

ORCA K-8 SCHOOL



Principal Tonie

September 29, 2017

WE ALL BELONG!

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Hello Orca Community!

Thank you to the many families who attended Curriculum Night on September 27th. The evening was an opportunity to visit with your child's teacher and learn more about the grade level outcomes and expectations for this school year. I am very proud of our school. I believe that a high quality public education is the most important pathway to equity, social justice and access. Orca was founded on the belief that not only are there a myriad of ways to teach, but also constructed on a foundation built on the belief that *every* child can be educated, where parents/guardians are viewed as educational partners and the school community has a strong commitment to academic excellence.

We have been steadfast and undeterred in our perseverance to support and embrace the diverse backgrounds, learning styles and experiences of all students - built on the guiding principles of equity, social justice and excellence- not just with words, but in our actions.

Our programs are designed to meet the wide variety of educational needs of our students and to build upon their strengths. We are committed to the goal of academic excellence and believe that the fundamental skills of critical thinking, reading, writing, math and communicating are of the highest priority in the education of our young people. We know that in order to strengthen our professional learning community, it has been important to align our instructional practices with Common Core Standards, implement on-going school-wide professional development, and collaborate with colleagues, examine student work, use assessment for designing lessons, and monitor student progress.

Sometimes, it is not enough just to hear about our programs - you must see the instructional practices in classrooms to fully understand the teaching and learning at Orca K-8. Donte Felder, Head Teacher, is in the process of scheduling parent visits.

Working as a team with families and partnerships, utilizing each other's expertise in developing an effective framework for effective teaching and learning, will strengthen our school community. A team can accomplish much more together than what one person can accomplish alone. I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss how, as a team, we can further build upon the successes of Orca K-8.

Orca is my school, Orca is your school, Orca is our school! What expertise will you bring to create a strong frame around our students?

Tonie



Donte Felder, Head Teacher

Greetings Orca Community,

Last week I mentioned that there would be learning/observational walks happening at our school this year. On October 12, at 10 am, I will host the first observational walk. We will have a team comprised of staff, parents, and students. After each team completes their walk-through, they will have time to reflect and discuss their observations with the whole group.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the first observational walk. It is a two-hour time commitment.



Ian Reid Safety News

Thank you to everyone for making after school pick-up safer and smoother. The most important thing is that your child gets home safely. Keeping 46th Ave. S clear at all times, helps us do that.



Today, was our first **before school rainy day recess**. If it is raining prior to school, and you hear 2 bells ringing, please have all students **report to the lunchroom**. At 8:50 am, teachers will report to the lunchroom to walk their students back to class. We always want our students to be warm and dry, but sometimes, our Northwest weather makes this more challenging. Make sure your children are dressed for the weather.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Volunteers, Cynthia Rainwater

We are always so grateful to have parents come into the building and volunteer. It serves as extra hands, extra eyes and extra help in classrooms, outside on the playground and on field trips. It is important for the safety of all, students, parents and staff that everyone that would like to volunteer fills out a Volunteer Background form. The forms are completed annually and are located on the Seattle Public School website under Get Involved. Some parents have already turned in forms for upcoming field trips, but if you want to chaperone on an overnight field trip, you will not only have to **fill out the form, bring a copy of your Driver's License** and you must **complete an Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention video**. All paperwork has to be turned into the main office before participation as a volunteer. Background checks are completed through the Washington State Patrol. Make sure you present a copy of your driver's license or passport attached to your paperwork. **Please have paperwork in the office, two weeks before a field trip.** Again, thank you so very much for volunteering here at Orca.

Cynthia

Meet Our School Nurses



Linda
Dodgson

Marsha
Burnworth

Greetings from the health room at Orca. The Orca nurses are Marsha Burnworth, BSN,RN and Linda Dodgson, LPN. Linda is new to Orca this year but has been in the district for three years. Previously, Linda worked as a nurse for Highline School District.

If you need to check on your family's immunization records, you have direct access to the state data base. You will need to register and set up an account at the My Immunization Record site <https://wa.myir.net/>.

As we get into our new school year routines please keep in mind that all medications including over the counter, herbal, and prescription require an authorization for medications form. The form must be filled out by both the parent or guardian and a licensed health care provider. The form is available on the district website just type authorization for medication into the search box or pick up a form in the health room.



Counseling Corner

One of the many aspects of a Comprehensive School Counseling Program is that it includes guidance on college and career readiness. Middle School students have a fantastic opportunity to sign up for a college scholarship!



What is the College Bound Scholarship?

