



ORCA K-8 SCHOOL



WE ALL BELONG!

EVENTS

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UPDATES

Dear Orca K-8 Community,

Many students are hearing or have seen some hurtful and unpleasant rhetoric in the news or on social media lately.

I want each and every one of you to know that here at Orca K-8, we are more committed than ever to maintaining a positive school community that will allow students to learn as much as possible in order to achieve their goals in a safe, democratic and equitable environment.

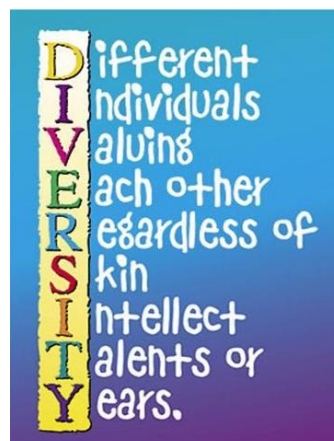
We work daily to ensure that our students are safe, prepared, respectful and, perhaps most important - inclusive. We will support our students of every religion, of every political belief, of every gender, of every ethnicity, of every disability, of every social, economic and cultural background.

We do not tolerate bullying, intimidation or any other actions that perpetuate bigotry, stereotypes or racism. We are here to help students learn how to have constructive conversations about world-wide events and to gain the skills necessary for them to become active contributors to building a positive community – be it here at school, in the city or elsewhere.

Moving forward, it is important for all of us to think about what we might be able to do on a daily basis in our communities to show that we value a world of safety, respect for differences and inclusiveness for everyone. Even small acts can have a meaningful impact.

Have a wonderful day!

Principal Tonie



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS-SOCIAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, Tafuta Fundisha-Bey

Kon'nichiwa! Buenos Nocuous! A salaam Aleichem!

My name is Tafuta Fundisha-Bey. I am the middle school social studies and history teacher at Orca K-8 and I am happy to be here. Some of the reasons that I enjoy being at Orca are due to my supportive administrator, head teacher and colleagues. Our Social Justice Academy makes every day relevant and pertinent to our school, home and community life. In our Social Justice Academy, students are involved in hands on activities, weekly debates, engage with guest speakers, and review and critique relevant and thought provoking films. Students enter the class with smiles, an enthusiasm for learning and develop new friendships. There is a synergy that is happening in the middle school that is extraordinary, transformational and thriving. I aim to make education exciting, relevant and empowering. I want everyone to know that "WE"- the Orca Middle School staff and students are imitating, duplicating, and replicating excellence daily, and we hope that all of you will help us to continue educating our students in a safe, fun and rigorous academic learning environment here at Orca K-8.

Remember, we are interconnected; therefore, together we win - divided we fall.

Peace and Love!



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS, Jeanetta Murray

The student council is sponsoring a **purse/feminine needs drive** for Capitol Hill's Women's Shelter. We are collecting the following items: gently used purses, feminine products, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/paste, hair brushes/combs, lip balm, lotion, hair ties, socks (new or gently used), moisturizer, band-aids, cough drops, and assorted candies (a little treat). The purses will be filled with the items and then given to women in need. The student council of Orca Middle School feel it's important to give back to the community. These women don't have the resources many of us do. The drive runs through Nov. 18 and items can be dropped off in room 306.

Thank you!

FOUND BY SCHOOL BUS STOP



This wrapped package was found by the school bus stop.
 Please see Cynthia Rainwater for further information.

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6	7 BLT MEETING 8:15-9:15	8	9	10 Veteran's Day Assembly	11 Veteran's Day No School	12
SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT results for students who were in grades 3rd-7th during the 2015-16 school year went home with students on Thursday, November 10th						
13	14	15	16 2 Hour Early Dismissal—2:05 PTSA Movie Day! Race Forum 6-8P	17	18 Kid-a-Can Assembly Garden Work Party 9:30-Noon	19 M P A L R A K C E E T
20	21 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School	22 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School	23 Parent-Teacher Conferences No School	24 Thanksgiving Break No School	25 Thanksgiving Break No School	26
27	28	29 PICTURE RE-TAKES	30	1	2	3



International Food & Gift Marketplace

Saturday Nov. 19

We have transformed the building into an international market supplied with food and gifts from around the world. Vendors and community resources organizations await you to begin your holiday and seasonal shopping. Student artwork, cards, Black collectibles, books, dog toys, home products, fabrics, jewelry & accessories, novelty items, face painting and more...

Everyone is welcomed!

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