, but athletes had a chance to compete in shortened seasons with increased safety protocols. With careful health and safety planning, including the availability of vaccinations for students 12 and up, Port Townsend High School was able to host an outdoor prom and graduation ceremony to celebrate this year's Senior class. The following two pages give some quick facts highlighting the unique nature of this school year.

Planning for Fall 2021-22: Five days a week of in-person learning

In the fall Port Townsend School District schools will be fully open for in-person instruction five full days a week for students in kindergarten through grade 12, as long as there are no changes to the Washington State Department of Health guidelines.

As recommended by the CDC and Washington State Department of Health, schools will use 3-foot distancing in classrooms and 6-foot distancing in common areas as possible, require face masks for staff and students, and follow other recommended safety measures.

Academic and Well-Being Recovery Plan

Students and families have had a wide range of experiences over the past 14 months. To support all students next year, the district has a robust recovery plan focused both on academics and well-being. The District will continue to offer high quality place-based learning, enrichment, and intervention support to help all learners accelerate and work towards grade level standards. Teachers will have training on how to support learners who need additional instruction on previous standards while mastering the current grade standards.

All schools will have time for social emotional lessons, as well as additional counseling and support services for those who need them. Sports and clubs will be offered. More information on programs will be available as part of back-to-school events and information.

Now Enrolling for 2021-22

Families with students not currently enrolled who would like to attend Port Townsend School District next year can enroll their students now. Enrolling early helps the district plan for staffing. New to the district students can be enrolled online. Students who have previously been enrolled in Port Townsend School District should contact the school directly to have their student re-enrolled for next school year. Staff will be checking phone messages and emails periodically over the summer and will assist families with enrollment as needed.

**Salish Coast Elementary School
(Grades PreK-5)**
1637 Grant Street
Port Townsend WA 98368
360-379-4535

Blue Heron Middle School (Grades 6-8)
3939 San Juan Avenue
Port Townsend WA 98368
360-379-4540

Port Townsend High School (Grades 9-12)
1500 Van Ness
Port Townsend WA 98368
360-379-4520

OCEAN School (Grades K-12)

OCEAN is a K-12 Alternative Learning Environment School offered through Port Townsend School District. Credentialed teachers and parents collaborate to provide individualized, standards-based instruction.

OCEAN K-12 depends on the partnership between students, parents and teacher to develop the optimal educational program for the student. This program serves those students who work best in a home and community-based environment through independent study, and are self-motivated for classes that do not meet daily.

To join OCEAN families need to complete an application available online or from the school. Now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. www.ptschools.org/schools/ocean
360-379-4540.

Online Program

Port Townsend School District is exploring the possibility of offering an all online virtual program for families who choose not to send their students for in-person learning due to a family health concern or for those that wish to continue with online learning. Updated information about the availability of this program can be found at ptschools.org.



• 180 •

Days of school

For students with a combination of in-person, blended, and distance learning.

1070 Enrolled Students

Average enrollment.

375



Salish Coast Elementary School

340



Port Townsend High School

242



Blue Heron Middle School

111



OCEAN School



Served by Port Townsend School District Food Service. The USDA school breakfast and lunch program allowed meals to be offered at no cost to all students and families.

The free meals program will continue for the 2021-22 school year.

Distance and blended learners were offered home delivery of school breakfast and lunch to ensure all students continued to have access to healthy and nutritious food.



23,000
Meals
Delivered

57

Home
internet
connections

provided with the help of Connected Students Initiative and OSPI. Thanks to PTEF, PTA, and Rotary Club of Jefferson County.

1028 Devices

Chromebooks, iPads, and laptops provided to students for home and school use.

Summer School Programs



81 Elementary Students

Will get reading and math intervention, and an enrichment camp with the YMCA for 20 full days from July 26-Aug.

50 Middle School Students

Will get WA state history credit, and math and ELA instruction; along with art, photography, garden and music enrichment.

60 High School Credits

Offered with Odysseyware and credit retrieval opportunities to ensure that all students are ready for post secondary life.

21 Students in Grades K-12

Will get extended school year and recovery services.

6000 Meals Scheduled

For students in summer school programs provided by the YMCA to ensure access to healthy food over the summer.

Community in the Schools

130 days of Childcare

Full-day licensed childcare provided by the Jefferson County YMCA at Salish Coast Elementary until school was able to resume 5 days a week. The YMCA continues to provide before and after school care for ages 5-12.



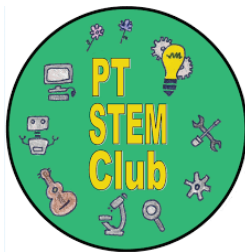
7 PTA Projects



The Port Townsend PTA dedicated volunteer time and contributed funds for Senior yard signs and shirts, 8th grade dinner dance, graduation cap and gown financial aid, Senior grad night, Connected Students Initiative, and vegetable starts for the garden at Salish Coast Elementary.

