

Fast Facts

- About 1/3 (33.3%) of Pohnpeians are students
- Nett Elementary School will have a gymnasium by the end of the calendar year
- Rohi Elementary School has the highest math test scores for 4th graders
- Sokehs Powe School is undergoing some renovations

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The Peluhs

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Interscholastic Games with Pohnpei Sports Commission

In February, the 2017 Pohnpei Interscholastic Basketball Tournament began—and what a season it's been so far!

Every day until Mid-April at the Pohnpei State Gymnasium is a **smorgasbord** of games, starting at 3:30pm and going until dark.

See your favorite players from public schools like Madolenihmw High School, Pohnpei Island Central School, Nanpei

Memorial High School face off against each other, with teams for



Opening Ceremony

both boys and girls. But it's not only public schools facing off in these events!

Private schools are joining the games as well, with participants including Calvary Christian Academy, Our Lady of Mercy Christian High School, Seventh Day Adventist and—wait for it!—Pohnpei Catholic School, which has its first group of 9th graders this year. Best of luck to the players!

For more information, call the Sports Commission Office at: 320-6278.

SCRIPPS Spelling Bee Winners

On February 10th, 2017, in partnership with Pohnpei Rotary Club, Talent Search Program, and Pacific Mission Aviation, students from

across Pohnpei participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Taking first place was Alliya Shae Donre, of Awak School. Second place was Brad-

ley Zarred, of Ohmine School, and third place went to Laela Mae Helgenberger—also of Awak School. Congratulations!



Congratulations Alliya, Bradley, and Laela!

\$1,500,000 Unallocated Funds



Our jobs exist for one reason: to serve children

Got a story for *The Peluhs*?

We want to hear from you!

Call us at 320-2103



Micronesia Red Cross Society is a valuable partner on our island.

Contact them at 320-7077



99.99% of all funds the Pohnpei Department of Education receives come from the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America. This money mostly comes in two forms: the Education Sector Grant (ESG) and the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG).

Most of this funding is **allocated**, or assigned, for things like teacher salaries, fuel for buses, and instructional

supplies. However, some of this money is **unallocated**, or unassigned. The Pohnpei Department of Education is currently in the process of assigning money for facilities maintenance, safe drinking water, more chairs and desks, better toilets, and more.

Have an idea for how to use some of this money? Contact our Central Office, located across PICS Field.

Anonymous Student Survey

In late February 2017, every high school student in Pohnpei State was given a survey about their teacher. The survey asked questions like:

1. How often does your teacher give you feedback on your work?
2. How often does your teacher

return your assignments?

3. How satisfied are you with your teacher?

The results, which we'll post here next issue, will be used by the Central Office and Lead Teachers for organizing teacher training events and workshops.

CPR Training with Red Cross & IOM

In a partnership with Micronesia Red Cross and IOM, the Pohnpei Department of Education is hosting a series of workshops for select teachers on emergency life-saving techniques, such as CPR. Kolonia and Soklehs schools meet

March 13th-14th at DOE or Se-kere's gym, while Madolenihmw and Kitti schools will meet March 15th-16th at either Sapwalap Elementary School or Nanpei Memorial School. Special thanks to Red Cross, IOM, and the selected teachers for their service to our youth!

Accreditation: What is it?

PNI Schools Accreditation
Status: All Schools SY 16-17



Accreditation is a process of continual self-improvement in our schools. That self-

Level One schools need more help than Level Four schools improvement includes physical improvements, such as better chairs and bathrooms for students, as well as programmatic improvements, such as more after-school activities, and more feedback for teachers.

The hope is that, if our schools, principals, teachers, staff, students, and parents all work together, we'll be able to identify "what does success look like?", and measure how we know when we've reached that success. The result will be better education for our students, our families.



Fire drill at Ohmine School, Feb 23rd

Have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding WD&ST?

Contact Staylor Elidok at 320-2103 or selidok@pohnpeidoe.fm

34 New Workforce Development & Skills Training (WD&ST) Trainees Helping Schools

Work Skills & Development Training (WD&ST) is a subdivision of Pohnpei Department of Education. In February 2017, under the skills training programs for A/C repair, Mechanics, Carpentry, Electrical, Fi-

berglass, Carving, and Farming, 34 trainees began training by instructors in both theory as well as hands-on, practical training. This program lasts for four months, after which those evaluated to have

potential will continue for another three months and then acquire certification in their field of study. The Department's staff will assist trainees in finding employment during their last month of training.

WD&ST Students Meeting, Feb 13th



See Something? Say Something!

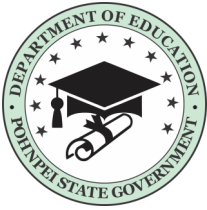
The Pohnpei Department of Education is committed towards helping students identify and reach success. That includes making sure that all schools are safe for all students all the time, and that all students and

staff treat each other with respect all the time. Most of the time, teachers respect their students, and students respect their teachers, and students respect other students.

If you ever see a student hit a student, or a teacher hit a student—don't do nothing; say something. Violence is never okay.



Treat others the way you would like to be treated.



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Strengthening Our Schools!

Dear Reader,

Do you know what a stakeholder is? A stakeholder is someone who has a stake—that is, an important interest—in something. Students want to learn; therefore, students have a stake in education. Parents want their children to succeed; therefore, parents have a stake in education. Businesses and Governments want people to make and spend money, something education can help with.; therefore, businesses and governments have a stake in education.

Do **you** have a stake in education? Contact the Department of Education Central Office with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Everything we do is for our children.

Vocabulary This Issue:

Smorgasboard [noun]: a wide range

Allocated [verb, used with object]: assigned; given a purpose

Standard [noun]: a level of quality you can measure

Renovations [noun, plural form]: Rebuilding, improving

*Peluh*s

Teacher Interview: Melten Leopold

Melten Leopold is a Resource Teacher at Nukuoro Elementary School.

PELUHS: How long have you been working at Nukuoro School?

MELTEN: Three years. I started at Ohmine, and then from December 2013 until now I've been at Nukuoro.

PELUHS: What is an average school day like at Nukuoro School?

MELTEN: I start by visit-

ing classrooms and the IEP students. After school I provide tutoring in Math and English for the special needs students. I also take care of the school's library, which has 30-some students.



Nukuoro Elementary School

PELUHS: What made you want to work with children?

MELTEN: It was my dream to be able to help kids. Teaching students, helping them, seeing them smile—you know, one day they will be the leaders of the islands.

PELUHS: What do you like about living on Nukuoro?

MELTEN: Working the land and exercising, instead of just eating rice.