



# ORCA K-8 SCHOOL

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Principal Tonie

**WE ALL BELONG!**

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE—WE ALL BELONG**

Social Justice can mean many things to many people. At Orca, we demonstrate Social Justice through fairness, tolerance, inclusiveness, equity and equality by creating an environment of respect and acceptance. Teachers frequently engage students in lessons of social justice on the right to vote, homelessness, human rights, immigration, activism, ageism, and many other social issues.

**We All Belong** means that:

- Students and Adults listen to one another, take each other seriously, and appreciate each other’s uniqueness.
- We respect differences in race, culture and family culture.
- We value and listen to different beliefs and points of view.
- We treat each other with respect and compassion.
- We make sure to include others.

Social Justice is best served when it brings equality to everyone, everyday.

**SAFETY NEWS FROM IAN REID—STARTING AND ENDING THE SCHOOL DAY**

**Morning supervision begins at 9:05.**

Students enter the playground in the morning on Dawson Street, with the exception of Rooms 101 and 102 ONLY. All Students and Adults must use our crosswalks when arriving and departing.

To support teachers’ ability to plan and deliver the highest quality instruction, students are not allowed into the building prior to the start of school *unless* it is raining, or a student is eating breakfast, or a student is being dropped off at First BASE.

**Rainy Days:** If it is raining prior to school starting, students will be allowed directly into the building. Students are to report to their classrooms and remain there until the start of school. Students are not allowed to roam the halls.

**School is dismissed at 4:05 PM.**

If you plan on picking up your child, please be at school by 4:05pm. **There is no after school supervision.** Please make arrangements with a daycare provider if these times do not work for your schedule. First BASE is our on-site before and after school program. They can be reached at 206.722.3658.

Our number one priority is your child’s safety. Let’s all work together to keep your child safe.





Hello Orca Families,

I wanted to say hi and extend my warmest salutations to the Orca Community. This year, my 19th year at Orca, has dramatically changed from years past. I have been promoted to Head Teacher for the 2016-2017 year which means I have the opportunity to teach 2 classes, support an elementary elective and still have the flexibility to visit, coach, and provide resources to the other teachers in the building. During my first month as head teacher I observed all classrooms engaged and discussing the Orca Way. Many classrooms were using role play and classroom meetings to explore Orca's values, vision and mission. I also observed students smiling, laughing, and playing together. I observed teachers discussing Ruler, Bloom's Technology, progressive education and multiple learning styles. I observed the Orca Community rallying to find alternatives ways to provide music and after school programs for our students. I observed the office staff dancing, singing, and greeting everyone that walks through the office door. I observed a film and theater community rallying around the middle school film academy.

The Orca Film Academy has partnered with The Film School and the Seattle Repertory Theater to help create a unique experience for students to learn history and language arts through the lens of a filmmaker. There are a number of community members who are supporting the academy too. Stacey Adams, a former Executive for Criminal Minds and the Big Bang Theory will teach students screenwriting, producing, and allow students to peek behind the scenes. A professional editor has volunteered over twenty hours all ready to teach students editing and we have another volunteer helping students with creating a blog. It has been a brilliant first month and I am excited about Orcas' future!

May the Force Be With 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  <b>Garden Work Party</b> 9:30-Noon	8
9	10	11 <b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>Elementary</b>	12	13 <b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>Middle School</b> <b>CURRICULUM</b> <b>NIGHT</b> <b>Elementary</b> <i>6-6:40pm &amp;</i> <i>6:45-7:25pm</i> <b>Middle School</b> <i>7:30-8:10pm</i>	14 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>FOR STUDENTS</b>  Professional Development Day for Teachers	15
16	17	18	19 <b>PICTURE DAY!</b> Yuen Lui K-8 Students	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <b>2 HOUR</b> <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b> Students dismissed at 2:05pm	27	28	29
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