

Aquarian Charter School

Dedicated to creating a family centered, academically challenging educational experience that integrates the arts into all aspects of education.



“Art is where you can show your imagination and create stuff”

Sam Fineman & Sadie Duffy



Upcoming Events

April 3: PTO - 5:30
Library

April 17: APC - 5:45
Library

April 27-28:
Explorations

May 5: ASA Ends

May 24 Last Day of
School

Aquarian PTO

Guess what?

PTO is pushing you once again, to get those Fred Meyer Cards, and Amazon membership, dedicated to Aquarian Charter School PTO. It won't cost you a dime, but will greatly support our school. It's easy. Just do it!

Are you looking for where to Pick Click or Give? Simple, just choose Aquarian Charter PTO. Thanks all.

Next PTO Meeting is April 3

@ 5:30 in the Library

APC

Aquarian's Academic Policy Committee (APC) is the governing body of the school. It is responsible for approving curriculum and budgetary matters, among other things. The school's principal is actually an employee of the APC. At last Monday's meeting, APC members unanimously renewed Lucas Saltzman's contract for another year. Mr. Saltzman joined Aquarian in 2012; we believe he always places the best interests of our students, first.

Congratulations, Mr. Saltzman!

Congratulations to the following Aquarian students:

Hasan Wilkerson represented us at the State Geo Bee.

Andrew Butcher placed 25th in the State Spelling Bee

Way to Go!!!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

It has been a great month at Aquarian. Our kids are working hard on the new state assessment. We appreciate your support in getting them to school on time with a great breakfast and plenty of rest. It is truly impressive how thoughtful and hard working our kids are during testing.

We have a few fun events on the horizon. Our last two Exploration days are April 27th and 28th. We try to keep a balance of arts, academics, and play/outdoor activities during explorations. We will email the course offerings through teachers so families have an idea of the choices prior to the class drawings.

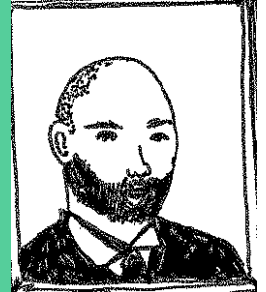
Another great event this month is 6th grade camp happening this week. The 6th graders will spend three days in Kasitsna Bay, Homer learning about marine ecosystems. It is a great experience and we look forward to it each year.

In closing I just want to reiterate how much we appreciate your support for the program. We can't offer such a robust program without you. I hope you have a wonderful April.

Sincerely,

Lucas Saltzman

Principal



Aquarian Artist-in-Residence

Beginning the week of April 10th I will be in the art classroom working with the 2nd through 6th grade art classes. I will work with each class for three one-hour sessions. We will be using clay in all of the classes and I will introduce the process of using plaster press molds to make objects. The students will be using molds and casting forms in combination with their already learned hand-building skills to create their own one-of-a-kind art pieces.

Ms. Lisa and I have already been working together to develop the projects and are so excited to build the students art portfolios with a new technique.

Each class will be building with clay in a similar way, however creating a different end result.

2nd grade & 3rd graders : Abstract Sculptures

3rd/4th class, 4th grade, 4th/5th class : Light Sculptures

5th grade, 5th/6th class & 6th grade : Mobiles

I look forward to working with all of the students and being a part of fun, productive and unique projects.

Artist Background : In 2011 I drove to Alaska with an idea for a project, and I am still here! I received a BS from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, a BFA from the University of Colorado-Boulder and earned my MFA from the University of Washington ceramics program. I have taught all ages of students both in private workshops & in university classrooms. Since living in Alaska I have been awarded a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts as well as an individual artist fellowship from the Rasmuson Foundation. This fall, for the months of September and October I will be working as a Rasmuson Foundation artist-in-residence at the McColl Center for Innovation + Design in Charlotte, NC.

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