

ORCA K-8 SCHOOL



Principal Tonie

March 17, 2017

WE ALL BELONG!

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This photo reminds me of standing in an art museum, looking at a painting, wondering what is it saying. A painting or picture can invoke so many comments and emotions from those viewing. It is all subjective to the viewer; they may never fully know what the artist or photographer was hoping to convey, but oftentimes, that is the beauty of art.

As I look out the window in my office, you may wonder if I am thinking about someone or has something caught my attention; one may observe my stance and ponder my mood. Sometimes we base our conclusions on what we ourselves are going through at the time we see or encounter something.

I will share with you what I was thinking as I stood looking outside. Immediately, I was drawn by the beauty of the day, the sun was shining bright, the sky was a pretty, light shade of blue that is hard to replicate with oils and acrylics and although there were clouds in the sky, they almost seemed to enhance the beauty of the sky as opposed to taking away from it.

I could look down to the street and see children walking into the building, some with parents and some of the older ones walking alone or with a friend. My thoughts veered to our students and from my vantage point, some did not seem to have a care and others seemed to care less, but they were coming to school to be educated, not only academically, but also socially.

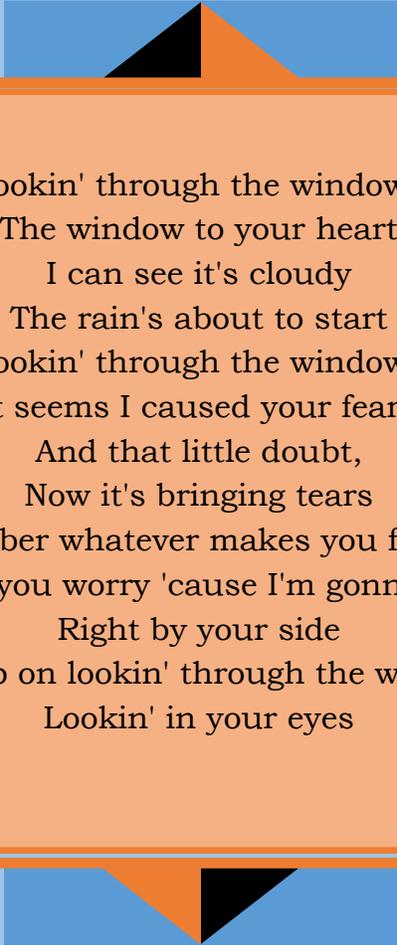
What they may not know is Principal Tonie, along with staff and parents are trying to balance a deficit. This deficit took on many shapes and forms, names and labels. Some called it inclusion, bigotry, marginalization, prejudice, poverty, equity, racism, inequality, intolerance, staff reduction, social justice, immigration, etc. Whatever the name, whatever the label, we are determined to stand by our declaration that *we all belong*.

We need to see the heart of every child and the window that we look through cannot be dirty with discrimination, disparity and other layers of film and grime put on by our personal partialities. When we see the children here at Orca, we should not see black or white, rich or poor, privileged or under privileged **unless** it incites us to make a difference, to correct the bias and to straighten out the crooked.

Tomorrow at our auction, you will have a great opportunity to give into the lives of each student here at Orca. The opportunity to demonstrate financial support for those who are unaware of all that is required to educate a child. The opportunity to build up the areas where lack has eroded and the opportunity to smother fears that we may have generated and fan the flame of trust.

We do all belong, we should all support and we will be there for each other, because when we see them, we should see ourselves.

There are lyrics to a song, entitled, *Looking Through The Window*. This song came to mind after I saw myself in this picture. I took an excerpt from the lyrics and I hope the words will speak to you.



Lookin' through the windows
The window to your heart
I can see it's cloudy
The rain's about to start
Lookin' through the windows
It seems I caused your fears
And that little doubt,
Now it's bringing tears
Just remember whatever makes you feel that way
Don't you worry 'cause I'm gonna stay
Right by your side
To keep on lookin' through the windows
Lookin' in your eyes



We are so excited to see you at the Orca K-8 auction! Read below for information about the event.

LOCATION: The Metropolist is located at 2931 1st Avenue South in the SODO neighborhood 1 1/2 blocks south of South Lander Street

PARKING: (see map below): 1st Ave S and surrounding streets as well as both paid and unpaid parking lots throughout the area.

LIGHT RAIL: The Metropolist is a 12 minute, 1/2 mile walk from the SODO Light Rail Station. Take the Light Rail from the Columbia City Station to the SODO Station. Disembark and walk west on S Lander Street for 3 blocks. Go left (south) onto 1st Ave S and walk 1 1/2 blocks. The Metropolist will be on your right.

BUFFET DINNER MENU:

SALADS Tossed green salad w/dressing, tabouli, greek salad

ENTREES Roast lamb with dill rice, kabob joojeh (chicken) with rice, kabob koobideh (beef), rice fettuccini primavera (vegetarian), salmon with red potatoes

After dinner coffee, tea and dessert dash

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Cocktails, silent auction, raffles & live music from the Savoy Night Owl Band

Dinner, live auction and dessert

Dancing

See you tomorrow night!

Tilth Alliance's

march edible plant sale

Sat, March 18 • 9am-3pm

at Orca K-8 School
5215 46th Ave S 98118



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ALLIANCE

YOU ARE INVITED

TO A SPECIAL ONE-NIGHT ONLY SHOWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY

INCLUDING Samuel

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

ORCA LIBRARY

6:30-8:30 PM



INCLUDING
SAMUEL

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary film, *Including Samuel*, chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives. The film honestly portrays his family's hopes and struggles, as well as the experiences of four other individuals with disabilities and their families. *Including Samuel* is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion.

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5	6	7 First Base Open House	8 PTSA General Meeting @ Or- ca Cafeteria 9:45-11:15am	9 Global Read- ing Chal- lenge Downtown Public Library	10	11 Orca Boys & Girls Basketball Game @ Chief Stealth HS 10 am
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins <i>Don't forget to set your clocks!</i>	13	14	15 Race Forum Orca Library 6-8pm	16	17	18 ORCA AUCTION 5:30-10:30pm Metropolist
19	20 Spring begins	21	22	23	24	25
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