



PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

FINE ARTS PROGRAM 2018 REPORT

Teacher Reports

D. Ferland – PTHS Orchestra is planning on a trip in March of this year to participate in the American String Teachers Association Washing State competition. This will be held on the campus of Western Washington University in Bellingham.

W. Lecerc – What a difference is having my own Art room. I love it! And finally, being a full time teacher with benefits, is the best reward. The biggest challenge this year will be teaching around 520 students.

L. Pepper – The school district is excited to welcome back Larry Pepper out of retirement to teach music part time at Salish Coast. He will teaching general music classes with our students as well as assisting in developing vocal skills as part of the new YEA Music! program

K. Clarke – The first Blue Heron band concert will be Tuesday December 18th at 7:00pm

L. Chambers - Blue Heron Visual Art started the year in 6th and 7th grades painting Elementary Memorial Chairs. Chairs from Grant Street prompted deep thinking about education, particularly attached to primary grade experiences of students. Students moved through a cognitive process to generate messages that were translated into images that the students are painting on their chairs. When complete, the chairs will be displayed in the library for a week, before going home

M. Soderstrom – We will be working with Margie McDonald this Fall for our wearable art unit for a place based project.

C. Pierson – The fall play for the HS will be “Almost, Maine” from November 9-17 in the auditorium.

YEA Music! is a new pilot program at Salish Coast running for 6 weeks after school this fall beginning in late October until December. YEA Music! is based on the El Sistema music program which will service 4th and 5th graders after school three days a week with academic mentoring and free music lessons. Larry Pepper will teach choir and Bobbi Nikles will be teaching fiddle. Skillmation will be helping to provide mentors to students focusing on reading/literacy skills as part of this program. In addition, students will also receive a heathy snack. This is a pilot program with hopes of continuing to a spring session and expend to more grade levels in the 2019-2020 school year.

Course Offerings and Participation Currently fine arts offerings at Salish Coast include Art and Music classes for all students.

In our performing arts classes 7-8, we have 56 students enrolled in orchestra and 35 enrolled in band. At the high school level, we currently have 47 students enrolled in orchestra and 30 in band.