The scholarship is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who sign up in middle school and fulfill the College Bound pledge. The program is administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

What is the Pledge?

- College Bound students promise to:
- Graduate from a Washington State high school or home school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher
- Not be convicted of a felony
- Apply to an eligible college and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WAFSA) as soon after October 1 as possible in your senior year of high school.

Am I Eligible?

- Apply if you are in 7th or 8th grade and meet one of the following requirements:
- Your family meets the income
- Requirements in the chart below.
- You are in foster care or a dependent of the state.
- Your family receive basic food or TANF benefits

How do I apply?

Check with your counselor or go online at www.collegebound.wa.gov

Is there a deadline?

Yes! You must apply by June 30 at the end of your 8th grade year.

What happens next?

Once you have submitted a complete application, you will receive a College Bound certificate in the mail. The program will send scholarship updates to the email address you list on your application.

How will I receive the Scholarship?

- File the FAFSA or WASFA in your senior year and every year in college to determine income eligibility.
- Fulfill the scholarship pledge requirements.
- Be accepted to an eligible college.
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen, or have DACA status.

For more information contact Ms. McCullough:
ecmccullough@seattleschools.org or 206-252-6883

5th GRADE TEAM

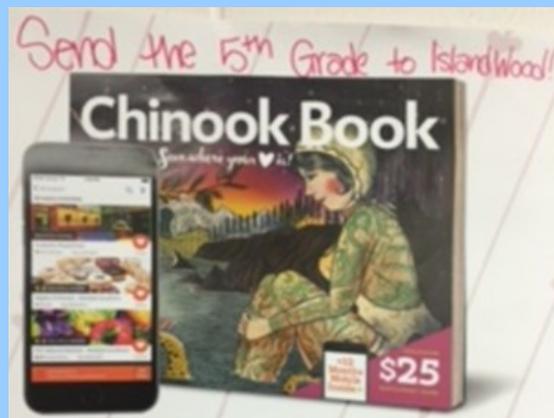
We need your support!



Ms. Georgi

Mr. Zimmerman

Help support our 5th graders in reaching their fundraising goal of \$1000 by purchasing a **Chinook Book**. Money raised will help send our students to Island Wood environmental program on Bainbridge Island. The books are filled with coupons to local and sustainable businesses, grocers, family attractions, and more. Coupon books can be purchased from any 5th grade student, teacher (Ms. Georgi and Mr. Zimmerman), or stop by room 201 or 203. The Books are \$25 and come with the mobile app. Apps can be purchased separately from the book for \$15 by using this link: <https://chinook.co/orcak8>



Thank you for the support!!”

News from Jared Surbaugh

Dear Guardians of Orca Middle School Ultimate Players,

We look forward to establishing an Orca Co-Ed (boys and girls) Middle School Ultimate Frisbee team this 2017-18 school year, and hope it grows in years to come. Practices will be held on Mondays and Fridays (beginning Sept 25, 2017) on Orca's playfield (behind the school) from 3:35 to 5:00pm with Ms. Harris, from Orca's staff. Rain may at times force our team to play under the outside pavilion or indoors, if staff is still in the building.

Ms. Harris is looking forward to coaching Ultimate, which is a unique sport at the Middle School level for several reasons. Ultimate Frisbee games are refereed/officiated by the student athletes of each team. Ultimate games also end with two scores, a game score and a "spirit score." Players from each team determine the spirit score based on the level of sportsmanship-sportswomanship each team shows. Each game is 7 on 7 and 3 players on each team must be female. It should also be mentioned that Ultimate is a sport which can help build fundamental skills used in other sports, such as basketball, soccer, and football.

Orca's first game this season will be at Ingraham High School against the Madison Bulldogs on Sept 30, 2017. We have players on the squad who are experienced with this sport. We will order a bus and notify players in written form if a bus is able to pick student athletes up at and return to Orca K-8 on 9/30/17. We will send the rest of the schedule out to families as we receive it.

Players must have completed a "sports physical" from a licensed medical physician (your family doctor is fine) in order to play. The physical from the doctor should tell us if the athlete is able to play with or without restrictions. A sports physical is good for 2 years, so students may already have one on file at Orca or at your physician's office.

Please e-mail Jared at jrsurbaugh@seattleschools.org for questions related to physicals.

Thank you,

Orca K-8 Middle School Athletics

Orca Ultimate: Game 1

ORCA 6th, 7th, & 8th grades vs Madison Bulldogs Gold C

September 30, 2017. 12:30 PM @ [Ingraham HS](#)

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September 2017

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October 2017

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4th Grade to Camp Colman, October 2-4