SEAVIEW ACADEMY

Orca News



April 2023

Principal's Message

By Mace Gratz

Happy Spring, Seaview Families!

I hope everyone has taken some time to enjoy the nice weather that is starting to make show up. Here on the Olympic Peninsula, a lot of Seaview folks were out gardening this past weekend, and getting a head start in their summer outdoor activities by hitting the trails and lakes.

Of course, with Summer on the horizon, academic responsibilities are picking up as we enter the final month-and-a-half of the school year. This is an important time to check in with your students and their teachers to ensure they are on-track, focused, and are prepared for a strong finish to their courses. It's a common thread that Seaview students are independent and self-motivated. But, even the best of us have a hard time looking at a computer screen when the sun is shining and the outdoors are calling us.

As always, thank you for sharing your kids with us and supporting them through their education.

WR,

Mace Gratz
Principal

Students of the Month

March

Orca Academic Award
Joy Munyagi
Julie Hales
Jonathon Fontana-Malouf
Hollie McDougall
Ryann Gallaway
Espyn Brown
Stacen Fernandes

Orca Effort Award
Jaron Tolliver
Racy Resguardo
Zakara Braun
Valentine Hunter
Tyler Boone
Rowen Crescenzo

April

Orca Academic Award
Brady Groff
Kasiya Bess
Milo Norris
Sukai Thompson-Stowe
Vlad Podlschi
Trinity Morefield
Tyrney Grossell
Atalie Parker
Cash Tyler

Orca Effort Award
Autumn Corey
Sunshine Gerodiaz
Jackson Miller
Lyric Hennings
Glitter Blore
Evelyn Fisher
Leah Wolfe
Nexcanekwen Fernandes

ORCA Gardening











ORCA students learn about gardening from Amelia Depue with WSU Extension











SBA Testing in May

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) is approaching. We have a schedule for testing and will be sending out a sign up for testing dates right after Spring Break. Students in grades 3-8 and 10th grade will all take the SBA. 11th and 12th graders may need to take it, depending on past testing.

Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will take three tests: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science.
Students in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10 will take ELA and Math tests.

Each ELA and Math test has two sections - Computer Adaptive Test and Performance Task. Students will need to be signed up for at least two test sessions, although 4 would be a better option for most students.

The week of May 22nd will be Make up testing, for students who were not able to come in for the scheduled testing sessions.

Sign ups are through SignUp Genius. All families should have received an email with the link to the SignUp Genius. If you didn't, here it is: Sign up

If you have questions about SBA testing, please email Vicki Helwick at vhelwick@portangelesschools.org.

SBA Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Grade levels
May 1	Monday	9-11 am 12-2 pm	High school
May 2	Tuesday	9-11 am 12-2 pm 6-8 pm	High school
May 4	Thursday	9-11 am 12-2 pm 6-8 pm	High school
May 8	Monday	9-11 am 12-2 pm	Middle school
May 9	Tuesday	9-11 am 12-2 pm 6-8 pm	Middle school
May 11	Thursday	9-11 am 12-2 pm 6-8 pm	Middle school
May 15	Monday	9-11 am 12-2 pm	Elementary
May 16	Tuesday	9-11 am 12-2 pm	Elementary
May 18	Thursday	9-11 am 12-2 pm	Elementary

MAP Testing will be scheduled for the week of May 30th-June 2nd, with make ups the following week. More information will be sent out in mid-May.
MAP Testing may be done remotely.



Seaview Graduation 2023



Seaview Academy will hold its second annual graduation on June 9th at 6 p.m. Since we are a Virtual School, the graduation ceremony will be a virtual ceremony. We will also hold a watch party at the Seaview Learning Center. More details will be available on that soon.

Seniors and Senior Families

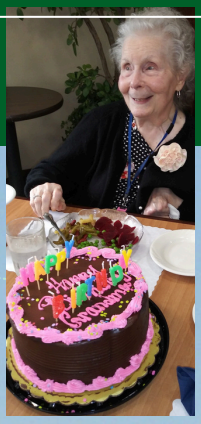
As part of our Virtual Graduation Ceremony, we include a slide show. This slide show includes information and photos from each of our seniors. Your Seaview Mentor Teacher will be reaching out to have you submit 5-7 photos, with at least one current photo, and the answers to some questions for us to include on your slide. Please respond promptly to ensure your information is included!

