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January—February 2015

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION STUDENTS

2015
Happy New Year



Transition students are students age 18 to 21 years of age with disabilities who are eligible to stay in school after “graduation”.

These students work on life skills and vocational skills. One of the ways students can gain vocational skills is by getting into a real life work setting called “Work Experience” (WEX) sites.

*Happy
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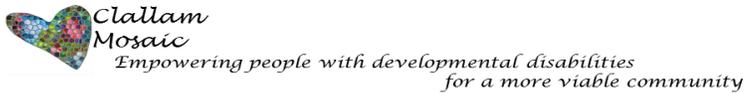
There are several business sites in our community willing to host students, such as KWA HomeCare, Goodwill Industries, City of Port Angeles; just to name a few. Recently, Clallam County has decided to participate by becoming a WEX site. We currently have two students from Port Angeles High School Transition Program coming two days a week. One young man is taking care of recycling, watering plants, sweeping and dusting. A young lady is shredding and disinfecting door handles. They both have opportunities for special projects as well.

More opportunities are opening up in the county building and we hope to see many more students actively engaged in vocational experiences with us, but also within more businesses in the community. If you would like more information about this program, contact your high school special education director or you can contact the Clallam County Healthy & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Case Manager, Mary Clifton at 417 2407.



Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.

– Thomas Jefferson



The holiday season was a busy time for Clallam Mosaic participants. Wreath-making got folks into the spirit of the season and raised funds for programs/scholarships! We hope to make wreaths again in 2015 so if you have any of the frames left, please feel free to recycle them with us.

In addition to wreath-making the winter intersession brought the concept of Workshops to Clallam Mosaic programming. During December, workshops covered healthy relationships and were led by Darryl Trowbridge of the agency - Healthy Families. Moving forward, workshops will continue to show up in Clallam Mosaic programs as "Slice of Life" classes. These classes will be designed as mini-sessions within a quarter which cover a myriad of topics ranging from health to art to safety. Generally, workshops will be taught by guest instructors who are experts in the field and participants will be able to take the entire quarter of workshops or just sign up for the topics of interest to them. During the winter 2015 quarter the workshops will cover healthy eating habits, first aid, dental hygiene and photography.

And speaking of winter quarter – last week saw the re-introduction of the Safe & Strong curriculum to the Clallam Mosaic schedule. The Safe & Strong program was developed in the 1990's to teach aspects of safety in the community to individuals with developmental disabilities (DD). Ann Chihan of Child Care Action Council and Mary Doherty of Prevention Works! will be team teaching the class during the winter 2015 term and they will be adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of our participants as well as to update it for current issues – e.g. internet safety, texting, etc. This class is made possible as a result of a grant from the Ben & Myrtle Walkling Foundation.

While new classes are great, the "old standbys" are also needed. Thus, participants are still active in Theater, Drumming, Rec Club, Cooking and monthly Dances. Arts and some of the educational classes have been put on hold for the quarter but will resurface as the year progresses.

On another front, the Parent Networks are gearing for a busy 2015 as well! The next Parents of Minors (PoM) meeting will take place on Saturday, January 26th from 3 pm to 5 pm. Some clowns may stop in (though only with their red noses, not their full costumes!) to do some balloon twisting for kids who come to the get together. As always, child care and light snacks will be available during the meeting. This meeting does not have any guest presenters but will be more of a New Year community building event. In future months the networks are planning on hosting some panel discussions on the topic of IEPs, a presentation on Autism Spectrum Disorder and more talks about housing options for individuals with DD. In addition, if anyone has ideas for important topics that should be covered by one of our parent groups, please feel free to contact us via the Clallam Mosaic Facebook page or through email (info@clallammosaic.org).

Finally, Clallam Mosaic would like to recognize the loss of a valuable member of our community during the holiday season. Arlayne Cogburn (see picture), a long time Clallam Mosaic participant, an avid "champion of the Seattle Seahawks (long before they were successful) and supporter of the Clallam County Orcas" passed away on December 24, 2014 at the age of 84. We will all miss her dearly....



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DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, January 8th, 5:30–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, March 5, 5:30–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting again on Thursday February 5th, 5:15–7:30pm at Home Depot, Sequim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event—March 25th, 2015, 10am-1pm at Vern Burton Community Center, Port Angeles. Come and see what resources are in the community and meet employers who are hiring. Workshops will be held to help you learn tools for job seeking and job keeping. Sack lunch provided. Free to all. *Sponsored by Clallam County HHS-DD, WorkSource, DSHS, DVR, DDA, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Morningside, and Concerned Citizens.*

AND AROUND TOWN



Little Mermaid by Missoula Children’s Theatre —January 23rd, 3:00pm and 5:00pm, Forks School, Forks

Mighty Messy Saturday—January 24th, 2:30pm, Capernaum Center, 132 E. 13th Street, Port Angeles. Contact Sarah Lovejoy at 797-4850 or 457-4122

Port Angeles Symphony—February 7th, 7:30pm, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 304 E. Park Ave, Port Angeles. Tickets \$12-\$30, under 16 free. Call 457-5579 for more info or go to www.portangelessymphony.org

Dragon Dance & Valentine’s Day Celebration—February 14th, 1:00-2:00pm, Weel Road Deli, Clallam Bay. Dance & potluck for all ages. Free

The Newlywed Game—February 14th, 8:00pm, Forks Elks Club, Forks. \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple. Full course surf and turf dinner served with game. Call 360-780-2000 for more info.

Building & Remodeling Expo—February 14th 9-5 & 15th 10-5, Sequim High School, 601 N Sequim Ave, Sequim.

Dance and Show—February 21st, Sequim VFW, 169 E. Washington Street, Sequim. Country music dance for adults. No cover. Call 683-9546 for more information.

EVENTS





**Clallam
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ORCAS UPDATE



Bowling was a big success. We took 58 bowlers to the big tournament that was held at All Star Lanes in early November. It was a fantastic day, we brought home many, many medals and many more smiling faces!! We love bowling and are so thankful to Vern Elkhart at Laurel Lanes for allowing our team to hone our skills at his bowling alley for 8 years.

Now, basketball season is in full-swing and the Clallam County Orcas are gearing up for the Southwest Regional Tournament that will be held on Saturday, January 31st in Bremerton. We have fantastic new coaches and are excited to have new athletes too. Coaches Michael Lippert, Tom Rief, Travis Weitz and Marti Kavadas are working hard to train our athletes with skills that will make them well-prepared for the tournament.

Sooner than we think, spring will be here, the temperatures will warm up and our athletics and swimming programs will begin. We love our spring season as it involves the events that our athletes compete with at the Summer Games, which are held at Joint Base Lewis McChord during the first week in June. So if you haven't been involved before, this is the season to begin. Running, walking, jumping, throwing and swimming - whatever you want to do!! Come join us!!!

We are also in need of new coaches for athletics - it will be the best experience you've ever had, please give Wendy Bonham a call at 360-477-4134 if you are interested or pass the number on to someone else who is interested.



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