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## PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

Community Memo

March 2, 2026

### Frequent Contacted Numbers

Career & Ed:  
(360) 297-6317

Community Outreach:  
(360) 297-9678

Early Childhood  
Program:  
(360) 297-6300

Elders Center:  
(360) 297-9630

Enrollment:  
(360) 297-6217

Front Desk:  
(360) 297-2646

Health Services:  
(360) 297-2840

Housing:  
(360) 297-6350 Ext  
5827

Natural Resources:  
(360)297-6294

### Spring General Council Information

#### **Agenda Request Forms**

**Spring General Council  
is Saturday March 28,  
2026**

**Agenda Requests for  
the Spring General  
Council meeting are  
due Today, March 2,  
2026 at 4:30pm.**

**Agenda forms are  
available at the front  
desk.**

**Completed requests  
can be returned to the  
front desk or emailed  
to:  
savannahs@pgst.nsn.us**

### Enrollment

**Attn. PGST Members:  
Need a tribal ID? It's easy to  
get!**

**Tribal ID's take between  
5-10 minutes to make.  
Very quick and easy. And  
there are no documents  
needed to make the  
request. Here's how it  
works: The clerk will take  
an updated picture of  
you, make sure your  
address is current and  
other information is  
correct, and then the ID  
will be printed and  
signed. You can contact  
the enrollment clerk,  
Jordan DeCoteau, to set  
up a day and time to  
come in and get an ID  
made. If you have any  
questions or want to set  
an appointment, please  
call Jordan at 360-297-  
6217 or email  
enrollment@pgst.nsn.us.**

# Children & Families Services

## **Office Hours**

As a reminder that the CFS Office is Closed for Lunch daily from 11:45am to 1:15pm No staff will be there to offer assistance/benefits during that time.

## **Family Assistance Program Happening**

### **TANF**

Is always operating. We now have two case managers to help assist tribal members who may qualify for the program, if you have questions please contact Sandra Horton. [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us) or via phone or text at (564)245-0492

## **Food Bank**

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 and 1:15-4:00pm Monday through Friday, please come into the Children and Family Services Building and speak with Miranda at the front desk.

As a gentle reminder each family may use the food bank once a week and we ask you to wait in the lobby or in your car while a CFS Staff member assists.

## **Elder's**

Elder's meals are available for pick-up only between 11:30am -12:30pm.

We enjoy all the participants coming for the delicious meals prepared by staff but if you do not regularly participate in the lunch program, you need to call the kitchen at 360-297-9627 so we can plan accordingly.

# Children & Families Services

## **Developmental Disabilities Community Services D.D.C.S.**

Will be available for information and sign up on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the elders center from 9am to 1pm.

Consumer direct care

Washington will be there to help people get through the hiring process to become care providers. If they have any questions contact 360-297-9600 or text 360-9731-0637

## **LIHEAP**

is now open and accepting applications. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Current bill due, showing a balanced owed, income or statement of no income and a completed application can be sent to Jacob Sullivan at [jpsullivan@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:jpsullivan@pgst.nsn.us) or to Sandra Horton at [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us). Any questions please contact Jacob at 360.297.9652 or Sandra at 360.297.9650

Applications are available in Children and Family Services.

# Career & Education



## Court services

### Survivor & Victim Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone you care about as an advocate, we provide confidential help, safety planning resources/referrals, education, and empowerment.

Contact Teresa Swope at (360) 297-6304 or email [tswope@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:tswope@pgst.nsn.us)

## Culture

The Culture Department proudly celebrates the rich heritage of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe! For the latest on our cultural events, check out our Tribal website at

<https://pgst.nsn.us/current-news-events/> or follow us on Facebook at Port Gamble S'Klallams.

You can also sign up for community text alerts!

We love hearing from you! Feel free to visit the Cultural Office for updates or suggestions. You can also reach out to our team

## Enrollment

Enrollment & Tribal Records  
The Enrollment & Tribal Records department is committed to helping with the enrollment of members, family trees, ordering birth certificates, etc. as well as, maintaining tribal records and archives.

The Enrollment department can order birth certificates for those needing them to go through the enrollment process and administer DNA. You can also get a reimbursement for Washington State enhanced ID's.

Please reach out to Jordan DeCoteau if you have any questions or would like more information. You can reach her by email at [enrollment@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:enrollment@pgst.nsn.us) or phone at 260-297-6217.

