

THE GAZETTE

OVERLAKE ORCAS

WINTER 2025-2026

Outstanding Orca

C1 - EMEREY

What is your favorite memory from last quarter?

Singing in choir. My favorite song is 'Life is a Highway'.

What is your favorite subject in school and why?

Math, because I like doing the work.

What is something you are proud of?

Singing in choir, being safe, and my friends.

What is one piece of advice you have for your fellow students?

You can do it!



Student Mentors

C4
Lucas



C7
Koen



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Our Adventures



**Elementary School
Pumpkin Patch**



**High School
Park Adventures**



**High School
Pacific Science Center**



**Middle School
Pumpkin Patch**





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Classroom Spotlights

CLASSROOMS 1 AND 2

In the first quarter, C1 students engaged in activities like the egg drop experiment, maintained science journals, and created Raven art for Native American Heritage Month, while learning brain-based self-regulation strategies. C2 welcomed new students and transitioned some to C3 and C4. C2 students explored matter in science with Miss Shannon, participated in art with Miss Megan, enjoyed outings in Bellevue and Seattle, and practiced essential classroom skills like raising hands and advocating for breaks.

CLASSROOMS 3, 4, & 5

During the fall, C3 students concentrated on community exploration, utilizing the light rail to cultivate life skills while examining their environmental impact in Earth Science. Concurrently, C4 welcomed the new quarter with enthusiasm, adorning their classroom and engaging in festive crafts during English Language Arts, all while maintaining a balance between enjoyment and academic responsibilities. Throughout the first quarter, humor emerged as a central theme. C5 thoroughly enjoyed outings such as visits to the corn maze and the Microsoft Center, participated in collaborative projects like the collage art activity, and particularly relished the door decorating contest, where they created the most frightening “Job Application” door ever seen.

CLASSROOMS 6 AND 7

C6 students actively engaged in the Associated Student Body (ASB) by helping with the Fall Carnival, promoting it with posters and supporting various activities on the event day. Meanwhile, C7 students focused on job skills, drafted resumes, planned public trips using public transportation, and participated in mock job interviews.

ONE COMMUNITY - RESPONSIBLE - COMMUNICATE - ADVOCATE - SAFETY



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Messages from Admin

During this holiday season I have been reflecting on the Re-ED value "Communities are important." This value is essential for students as well as their parents and guardians, families, and all the staff at the school - really all people everywhere. The holiday season is a great time of the year to reflect on your community, strengthen connections with other people in your community, find ways to help others, and take the risk of asking for help as well when you want or need it.

Adam Wallas (Principal)

The world needs your creativity, your kindness, and your courage. Your voice and your talents truly matter. Dream big in 2026! Overlake Specialty School is a community of staff and peers you can count on to help you grow and develop new skills. Support and celebrate one another, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Together, we can accomplish incredible things.

Angie Emmett (Vice Principal)



Upcoming Events

December 17
Winter Festival

December 22 - January 4
Winter Break

January 5 - January 30
Canned Food Drive

January 19
No School

January 20 - January 23
Book Fair

February 5
Picture Day

February 11
Quarterly Assembly