Academic Plans for 2023-2024 School Year

Seaview Academy is already making plans for the next school year. We would like to know if you plan to continue at Seaview next year or will be changing schools. Or maybe you are looking at part-time with Seaview and part-time at a district school. Please let your mentor teacher know your plans for next year. Even if you are not 100% certain, let them know what you think will happen.

If you are already at Seaview, you will not need to complete another online application. You will receive a letter this summer to update your contact information, so please make certain we have accurate contact information for you before the end of the school year.





- *Where were you born and raised?* I was born in Dover, Delaware. My family moved a lot due to my dad's career as a pilot in the Air Force and Coast Guard. We lived in 5 states and overseas (Manila, Philippine Islands.) I enjoyed growing up mostly in Port Angeles and Eden Valley where we could hike in the Olympic Mountains, swim in the lakes and fish for salmon in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.
- *Tell me about your family growing up and your family as an adult!* I was one of four kids in a military family. I went to Franklin Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High and Port Angeles High School and then, graduated after 4 years at Pacific Lutheran University. I was active in the swimming team, Girl Scouts, 4 H, church youth group, cheer leading (junior high, high school and college), piano & flute lessons, horseback riding, and camping with family. I landed my first teaching job with the Port Angeles School District teaching 6thgrade. I moved to Everett, WA and married and have raised 3 wonderful sons. We lived in WA, CA, NY and AZ. Two of my sons now live in Tempe, AZ and my oldest son lives in Van Nuys, CA. We keep in touch and plan yearly vacations. I moved back to Port Angeles to care for my mother, who has Parkinson's. She just turned 90 and we talk on the phone every night. I recently married Donald Rhyne, Jr., in April, 2018. Church and family have always been the most important thing in my life.
- *What do you do for fun when not working?* I enjoy hiking, swimming at the lake, beach combing, hiking local trails, photography, Medieval history & calligraphy, cross stitch, baking, traveling, and collecting rocks.
- *Do you have pets/tell us about them!* I do not currently have a pet, but in the past, I have owned 3 dogs - a Black Lab mix named McKenzy, a Scottish Terrier named Whiskers, and a Poodle-Terrier mix named Chad!
- *What part of the duties and responsibilities for the Seaview teacher appeal to you the most?* I love the flexibility of designing my own weekly hours and supporting my students in the ways they need. It is rewarding to see the learning growth of each student when we can meet and reflect on their successes and set new goals each month. I really enjoy working with the Seaview Staff because everyone supports & cares about one another. Seaview has a lot of creative and talented staff members who want to make Seaview a better place for student programs & learning!
- *What do you love about Seaview the most?* I love the friendly people I work with and coming to work. It is the friendliest place that I have taught. The Seaview Staff is both personable and professional at all times. I feel that I have grown as a teacher because of the leadership and support of my colleagues.
- *What do you think your biggest challenge has been for you in this position?* The biggest challenge as an online teacher/mentor is not being able to see my students every day. It's difficult when I don't hear from some of them each week because our communication is vital for their success in school. It is my goal to develop a strong relationship with each student and help them to reach their potential as a lifelong learner and ultimately, to graduate.
- *What does success, as a Seaview teacher, look like for you?* For me, success is something that I can achieve by giving my students/staff 110%. It's easy to feel like a failure when a student drops out of school, but maybe online learning wasn't the right pathway for that student. As a teacher, I think we need to focus on the things that we are doing right and recognize the diversity of our students by providing them with different options and ones that might not be traditional. I feel successful when I know that I have explored all of my options and shared them with my individual students.
- *Tell us anything that you are especially proud of or something that you just want to share.* My teaching career has been rewarding in so many ways that I could not count them all. This will be my 31st year of teaching! I hope that I am making a positive impact on the young people that I work with each year.



