

School News

“Friday Blast”

Principal's Corner

A LOOK AHEAD:

Welcome Back, Otters! It's an absolute delight to have everyone back on campus after our rejuvenating Spring Break! The buzz of students and staff fills the air, and I can't help but feel the contagious excitement and energy that each day brings. I hope you all had a well-deserved break and are now recharged for the final sprint of the school year.

What's on the Horizon? Over the next few weeks, our students will dive into a whirlwind of activities. We're talking about the grand finale of MAPs testing for the year and gearing up for the Smarter Balanced Assessment in May.

SBAC Prep (Strategies & Support): Our dedicated teachers are providing students with practice sessions and essential test-taking strategies for the SBAC. These strategies are tailored specifically for this assessment, which differs slightly from the MAPs test. With the hard work happening in our classrooms, I'm confident that the data we gather from both tests will lead to even better outcomes.

Navigating the Busy Season: As we all know, this time of year gets hectic. Assessments, end-of-year activities, and a flurry of events keep us on our toes. Let's stay connected! Reach out to your SLP advisors, teachers, and me—I'm here to listen and support you.

Fatigue Alert! Family, student, and staff fatigue tend to peak during this season. We get it—when we're tired, our performance and behavior can take unexpected twists. So, let's keep those communication lines wide open. Share your challenges, victories, and everything in between as we wrap up this school year.

Together, we've got this! I am so grateful for each of our families, their students and the highly committed staff members that I get to work with in keeping OPA a great place for a student to learn and to grow. Thanks for all you do.

Best Regards,

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April 17th: PTO: Sweet Spot Takeover 3-6pm

May 9th: Burke Museum in OPA Gym

May 10th: Snow Make-up Day (School in session-OPA LABS)

May 13th-16th: SBA Testing for 3rd-12th grade

May 17th: OPA Spring Dance for 6th-12th

May 21st-5th & 8th WACAS (Science Test)

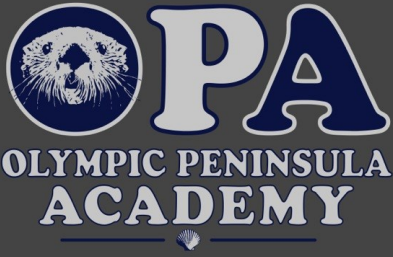
May 30th-Drama Dress Rehearsal 7pm

May 31st-Opening Night *Don't Stop Believin'!* 7pm

Here is the [link](#) for SDS (School Data Solutions). Make sure to submit your monthly parent feedback by

April 25th, 2024

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Laptop Charging Cord Update:



**IMPORTANT
UPDATE!**

Olympic Peninsula Academy

Laptop Charger Recall. Please return your student laptop charger to the OPA Library. Due to mechanical malfunction, all chargers from the NEMA 5-15 power plug 45 W Type-C Power Adapter are being recalled.

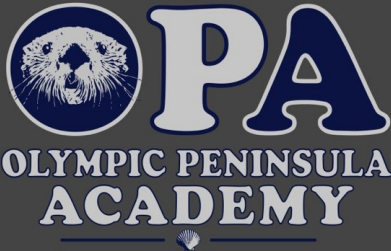
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Ms. Kim's Literature Class:

9th Graders: Romeo & Juliet



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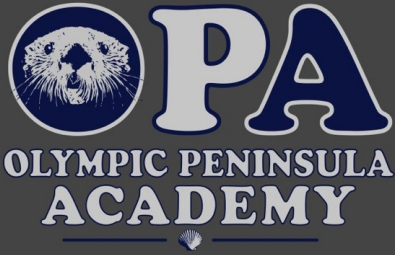
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Middle School Field-trip “Free the Fish”



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OPA PTO Happenings!

FUNDRAISER ALERT!!!

We are helping at the Sequim Irrigation Festival’s Crazy Callen Weekend **May 4th and 5th** at Carrie Blake Park.

[SIGN UP TODAY BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

This will earn a donation to the PTO!!!
These hours count towards volunteer time!



~ PTO Meeting ~

Join us for the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, 4/16 at 5pm in Room /6B.

The meeting counts for volunteer hours, you’ll learn about other volunteer opportunities, and much more!



TAKEOVER

April 17th 3-6pm **609 W Washington St**

All proceeds will be dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities at our school.

— Stay Connected —
Sign up for newsletter, find us on FB, etc. at:

[OPA PTO Linktree](#)

Sequim School District Families,

As part of the state's effort to protect the health of all children, the Washington State Legislature passed the Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1139 in 2021. This bill addresses concerns about lead in school drinking water as part of a broader effort to reduce children's overall exposure to lead in the environment. Under the bill, the drinking water must be tested every 5 years in all public schools built, or had all plumbing replaced, before 2016.

The Sequim School District, in alignment with this legislation, is having water tested across all buildings.



Lead in School Drinking Water Program

The Washington State Legislature passed laws in 2021 that require lead testing of all drinking water outlets in public schools that were built, or had all plumbing replaced, before 2016. Initial testing is required by June 2026, and retesting is required every five years thereafter.

We partner with schools to sample and test drinking water, provide guidance on remediation, and assist with communicating the health effects of lead exposure. We test for lead to reduce exposure from school drinking water.



SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



TEST

Partner with Department of Health or a contractor to sample and test drinking water.



ACT

Develop an action plan for remediating outlets with elevated lead levels.



COMMUNICATE

Communicate with students' families and staff about lead contamination in drinking water as required.

get in TOUCH

DOH provides:

- Sampling and testing to meet the legal requirements
- Action plan template
- Annual communication template
- Technical support

Visit doh.wa.gov/leadinschooldrinkingwater or reach out to leadfreekids@doh.wa.gov for more information.

360-280-7274 | www.doh.wa.gov

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Books for Belize

Belize is a small Central American country with many amazing and beautiful places to explore. It has the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world, rainforests with jaguars, monkeys, and exotic birds, beautiful beaches, sugar cane field and orange groves. But on a recent trip to serve as a literacy coach, I discovered that something important was missing?!?—

BOOKS!

While volunteering in four schools it was evident that there were very few books. Some classrooms had only a handful of books for students to read. The children shared that they did not have books at home. The staff dream of having a school library so children can access books for school and to read at home with their families.

You see, in Belize, English is the language that is taught in school, but most students speak a different language at home. In Central America books in Spanish are available. There are no children's bookstores, a few libraries in larger towns (an hour bus ride away), no elementary school libraries, and no book fairs to purchase books in English.

Can families in Sequim help? **YES!!!** During the month of April, schools all around Sequim will be participating in a book drive to gather books to help create libraries for schools in Belize. Please consider donating any new or gently used books and drop them off in the **Books for Belize** collection box at school. We will ship the books this spring so schools can set up and organize their new libraries to welcome their students next September. They will be so excited!

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at reneemullikin@yahoo.com

Renee Mullikin

Retired Sequim Teacher



HEALTHY KIDS DAY®

April 20, 10 a.m. – Noon | Free to the Public

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Healthy Kids Day is an annual national event celebrated at YMCAs across the country to help inspire healthy habits in kids and families.

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Sequim Bike Rodeo

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

1:00 - 3:00 PM

For kids Kindergarten - 5th

It's FREE!

**Helen Haller Elementary School
Football Stadium Lot East of School**

Parents must sign Release Form and be present

Learn how to ride your bike better in a safe space. Loaner helmets and bikes will be available. Takes an hour to complete.

Bike Inspection, Helmet Adjustment, Seven Bike Courses & Celebration



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