



Principal Tonie

June 2, 2017



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EVENTS

NEWS

UPDATES

Hello Orca Families,

We are seeing an upsurge in the use of fidget toys at school. Toys such as “spinners” and “fidget cubes” are causing a huge distraction to instruction for many students at Orca.

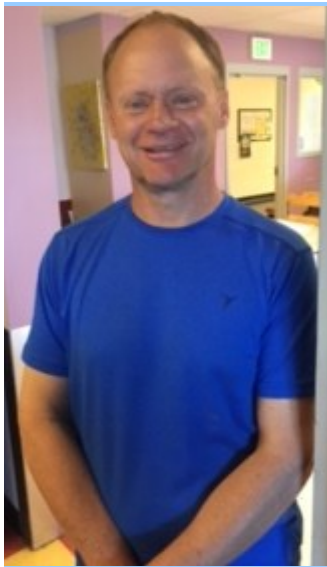


The spinners and fidget cubes are being promoted as a “stress relieving toy” for students who have ADD/ADHD. If the objective is for your student to have something in their hands to fidget with to improve their focus and learning, by acting as a release mechanism, then I respectfully ask that other therapeutic tools be used, such as a jelly ball, puff bracelet, etc.

Because of recent news reports centered on the safety concerns about the fidget and the disruption it is causing in our learning environment, we are not allowing them at school. Students are passing the toy around, not using the tool in the manner in which it was meant, which is causing outbursts and disorder in the classroom and throughout the school.

Beginning Monday, June 5, please do not send spinners/fidget cubes to school with your children, they are not allowed and will be taken away from students who bring them. The student can come to the office at the end of the day and take the toy home. If the student continues to bring the toy to school, then the toy will have to be picked up by a parent in the Main Office.

Please see the attached links to both NPR broadcast and a Newsweek article regarding spinners.



SAFETY NEWS, Ian Reid

June is here. The weather is nice and the school year will be coming to an end soon. It is important to recognize that warmer weather can bring louder voices, especially in the cafeteria. We have students who have Hyperacusis: noise sensitivity, so please remind your child to use Level 2 Voice in the cafeteria and to always walk. They can use their Level 4 Voices out on the playground where screaming and running are allowed.

As always, thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep Orca safe.

Voice Levels:

0= Silence

1= Whisper

2= Partner Voice

3= Presentation

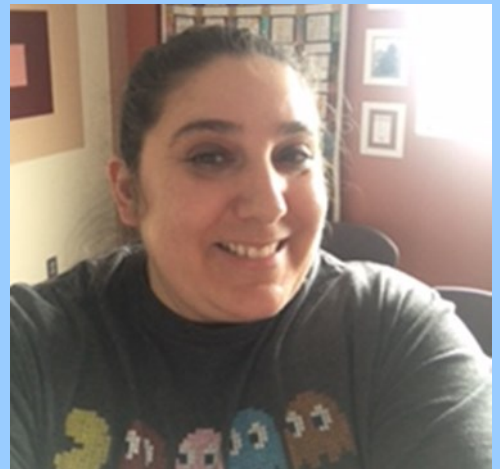
4 = Outside

ORCA K-8 TALENT SHOW, Jeanetta Murray

We are continuing to prepare for our annual talent show.

- ◆ **The Talent Show is June 16**
- ◆ **Try outs are June 5**
- ◆ **Last day to Sign up was June 1st @2:30pm**

Please read the information on the next page. It gives the expectations for students wanting to try out and general information about the Talent Show. Each classroom had a sign up sheet. Students wanting to try out for the Talent Show added their name to the class list. Each teacher had their own list. The lists were collected on Thursday, June 1, @ 2:30pm.



This is very important:

- If a student did not sign up by 2:30pm, on Friday, June 1st, they will not be able to try out on Monday, June 5th.
- Due to the LARGE number of students who try out, we do not have enough time for everyone to perform; therefore, not every student who tries out will be able to perform in the talent show.



ORCA K-8 TALENT SHOW

JUNE 16TH !



Make sure to prepare your acts to audition because the talent show is coming to town!

Auditions will take place Monday June 5.

Please note that for try-outs all acts for auditions must be:


- Under 1 minute for all student auditions (If you are selected, acts must not be longer than 3 minutes.)
- School appropriate (this includes appropriate outfits, language, gestures, movements, etc.)
- You must have all props with you at the audition (we do not provide props. Example: basketballs, jump ropes, mats, instruments)
- You must bring copies of your music (we do not provide the music. You can bring a CD, ipod, or mp3 player)
- **Sign up in your classroom by June 1**

Please note that auditioning for the talent show **will not** guarantee you a spot.

Jeanetta Murray

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June 2017

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Middle School Promotion: June 22, 2017 @ 7:00pm  More information will go out on June 9th.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Final PTSA Meeting 7-8:30	Volunteer Luncheon 11-1:30 Staff Lounge		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Sports Banquet End of Year BBQ	Last Garden Orca Talent Show	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Field Day		Middle School Promotion		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Last Day of School					