



ORCA K-8 SCHOOL

November 4, 2016

Principal Tonie

WE ALL BELONG!

EVENTS

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UPDATES

Parent – Teacher Conferences

November 21st-23rd

There is no school for students on these three days.

We believe that a strong relationship between families is extremely important and Parent/Teacher conferences play an integral role in developing collaborative partnerships with families. This is also a time to share your child's strengths, needs, interests and abilities. You are the expert when it comes to your child and teachers want to learn about your child from you as much as you want to learn from them.

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE, Marsha Burnworth

Greetings Orca Parents and Guardians,

I am the new nurse. My name is Marsha Burnworth, BSN, RN. We also have an additional nurse who transports students and works in the health room. Her name is Twinkle Ramos, RN. I have a few important bits of info to share with you:

Field trips are a common occurrence at Orca. If your child has medication or medical needs at school, please remind teachers when you sign permission for the field trip. Whenever possible we encourage parents of students with life-threatening conditions to accompany their child on field trips.

As we approach cold and flu season please remember any medication given at school, **over the counter or prescription**, requires a medication authorization form. The form is available on the district website or in the health room. A health care provider and the parent both need to fill in the form and sign. In Washington even cough drops and herbal preparations are considered medications. Unfortunately, when school starts we often have tiny unwelcome visitors, head lice. Head Lice are a nuisance but not a health hazard. King County Department of Health has an excellent information sheet available if you want more information (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/headlice/facts.aspx>).

Happy November,

Nurse Marsha



SAFETY NEWS, Jared Surbaugh



Orca K-8 conducted an earthquake drill on Friday, November 4, 2016, and the students, staff, visitors and parents did very well.

Our Earthquake Drills are in 2 phases.

In Phase 1- everyone in the building **DROPS** (go to the ground), **COVERS** (go beneath desks or tables), and **HOLDS** (hold onto table legs for stability).

In Phase 2- classroom teachers escort students to the open playfield (to the grassy area and away from trees, fences, and power lines). Classes line up in their regular routine in which students are familiar. Designated staff members who are part of the “Search and Rescue Team”, check to make sure all teachers have all their students. This is done by teachers holding up a Green or RED card. Teachers hold up a **GREEN** card to indicate that all students are accounted for. The **RED** card indicates that students are missing. If any students are missing, the Search and Rescue Team searches for the missing students and gives the “ALL Clear” when the students have been located.

We also have designated staff to assist the nurse with carrying supplies, along with designated staff members who check to make sure each floor in the building is clear of students, staff, and visitors.

Following each drill, we debrief and analyze our procedures for optimal safety. We are happy to report that each student at Orca was successful during this week’s Earthquake Drill, and that all students were accounted for.

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation. Please feel free to contact Jared Surbaugh, jrsurbaugh@seattleschools.org, if you would like any additional information.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY, Ian Reid

This is a reminder about the importance of safety on the playground. Pushing, shoving, play fighting, wrestling and tackling can result in your child getting injured. Safety comes first here at Orca. Therefore, these types of behaviors are not allowed at school. We want students to have fun, but it is imperative that Safety remains our first priority.



BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS—starting November 7th through Winter Break

Before School:

Choir, 8:30 –9:30, Stage, **K-2 (Tuesdays)/3rd-5th (Thursdays)**, Heather Culver, Starts Thursday, November 10

After School:

Clay, Mondays, 4:00-5:15, Art Room , Lauren Laughlin, starts Monday, November 7th

Shadow Boxes, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:15, Art Room, Starts Tuesday, November 15th

Create a Play, Thursdays, 4:00-5:15, Stage, Starts Thursday, November 17th

Please contact Joanne Davis if you have any questions.

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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
2015-16 SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT STUDENT RESULTS GOING HOME—WEEK OF November 7th						
13	14	15	16 2 Hour Early Dismissal—2:05 Race Forum 6-8P	17	18 Kid-a-Can Assembly	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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