



# PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

### FINE ARTS PROGRAM 2019 REPORT

September 19, 2019

#### Teacher Reports

D. Ferland – PTHS Band and Orchestra is planning on a trip in April of 2020 to Los Angeles. Highlights of the trip included attending a performance of the Los Angeles Philharmonic as well as participating in a recording session at Capital Records famed Studio A to create a music department album.

W. Leclerc – Wanda continues working with all of our Salish Coast students in Art classes. She is working to develop a Salish Coast Gallery this year in order to exhibit student work. She is also busy collaborating with different grade level MDS projects.

L. Pepper – Salish Coast offers a K-5 general music session for each class once a week for 45 min, taught by either Larry Pepper or Kim Clark. Two periods of choir are being offered to 4<sup>th</sup> and fifth graders.

K. Clarke – The Blue Heron bands will perform three concerts and one or two parades. The Wind Ensemble will perform at band adjudication in Port Angeles and students will also have the opportunity to participate in Solo/Ensemble and All State events. There will also be an after school jazz band.

N. Chollar – Blue Heron is excited to welcome Nathan Chollar to the Blue Heron staff this year as our new art teacher. Nathan is replacing Luci Chambers who retired at the end of last year. He comes to us from Neah Bay where he also taught Art. Nathan will also be teaching one section of PE as part of his assignment.

M. Soderstrom – We will be working with Margie McDonald this Fall for our wearable art unit for a place based project. In January, we will be having our own wearable art show at Port Townsend High School for students.

C. Pierson – The fall play for the HS will be “Our Town” which will be performed in the high school auditorium. This year’s production is directed by Kelly Doran and will open on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

YEA Music! – This after school enrichment program was a huge success last year featuring over 40 fiddle and vocal students at two concerts. This year, we hope to have 3 sessions (fall, winter and spring) and are now expanding to include sixth grade students to expand our vocal program. We also hope to include both a piano lab and sessions for ukulele as well.

In our performing arts classes 7-8, we have 51 students enrolled in orchestra and 47 enrolled in band. At the high school level, we currently have 59 students enrolled in orchestra and 30 in band.