SEAVIEW ACADEMY

Orca News

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Dean's Message

By Vicki Helwick

As we head into Spring Break, I am already thinking about the end of this school year. It is coming up so fast! What an exciting year it has been! Our ORCA program is a fun and exciting addition to Seaview. It was wonderful to see their sock bunnies! Music class, calligraphy class, tutoring, there are almost always students in the building.

We are starting to plan for next year, and your teachers will be asking what your school plans are for next year. We know you may not have a definite plan, but an idea is fine.

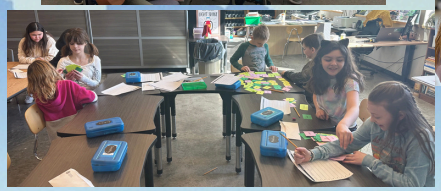
Please see the separate article about SBA testing. For those families who live somewhere other than the Olympic Peninsula, please look for an email from us about your SBA plans.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

ORCA Fun

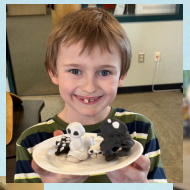

















Seaview Academy at Kids Fest






PASD and Seaview Academy had SO much fun at Kids Fest! Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles and Lutheran Community Services Northwest for bringing back this special event.

It was wonderful seeing the THOUSANDS of kids and adults come through the Vern Burton Community Center. Seaview Academy had a booth for informing families about the exciting opportunities we have for their child's alternative learning experience.

Port Angeles is so lucky to have so many wonderful organizations that support our youth and are helping build a brighter future!

(Thanks to Carmen Geyer for this great write up!)

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.

Right after Spring Break, families will receive an email through Skyward asking them to sign up their students for testing sessions. Please respond to this email so we can make adjustments to our plan, if necessary.

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

Staff Spotlight
Trix Donohue
Seaview Paraeducator Extraordinaire!













Where were you born and raised? *Tacoma, WA*

Tell us about your family growing up and your adult family:

I have 2 siblings. We enjoyed camping, horseback riding and family gatherings. I was in track in high school. I am married and I have 2 kids of my own, a son and a daughter. My son is in the medical field here in Port Angeles. He has a 4-year-old son of his own who is just learning to ride a bike. My daughter lives in California where she is a principal. She has a son and a daughter. My grandson enjoys and plays basketball and baseball. My granddaughter plays Lacrosse and does Fencing and Track.

What do you do for fun when you are not working? *We live at Lake Sutherland, and we like to go walking, boating, and Kayaking. Life is GOOD!*

Do you have pets? *Yes, we have a Shitsu named Greta and she is Daddy's Girl!*

What part of the duties and responsibilities for the Seaview Para Position appeal to you the most? And what do you love about Seaview the most? *I love Thursdays because it is Orca Kid's Day. I love helping the kids and watching them learn and grow. I love Seaview because we are a big family. We are all supportive of one another. However, I love being with the kids the most...that is the bottom line!*

What do you think your biggest challenge has been while working at Seaview Academy? *I would say learning technology at the beginning of the year. Also, traveling to and from the lake in the winter can be treacherous.*

What does success, as a Seaview Para, look like for you? *Success is evident when I make connections with the children, I work with...all K-6 graders!*

Tell us anything else that you are especially proud of or something that you would like to share: *I would just like to say that my own kids make me proud. They are both amazing adults and very successful. "My son still kisses the top of my head when we get together. And he is taller than I am now." My daughter flies up to see me and spend time with us. She is very loving and supportive.*

I will end with a quote that I just made up, "Build a bridge and then get over it." This is what life is about.