## **CHR's:**

Call 360-297-9633 to speak with a member of our team, we offer health transports and assistance with the pick up/delivery of prescription delivery

## **Dental and Medical Clinic:**

Call 360-297-2840 to schedule an appointment or speak to a receptionist.

Mental health support line: 988  
Call or text 988 for 24/7 mental health emergency support.  
Press 4 for Native & Strong Lifeline

## **Public Health:**

After hours Triage Nurse line  
360-297-9613

Saturday Urgent Care Clinic  
hours are 9am to 5pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm  
If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 911

# SNAP Benefits

## **New Criteria That May Affect Your SNAP (EBT Food) Benefits**

Recent federal legislation (H.R. 1) has created new SNAP rules that increase work requirements and reduce certain exemptions.

These changes take effect July 1, 2025.

Washington State updated its SNAP policies on February 1, 2026, to comply with this legislation.

Because of American Indian exemptions, only a small number of Port Gamble S'Klallam households are expected to be affected.

However, households with spouses or children who are not enrolled Tribal members or not first or second descendants may be required to meet the new work requirements.

### **Updated Work Requirements**

Individuals must meet work requirements if they are:

- Ages 18-64
- Dependents over the age of 14 living in the household

### **Exemptions From Work Requirements**

The following individuals are exempt:

- American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, including first and second descendants

- Individuals active on:

- ABD
- SSI
- SSDI

- VA 100% disability

- Individuals currently receiving:

- Unemployment benefits
- L&I benefits

### **Questions or Need Help?**

Visit the Children and Families Service

Building and contact:

Sandra Horton

Family Assistance

Email: [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us)

Phone: 360-297-9650

# Housing

## Office Hours for 2026

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 am-4:30 PM daily lunch closure from 12-1.

Thursdays the office is open by appointment only.

## Tribal Council

When: March 9, 2026

Where: Tribal Council Chambers

Time: 9:15am

When: March 23, 2026

Where: Tribal Council Chambers

Time: 9:15am

## Spring General Council

When: Saturday -  
March 28, 2026

Time: 9:00am

Breakfast will be served at 8:00am

Scan Me to be sent to the Tribal Council info. page on the PGST Website



# Public Safety

As always we ask you to utilize the Kitsap 911 system for any law enforcement needs, we try to limit the amount of time officers are in the office. The 911 system is the quickest and most efficient way to contact your officers. The Kitsap 911 system handles both non-emergency and emergency calls.

## Notice of Exclusion

Joseph O Ehrhardt  
James Michael Lineback  
Maesen Michael Lineback  
Anthony L. Casillas  
Amy A. Mitchell

Notice to the Community:  
Harboring an excluded person is a crime. Any individual who harbors or allows an excluded person in their home can be charged with a Class C Offense. Please call 911 to report excluded individuals on the reservation.



# *Contract Cook Needed*

Spring General Council is on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a cook to prepare breakfast for the meeting.

Compensation is \$1000.

If you are interested please contact

Andrea Murphy @

[Amurphy@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:Amurphy@pgst.nsn.us) or

360-297-6209 x5504

Please include 2-3 menu options.

Please respond by March 2, 2026

\*PGST Tribal Members will be given  
priority\*



*Mountain Protector, Cape (detail), 2025. SiSeeNaxAlt Gail White Eagle (Muckleshoot). Yellow cedar and mountain goat wool.*

# FREE GUEST PASSES

THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2026

**BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL  
HISTORY AND CULTURE**  
Seattle, Wash.

For passes, please contact:  
PGST Front Desk at  
360-297-2646

## WOVEN IN WOOL

Visit museum galleries and special exhibit *Woven in Wool: Resilience in Coast Salish Weaving*, featuring historical and contemporary woven creations, including blankets, tunics, hoods, and skirts.



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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

# 2026 VIBRIO SEASON

Anyone who plans to commercially harvest oysters from **May 1st through September 30th** must have a current Vibrio sticker.

Due to a WA Department of Health rule change, **ALL harvesters must attend a 1-hour in-person class this year.** There will be no test option like in previous years.

Sign-ups are encouraged as classes will fill up quickly, call or text Natural Resources to reserve your spot. Please arrive on time for your class; if you are more than 5 minutes late, you may be asked to attend a different session. Be sure to bring your fishing ID with you to receive your sticker.

