

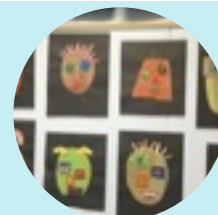
Aquarian Charter School

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



“Now that we have the kiln I love pottery days in art! It's fun to learn new ways to create something and to try it at home.”

Aquarian 5th grader



Upcoming Events

Dec 23-Jan 8
Winter Break

Jan 9 JYNO Begins
3:15-4:15 in the gym

Jan 16 MLK Jr. Day
No School

Jan 17 ASA Begins

Jan 30 Geo Bee
10:15-11:15 in gym

Art At Aquarian with Ms. Lisa

Students have been busy in the art room this year! All second through sixth grade students have completed at least one clay project so far. The kiln has been a wonderful addition to the school. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with the new medium, and most students are mastering the ceramics terminology of green ware, bisque ware, and glaze ware.

Most intermediate classes have completed two or three printmaking lessons this year and have really improved their skills! Kindergarten and first grade students have been focusing on painting, lines, and color mixing.

Please know that you are welcome in the art room any time! I always appreciate volunteers. Please email me if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon!

Ms. Lisa Chelmo
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Aquarian PTO

Do you have extra skates?

The school is accepting skates and guards to loan out for the winter skating season.

All skaters will need a helmet, skate guards and appropriate winter gear to skate.

Next PTO Meeting is
Jan 9, 5:30 in the
Library

APC

A very important email was sent out via School Messenger on Tuesday. If you have not read it please take a moment and do so.

Next APC Meeting is
Jan 23, 5:45 in the
Library

Library News

Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble

Are you feeling overwhelmed with not enough time to get all your Christmas gifts wrapped? You may bring in any unwrapped gift from any store and we will wrap it.

Come to Barnes and Noble this Saturday, December 17, from 9-4 and support the Aquarian Library. All proceeds from gift wrapping will go directly to the Library.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

We've had an awesome first semester at Aquarian, but I can't believe it is already done. The teachers are wrapping up our Winter Benchmarking in reading and math. The kids are doing better than expected and we are all excited for their growth. Thank you so much for all the support and for helping us work with your children. All that hard work is paying off.

One large project happening next semester is an Aquarian sponsored before and after school program for next year. I've been working on some of the details with PTO and APC during first semester. I'll be hosting a community night for interested parents in late January. The invitation will be sent through teacher email after the winter break. We want to make the program fit our community and align with our expectations and philosophy. Please feel free to contact me about the project if you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

I hope you have a wonderful break filled with family, friends, and fun.

Sincerely,

Lucas Saltzman



PTO News

First thing's first! Are you a PTO Member for this school year? It's only \$10 to be a member. Get it done! There are forms by the copier in the office. I'm going to be blunt, your PTO budgets for your membership each year. THIS YEAR WE ARE SERIOUSLY LACKING MEMBERS! Your \$10 allows you to vote on PTO expenditures, at meetings. Most importantly it supports our school! So, quit slacking and become a 2016/2017 PTO Member.

Onto other pestering news, Lost and Found is Full! Is your kid missing a jacket? There are about 40 hanging on the lost and found rack. Lost a pair of snow pants? Dig through the lost and found bin, there's a plethora of possibilities. Your amazing PTO volunteers are going to go through it next week. If your kids name is on an item we will do our best to track them down, and return it. Then on January 20th we're clearing it out! All items are sent to Kid to Kid and the monies raised go to Nurse Celeste, to replace clothing she passes out, as needed.

A-Thon News

Great Job everyone! The Aquarian Jog-A-Thon raised \$34,649.10. We expect the total to be approximately \$35,000.

The top earners of the school are as follows:

- 1) Mekalyn Lima Principal for a Day \$1,277
- 2) Jack Hazlewood \$1,133
- 3) Leona Hazlewood \$1,133
- 4) Gracelynn McCotter \$1,110
- 5) Zander Berens-Taylor \$561
- 6) Chloe Lau \$520
- 7) Bella Snisarenko \$500
- 8) Vincent Snisarenko \$500
- 9) Sarina Germany \$450
- 10) Charlotte Nelson \$350

Top primary class winner: Ms. Robin \$4,457

Top intermediate class winner: Ms. Monica \$2,985

(Ms. Marie's class was very close in the primary category with \$4,019)