



# ORCA K-8 SCHOOL

December 9, 2016



Principal Tonie

WE ALL BELONG!

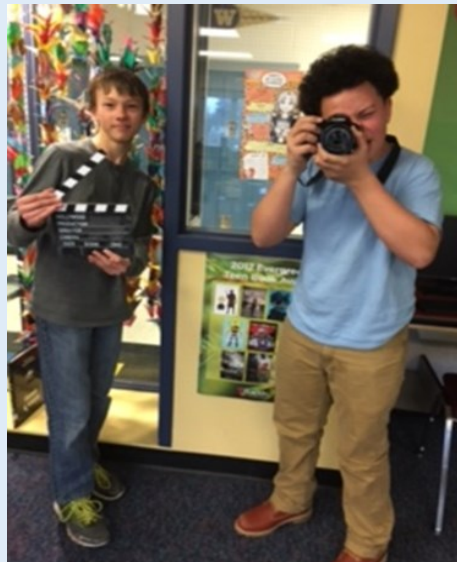
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## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Our film academy in middle school is taking off! The Film Academy places an emphasis on students taking a hands-on and independent role in their own learning. This hands-on experience in the Film Academy at Orca includes a wide continuum of writing, directing, shooting and editing. In addition to students enhancing their film making skills, they are also developing entrepreneurial skills. Andrei Klesse and Grady Canty-Swapp are two students in the Film Academy.



Andrei Klesse and Grady Canty-Swapp

This is their view on the Film Academy:

“We are currently studying The American Dream in the Film Academy. We are focusing on the question: Is the American Dream accessible to every American? We have been reading articles about the intimately oppressed. In class we watched and discussed a montage of Spike Lee’s movie, Bamboozle. The film class is structured so that we are able to look through stories of how American stories are told and how these stories relate to what we are currently learning. Spike Lee’s movie gave us insight of what people are thinking and as a pre-cursor, to see if people of color, women and other minorities can actually achieve the American Dream. The film class not only allows us to create movie scripts, but the class shows us how to look at life through a different lens – open and free flowing. The class is very challenging; sometimes we struggle...Donte doesn’t hold our hands. Once we’re done, it feels so good to receive acknowledgement for our hard work.”

## SNOW IS HERE! - Ian Reid



Snow can be a lot of fun as long as no one is throwing snowballs out on the playground. But it is certainly okay to build a snowperson.

We always want our students to get the most out of their recess time, so please make sure your children are dressed warmly and make sure they bring a hat and gloves to school.

**WINTER CONCERT!—Casey Cheever**

Here are the important things to know:

- Who:** 6th-8th grade band students
- What:** Winter concert
- Where:** Orca K-8 Cafeteria/stage
- When:** **December 15th, 2016**
- Time:** Performance starts @ 6:30pm  
Students, please arrive by 6:00pm
- Why:** Because band concerts are great!

Everyone is welcome to come and support the band students. We look forward to sharing our music with you on the 15th!

## LOST AND FOUND

Please label your child's belongings, including coats, lunch bags, backpacks, and other personal belongings for quick and easy identification. Items that are found are placed in the lost and found located on the first floor near the cafeteria. Smaller items, such as money, glasses, wallets, jewelry are kept in the Main Office. Unclaimed items are donated to a charitable organization at the end of the year.



This week's items in search of their home.

December 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5 BLT MTG-8:30am	6 20% of all purchases at Third Place Books on Dec. 6th will go to Orca !	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 PTSA MEETING 7:00-8:30pm Orca	15 Winter Concert @ Orca Orca's Band 6:00pm-8:00p	16 1-Hour Early Dismissal	17
18	19 Winter Break No School	20 Winter Break No School	21 Winter Break No School	22 Winter Break No School	23 Winter Break No School	24
25	26 Winter Break No School	27 Winter Break No School	28 Winter Break No School	29 Winter Break No School	30 Winter Break No School	31
1	2 New Year's Day	3 Back to School after	4	5	6	7