



ORCA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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October

28 – 2 hour Early Dismissal
29 – Harvest Festival

12:40PM
Orca Garden

November

2 – Leadership Council
2 – Open Mic Night/Starbucks
3 – Picture Day
5 – Board Mtg.
11 – Veteran's Day

3:30-4:30PM
6PM Columbia City
Garden
7PM
No School

THOUGHTS FROM STACY.



"A picture is a poem without words." (Horace) Here at Orca amazing poetry in the form of pictures is transforming our kids and our school. I'm seeing that to believe you're an artist you just need to keep making art - take the risks, problem solve your way through, enjoy the mistakes and watch the poetry in form appear before you! Orca students are very open to exploring who they are as artists. You can see it in how they've engaged in the artistic challenges I've presented them with as well as "open studio", which is a free choice art making time. The inhibitions as well as limits are few -- it's inspiring to watch and experience with them. Lots of people have complimented me on the artwork, but really the compliments go to the kids! I hope that you will be able to take some time to tour the school "gallery". The halls are coming alive with creativity! The kids know you are their audience so please make sure to visit all three floors from end to end periodically. I have been using a couple different curriculum guides here and there, but mostly diving into the elements and principles of visual art with master artworks as inspiration and guidance. I love hearing the 1st and 2nd graders saying, "I am using warm colors just like Kandinsky to make energy" or a 6th grader saying to another student, "Your Modigliani portrait actually looks like you even with those stretch lines and distorted shapes - what was he thinking anyway?!"

Please feel free to pop into the art studio any time. I'd love visitors and help. Speaking of help, thank you so much for all the donations of art books and art making "stuff". I'm still in need of a few things. Here's a list that would be appreciated:

- o boxes of tissues
- o old t-shirts (adult size for the 7th/8th grade mural painting)
- o found objects for our "recycle art making boxes"
- o Acrylic paint (any colors)
- o a printer for my computer (preferably color)
- o More art books for the library

I'm also in need of some volunteers to do a few tasks:

- o Someone to make additional shelves for the small drying rack in the studio
- o In the next few weeks I'll be sending out a call to help out with the mural painting; I will need volunteers at 8:05 a.m. More info to follow.

Thanks so much for your continued support as our "art department" continues to grow.
Stacy

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLEASE RETURN ALL YELLOW FORMS!

We are trying to finish up the Directory and we need all **yellow forms** (from the first day packet) returned as soon as possible. **Please be sure to complete both sides.** We want to make sure that all corrections and additions are included so if you haven't returned yours yet please do so soon! THANKS!



Come out and support Orca's 2009 Harvest Festival!

When: Thursday, October 29, 9am – 2:30pm (parents – check with your child's teacher to find out what time your child's class is visiting the festival that day & to sign up for a station)

*Our goal is to make this as close to a zero waste event as possible. Please BYO-UPC! Bring your own utensil, plate and cup. Don't forget to have your child pack a utensil, plate and cup too! If you would like to volunteer your time, please email: Roberta Kranz at: brkranz@comcast.net or robertak@seahawkssoundersfc.com Hope to see you there! Roberta Kranz



Fall Portraits!!!

On October 5th, Melanie Blair and Shawna Angelou, two wonderful volunteer parent photographers took our students' photos. The remaining classes will be photographed on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. Your child will be sent home with an instruction sheet like the one below that includes his/her classroom password. Please support our PTSA by purchasing these beautiful student portraits!!

Instructions for viewing and ordering student photos:

*Visit www.orcak8.printroom.com

*Click on the Galleries tab in the upper left of screen

*Click on your child's class

*Enter your class password

*You will see a gallery of students from the class

*To better view the images of your child, click on the image (not the checkbox)

-NOTE – these thumbnails and previews are compressed images-the actual photo will be a higher resolution

*Select the photo(s) you would like to order and add to cart

*Choose the packages and/or a la carte items that you wish to order. (Package #1 is the Best Value & offers Multiple Image selection!)

*Hit "Preview" for each photo to select border & cropping options (selecting a white border on 8x10's is highly Recommended)

*Click "Proceed to Checkout"

*If you have more than one child, you may also choose images from other class galleries by clicking on the "Add more products" button at the bottom of the screen. This is also how you add additional products within the same class gallery.

*Once you have selected all of your items, Click "Checkout"

*A shipping/handling fee will be added to each order depending on the number of prints and/or novelty items

*All orders will be sent to the destination of your choosing

*ORDER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 30th before prices go up 20% (yes, you can still order throughout the year, but you'll pay more!)

*Enjoy your portraits!!

Classroom _____, Password _____

Questions? Contact Sabranie@hotmail.com or 206-618-1280



We will be handing out UNICEF boxes for children to collect money while trick or treating if they would like to. Last year we collected \$509.24. If you have any questions, please contact **Eve Soffer**

eveneil@worldnet.att.net. <http://youth.unicefusa.org/for-parents.html>



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEWS.....

WE HAVE AUCTION CO-CHAIRS!!

Many, many thanks go out to Melissa Purcell and Holly Bennett for stepping up to organize the Auction! The Auction is in the spring but there is a lot of work to be done. Each of us needs to join in as we can to help make this a successful event. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help!

CLASSROOMS STILL NEED HARVEST FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

The Harvest Festival is quickly approaching (this Thursday!) and classrooms still need volunteers and donations of food, empty milk jugs and pumpkins. All items can be brought to the Greenhouse the day before or day of the event. **Make sure your food items are clearly marked with your teacher's name or room number.** Please contact your Room Coordinator and see how you can help!

MORE HELP NEEDED ON THE PLAYGROUND!

A few more playground supervisors are needed for the lunchtime recess. The time is 11:00 to 12:30 and you can sign up for a monthly, weekly or daily shift. Please consider helping us by taking on this vital role! For questions or to volunteer contact Beth Scott at bethscott_5@hotmail.com.

NEED A COUPLE MORE FOLKS TO UPDATE THE HANDBOOK

If you are interested in helping to update the Orca Handbook so we can get it posted online please let me know. Two people have signed up but we could use two more.

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SNACK SHACK FUND

Parents, the PTA is still accepting donations towards the Snack Fund. Since the beginning of the school year there has been a decline in monies received which invariably puts a limit on the amount of snacks that can be purchased and passed out to the classrooms. You may bring your donations into the office. A big Thank You to those parents who have already given and to those who will give.



GARDEN NEWS

Harvest Festival this Thursday!!!

Classes will be coming down to the garden all day beginning at 9:00am. Please try to bring a reusable bowl/plate and utensil for the zero waste festival. Look forward to seeing you all there!



PE NEWS

Boys & Girls Basketball season will begin Nov. 16th. Registration papers will go home this Friday and try-outs will be the week prior to start of practice. More details to follow. Next month will be having the skating unit and hopefully an all school holiday skating party field trip, more details next month. ~Ms. J



SAFETY

Next CPR/First Aid training is Monday 12/7/09 and Thursday 12/10/09 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at John Stanford Center for playground volunteers and Safety Comm. Staff. It's filling up fast!

Let me know who wants to attend.

Currently, there is a push to have clothing donated to the school that would fit Kindergarten through Second grade students. We could use underwear, sox, pants and shirts for both girls and boys. Please, bring clean clothes to the office. ~Nurse Liz