

Hello, world! Thanks for tuning in to 91.9 FM KPTZ. I'm Simon Jaynes with the local news for Port Townsend on this Thursday, August 4, 2022.

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I have the pleasure of being joined in the studio once again today by my sons, junior reporters – Syd and Ivan. They are going to help me give a little school update because even though nobody wants to hear this now, it is already August 4 and there is only 1 month left of summer vacation for the Port Townsend School District. The School District has emailed its one-page calendar to families for the 2022-23 school year and there is a list of upcoming important dates in August that you can find there. This would be especially important to pay attention to for any new families to the district or families enrolling a new student. Online enrollment is now open for Fall 2022 and links to what you need to know are available on the website ([https://www.ptschools.org/for\\_families/applications\\_and\\_forms](https://www.ptschools.org/for_families/applications_and_forms)).

Simon: Ivan, I'm wondering if there was anything on that August Calendar that caught your eye?

Ivan: The Kindergarten Round-Up

Simon: And when is the Round Up?

Ivan: From 10am to noon

Simon: On what day?

Ivan: August 26

Simon: Anyone you can think of who might need to go to that?

Ivan: Me!

Simon: Oh yeah! You. So do you have your enrollment packet all filled out?

Ivan: No!

Simon: You don't? What happened to your enrollment packet?

Ivan: A Titanoboa ate it

Simon: A What?

Ivan: A Titanoboa ate it!

Simon: What the heck is a Titanoboa?

Ivan: A ginormous snake.

Simon: OK, well we might have to use that excuse I suppose if we aren't enrolled by the round up.

Simon: How about you Syd, what was the most important date you saw on the calendar?

Syd: The start of School.

Simon: I want to make sure the audience knows I'm not seeing a smiling face here. When is this first day of school?

Syd: It is on September 6.

The point is folks, if you have young ones in the schools locally, its time to start checking for updates from their schools and to head to the website with any questions. There are a number of parent and student orientations in August as well as high school sports starting, school board meetings happening, and more. The full calendar is available at [https://www.ptschools.org/for\\_families/school\\_calendars](https://www.ptschools.org/for_families/school_calendars).

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Northwind Art has gifted the Port Townsend Public Library its recent Bill Curtsinger Portfolio exhibit. This is thanks to an anonymous donor who purchased five of Curtsinger's framed photographs from the exhibit and specifically asked for them to be donated to the library. Each of the images was stamped, numbered, and framed by local photographer Brian Goodman and signed by Curtsinger. Bill Curtsinger was a deep-sea photographer who worked extensively with National Geographic, capturing images of sea life in the Arctic, Antarctic and

elsewhere. He now lives in Port Townsend and owns Sunrise Coffee Company. Teresa Verraes, executive director of Northwind Art, presented the donated photos to director Melody Sky Weaver of the Port Townsend Public Library on July 11. “We are so grateful for this generous gift,” Weaver said. “These beautiful photos will hang in the library for all to enjoy.”

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Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed August as “Child Support Awareness Month” in Washington State. A statement from the governor’s office calls this an acknowledgment of “the significant role child support plays in building a foundation for children to grow, prosper and thrive.” The proclamation itself highlights in particular the state government Division of Child Support and Child Support Services as an agency that, according to the Governor, “touches the lives of 480,000 Washingtonians and has collected more than \$756 million dollars in support in the fiscal year 2021.” According to Governor Inslee’s statement, “Child support provides the necessary means that many Washington state families rely on in order to help children realize their dreams and become future leaders.”

In recognition of this month, the Department of Social and Health Services is soliciting entries to its annual art contest. Children through age 17 are invited to submit artwork and/or photography illustrating an answer to the question, “How will you change the world?” Information on the contest is available at the DSHS website (<https://dshswa.medium.com/dshs-annual-art-contest-celebrates-child-support-awareness-month-in-august-e9acb0021bc7>).

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Simon: Syd. what would you do to change the world?

Syd: I would change the world by stopping pollution and climate change.

Simon: Those are very nice ideas. Ivan, do you have anything to add? How would you change the world, bud?

Ivan: I don’t know.

Simon: That’s an honest answer. Do you have any ideas?

Ivan: Candy World.

Simon: A candy world? That we live on?

Ivan: And we’re gingerbread men again!

Simon: Did we used to be gingerbread men? Is that what cavemen actually were, were gingerbread men?

Ivan: Yes!

Simon: OK. Ivan, once again coming through with a radical plan.

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And that’s it for today’s local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news at noon Monday through Saturday, and at 5pm Monday through Friday. You can contact us at [news@kptz.org](mailto:news@kptz.org). I’m Simon Jaynes – I’m Syd – and I’m Ivan. Thanks for listening and have a great day.