



# ORCA K-8 SCHOOL

October 21, 2016

Principal Tonie

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**TRUNCATION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17TH**

On October 17th at Orca, a community conversation was held regarding the potential truncation of Orca K-8 School. Approximately 70 families attended Monday night. Ashley Davies, from enrollment, shared information about why we were having the conversation and explained the process of a truncation. After much discussion, it was evident that there is astounding support to keep the middle school. At the end of the meeting, Kelly Aramaki announced that Orca will remain a K-8 school. Thank you to the PTSA for bringing the community together for this vital conversation.

**BLACK LIVES MATTER— “A Movement, not a Moment”**



Seattle Public Schools kicked off #CLOSETHEGAPS district campaign during the week of October 17th. Seattle Education Association is leading this effort to bridge the academic achievement gap in the nation between black and white students. On Wednesday, October 19th, Seattle Public Schools employees chose to stand in solidarity, as a social community, wearing Black Lives Matter T-shirts.

**Social and Environmental Justice Academy —Jeanetta Murray and Tafuta Fundisha Bey**

The Social and Environmental Justice Academy in middle school is lead by Ms. Jeanetta Murray and Mr. Tafuta Fundisha-Bey. The focus of the academy is looking at the world the way it is and discussing ways our scholars can make a difference. We emphasize that students are Agents of Change. We have multiple strategies in place to help all our scholars succeed. The scholars study the state standards, participate in debates, take field trips within the community, engage in meaningful discussions, learn new vocabulary, read and write about current events, and engage in building stronger communities. Our goal is to help our scholars become the Agents of Change we believe them to be.

**MOVEATHON**

It was so exciting to see the students laughing, moving and grooving to some great tunes provided by Joshua and Catie Baron. A special thank you to Joanne Davis, volunteer coordinator, PTSA fundraising committee as well as the staff, and the parents who volunteered. Thank you all for your support and encouragement of Orca’s Moveathon!



## **Orca K-8 School International Food & Gift Marketplace**

**Saturday November 19th  
Orca Lunchroom  
10:00 – 4:00pm**

Orca K-8 is hosting an “International Food & Gift Marketplace” as an opportunity to celebrate our diverse community, within and outside of Orca school. In an effort to increase the number of middle school students attending environmental camp, this event will help establish some of the funding support that will allow students an educational outdoor learning experience.

**Indoor vendor spots are available at \$40.00 per table.** We are looking for a variety of merchandise, goods & services that reflect cultural diversity.

**Tables are going fast! Don’t be left out!**

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Brenda Nelson at: [bnpta20023@yahoo.com](mailto:bnpta20023@yahoo.com)

Vendor registration fees benefit the Orca K-8 middle school academic camp fund, yet all money earned at each vendor table is for the vendor. It is a win/win situation!

**Vendor application deadline is November 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Vendor Registration Form is attached.**

## NEWS FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee is holding a non-perishable food drive so that the school is prepared in the event of an emergency, such as significant weather or a natural disaster which keeps us at school for a long period of time. If you have non-perishable food donations, please bring them to school. **If at all possible, please bring canned or non-perishable items which do not contain one or all of the following items:** Pistachios, Cashews, Tree nuts, Peanuts, Sesame seeds and oil, Banana, Shellfish, Dairy, Citrus, Apples, Strawberries

**It is acceptable to bring food items such as Peanut Butter, Granola Bars, Dried Fruit, and canned meats.** We will separate the foods as needed. **All food items should be sealed, and if an item you bring is not allowed in your student's classroom, you or the teacher may bring it to Room 309.**

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact **Jared Surbaugh, [jrsurbaugh@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrsurbaugh@seattleschools.org)**.

Thank you!

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2	3 <b>BLT—8:15am</b> Conference Room	4	5 4th Grade Camp Coleman	6 4th Grade Camp Coleman	7 4th Grade Camp Coleman  Garden Work Party 9:30-Noon	8
9	10 Indigenous Peoples Day  Healthy Youth Survey Middle School (Oct. 10th-21st)	11 Harvest Festival Elementary	12	13 Harvest Festival Middle School  CURRICULUM NIGHT Elementary 6-6:40pm & 6:45-7:25pm Middle School 7:30-8:10pm	14 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  Professional Development Day for Teachers	15
16	17 Potential Truncation Meeting Orca Lunchroom 6:30pm-7:30pm	18 PTSA Meeting	19 PICTURE DAY! Yuen Lui K-8 Students	20 1st Grade Tillicum Village	21 PTSA Moveathon	22
23	24	25	26 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL Students dismissed at 2:05pm	27	28	29
30	31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3 LGBT FAMILIES DINNER- 6-8pm, Washington Middle School	Nov. 4	