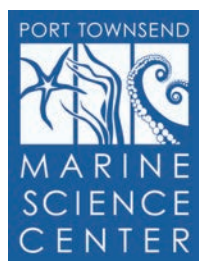
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4th Grade Students participated in Robotics at Salish Coast Elementary. PT STEM Club volunteers Zoomed with students to provide support.



45

Robotics Kits on loan to PT Schools Students from UW with the help of the PT STEM Club.



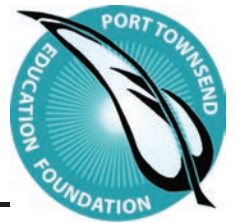
90 Students on Virtual Field Trips

With the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Salish Coast Elementary 3rd and 4th grades attended two sessions on marine debris and invertebrate adaptations.

55 Students at North Beach

for a field trip on marine debris with the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Blue Heron 8th graders learned about preventing plastic waste in the environment, the impact of marine debris on wildlife, and examined Laysan albatross boluses.

Port Townsend Education Foundation



\$48,000

In grants awarded during the fall and spring grant cycles.



1000

Microsoft mice provided to students thanks to a generous donation from a community member.

3,608

Students impacted by this year's grants

23

Educator-written grants awarded.

100+ hours

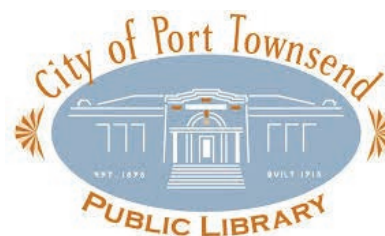
Subject Coaching

by 12 Skillmation Subject Coaches to support students with blended and distance learning.



16 Lunch @ UR Library Virtual Programs

in Partnership with the City of Port Townsend Public Library



376

Take-N-Make Craft Kits for students for Lunch @ UR Library programs or to explore on their own.

11

OCEAN students on Bravo Team studied maritime expedition and environmental stewardship.

86

Seventh grade students participated in Maritime Discovery Schools program.



Blue Heron Mural Club

At the beginning of May, nearly twenty sixth, 7th, and eighth graders gathered in the art room to come up with a design for the Blue Heron mural. They looked through a lot of examples of what makes a good mural, then got to work creating their own designs. They spent time out at the wall, imagining it in full color, and transferring those imaginings to their papers. With art teacher Christie Boyd they talked through what kind of messages they wanted to convey with the mural. They decided they wanted it to be bright, welcoming, and convey a sense of place. They wanted it to transform the facade of the school and to make the space more inviting.

Boyd took all 18 designs and pulled themes out that came up over and over again. Using those designs, she came up with two designs that the students chose between. The students chose the design that incorporated rhododendrons and lupins, local native flowers, and a color blocked background, over the image that incorporated

wave imagery because they felt it was more original and had been seen less often.

The mural club came in on a Saturday and primed the wall. They reported that, boy, was it nerve-racking priming over raw brick! There would be no turning back! The next step was to transfer the image to the wall, but because the easiest way is to project the image, this has to be done at night. Boyd set up a projector cart in the parking lot and battled the street lamps out front of the school in order to draw all the lines on the wall in sharpie.

The following Monday, students were ready and excited to paint. With two days a week of painting, for four weeks, the students created a mural that will last for many years. They battled rain, tiny red spiders on the wall, grout lines that make it really hard to keep a straight line, and having to learn how to wash a paint brush properly. The new look is a welcome addition to the Blue Heron School Commons entrance.



Salish Coast Elementary Garden Supported by Ocean Guardian Grant

For the third year in a row Salish Coast Elementary School is a recipient of a NOAA OCEAN Guardian grant to support the school garden program. As an Ocean Guardian School students learn about sustainable and nontoxic gardening practices, including composting, and how human actions impact watersheds. Students get to have hands-on lessons where they learn about low water use gardening practices, help weed, plant and maintain the crops, and grow produce for the farm to school cafeteria program.

This spring, a new school garden coordinator joined the school community, Leta Fetherolf. Leta brings with her years of experience on local farms and a passion for gardening. She jumped right into the busy spring season with students getting them out to the garden prepping beds and planting seeds. Garden is always a favorite class for students. In the fall and spring in-person learning students have had many outdoor garden lessons. This spring distance learning students were also invited to come in-person for a garden class. For some of the distance learners it was their first time seeing their classmates in person this year.

Over the summer there will be opportunities for volunteers to work in the garden. To volunteer email lfetherolf@ptschools.org.



Non-Discrimination Statement

Port Townsend School District No. 50 does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, immigration status, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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(RCW 28A.640/28A.642):

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(360) 379-4603 • akhile@ptschools.org

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