**NR Front Desk: 360-297-6294**  
**NR Cell Phone: 360-516-3206**



## **SCHEDULED CLASSES:**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

Location: Tribal Center  
Large Conference Room

You Are Invited  
To The  
**RETIREMENT**  
**PARTY**

For  
*Dorie Salem*



March 19, 2026  
2:00-4:00pm

PGST Longhouse

# Coyotes



## **Coyote Facts:**

- Coyotes are primarily nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night.
- Their breeding season is from January - March with a peak in February, so you may hear and see them more often.
- Coyote attacks are very rare, and most human conflicts are with coyotes that are sick or diseased.
- They are very skittish and easily scared off with shouting, loud noises, and motion/hand-held lights.

## **How to minimize conflict:**

- Remove and secure any food sources, such as garbage, pet/livestock food, bird feeders, and crab/shrimp bait.
- Keep pets and livestock secure within a fenced area or on a leash.
- Ensure garbage cans are secure.

## **Hunting and Trapping:**

- Hunting and trapping for coyotes is open for PGST members. Refer to hunting regulations for rules regarding hunting/trapping of furbearers and contact wildlife staff at natural resources.
- If you see something of concern, call 911 so an on-duty officer can make a drive-by.

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**CLIMATE  
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BICYCLE CLUB

AT THE TRIBAL CENTER  
**TEENS BIKING  
TO DESTINATIONS**



**FREQUENTLY  
ASKED  
QUESTIONS**



**REGISTER HERE**



**SPRING BREAK PROGRAM**

**APRIL 2-3 AND 6 - 9**

**BIKE MAINTENANCE  
BIKE RIDING  
SNACKS & SKILLS**



Students in  
6<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup>  
Grade

10 - 2  
Every day  
Lunch  
Included

**EARN A NEW BIKE - FREE!**

**NO BIKE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**WSDOT**

QUESTIONS: (360) 297-6317



PGST Higher Education

# FAFSA WORKSHOP

Come let us help guide  
you through this process

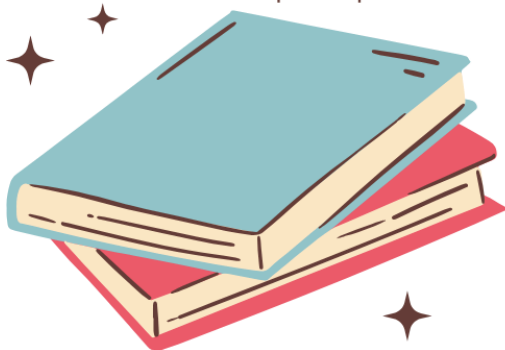
**MARCH 4, 2026**

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

PGST Longhouse

## Highlights:

- Scholarship and financial aid guidance
- Application support
- Learn about FAFSA
- Bring your laptop if you have one
- Limited laptops available for use



## Featured Speaker:

Promise Partner  
Kitsap Strong

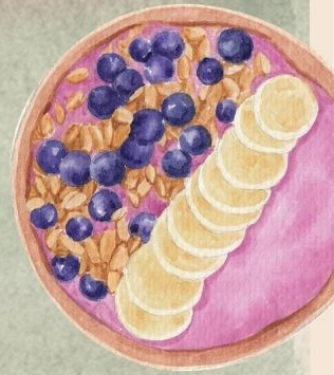
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 11AM TO SELL OUT**

**LOCATED AT THE TRIBAL KITCHEN & GYM**



**CFS FAMILY ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM PRESENTS**

# **BITE OF BOSTON**



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE  
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**



**PRIZE FOR THE TOP 3 TABLES**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
JACOB SULLIVAN 360-297-9652**

# MEET OUR MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND PICK YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER



Dr. Josh Huhndorf is Athabascan/Yupik and grew up in Nikiski, Alaska, where he worked as a commercial salmon fisherman until completing college. He completed his Family Medicine with Obstetrics residency in 2019 at UW Valley Medical Center, where he delivered 77 babies. Dr. Huhndorf has worked in Native health care since the age of 17 and looks forward to many years of service with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. His clinical interests include pediatrics, obstetrics, and skin and toenail procedures, and he has also spent several years performing dive and aviation physicals for divers and pilots on the Olympic Peninsula. Outside of work, he enjoys biking with his wife and two sons, as well as crabbing and fishing, golfing, and flying his Piper Tripacer.



Dr. Melissa Weakland is a board-certified family physician who spent 20 years as the owner of her own medical clinic in Seattle. She grew up in a steel mill town in western Pennsylvania and met her husband, Dr. Eric Lee, after college in Minnesota. Together they went to the UW medical school and residency in Rochester, NY. After working for a large multi-specialty practice, she started her own clinic to provide patient-focused quality care to all regardless of their ability to pay. She has worked with underserved youth and has a high school science teaching certificate. Her clinical interests include teen and women's health and pain medicine. She is certified in acupuncture and qigong and by the Seattle Children's Hospital Autism Center of Excellence. Dr. Weakland enjoys people and hopes to make her visits spaces where stories can be shared so she can best support each person on their path of health. Outside of work she enjoys spending her time with friends and family including two grown sons, biking, gardening, music of all kinds and playing flute.



Dr. Eric Lee is a board-certified Internal Medicine physician, focusing on the acute and chronic care of adults. He was born in Turkey and grew up in Hawaii. He met his wife Dr. Melissa Weakland while in college in Minnesota before joining her at the University of WA School of Medicine, where he got his MD with Honors. He previously worked in a large academic hospital caring for sick and complicated patients, and enjoyed teaching lots of resident doctors and medical students. He has faculty appointments with the University of WA School of Medicine and WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. His goal in every visit is to improve a patient's overall health—which sometimes is diagnosing and treating an illness, sometimes is explaining something important, and sometimes is just listening and learning with kindness. When not working he is cooking, mountain biking, or foraging berries and mushrooms.

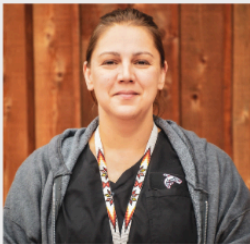
***Tell the front desk or medical assistant who you would like to be your assigned PCP. You can change PCPs if you need to.***



Dr. Luke McDaniel, MD, is the Medical Director and a Family Physician and Dive Medical Officer. As Medical Director, he is committed to integrating behavioral health services, expanding access to care for tribal members, and fostering a supportive, thriving work environment for all health center employees. Dr. McDaniel is a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service and serves on the IHS National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. He attended Stanford University and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, where he met and married Heather McDaniel, now a pastor of Bremerton United Methodist Church. Together, they have three children, all of whom are now grown. Prior to joining Port Gamble, Dr. McDaniel served the Hopi Tribe for three and a half years. In his free time, he enjoys diving, mountain scrambling, paddleboarding, gardening, and woodworking.



Dr. Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH is available for pediatric primary care. He completed his medical training at the University of Washington School of Medicine as a student of the WAMI (Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) program. He completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an Infectious Disease Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He completed his Masters in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Lindquist has drawn upon this broad background to focus upon underserved populations and infectious diseases. He has combined all the aspects of his training as a Health Officer/Director of Health for the Kitsap County Health District from 2001-2014. In addition, he serves as a pediatrician and public health officer at the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Medical Clinic where he has worked one day a week since 2001. Dr. Lindquist has been the Washington State Tuberculosis medical consultant from 2002-2021 and currently serves as the Medical State Epidemiologist for Washington State. He also serves as chief medical officer for Public Health Solutions International (PHSI), which is an international consulting company that provides consultation to current world public health problems. He loves spending time with his three grown children, mountain biking, and hiking with his dog, Penny.



Dr. Sandra Johnson, APRN, DNP-FNP, is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with eight years of experience as a primary care provider, and nursing background starting in 2008. She graduated from WSU Vancouver with her Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2018 and has been working for the Port Gamble S'Klallam community health center as a primary care provider since. Prior to working for PGST she worked both outpatient and inpatient oncology and medical surgical inpatient as a registered nurse. Dr. Johnson has served as adjunct faculty for the Olympic College of Nursing. She currently serves on the Academic Review Board for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Community Health Aid Provider program. She prides herself on providing comprehensive, individualized and holistic care to people of all life stages. Currently Dr. Johnson is working toward attaining her Menopause Society Certified Practitioner credential. In her free time Dr. Johnson enjoys outdoor activities from the water to the mountains and has recently become a certified open water diver. She loves spending time with her family and friends and her hobbies around home as well.



Dr. Mari Sullivan, DNP, MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC is a doctoral-prepared Family Nurse Practitioner with more than 38 years of clinical experience across diverse healthcare settings. She has a special interest in supporting individuals living with Type 1 diabetes and in the field of Travel Medicine, combining clinical expertise with real-world global experience. As a former Foreign Service Medical Officer, she has traveled to and worked in over 50 countries, providing medical care in complex and resource-variable environments. Her extensive international background informs a culturally responsive, patient-centered approach to care, with a strong emphasis on prevention, education and lifelong wellness. She met her husband, a Sherpa, 37 years ago while trekking in Nepal. They have two sons.

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