



Chautauqua Shines #21

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Much of what we highlight in Chautauqua Shines is found on our school website. We hope you take some time to visit us at: <http://www.vashonsd.org/ces>

The New Year Begins With Peace

Each September, Chautauqua students and staff gather for an International Peace Day assembly. It's a chance for the entire school to be together and talk about ways we can bring peace and respect to our environment. This year's Peace Day focused on "Climate Action" and ways to protect the earth.

The assembly also included traditions like Pinwheels For Peace, a school-wide sing-a-long as well as the Peace Ball ceremony, where last year's Peace Ball is rolled onto The Big Peace Ball, the ball that contains all of the Peace Balls from year's past.





At Chautauqua we focus on Respect for SOLE.
SOLE stands for Self, Others, Learning and Environment...
...and we try to show respect for each of them every day.
Check out the [SOLE Center](#) on our website.
As part of our school-wide culture, SOLE is encouraged throughout the school. What are some ways your family shows Respect for SOLE at home?

Showing SOLE

What are some of the ways we celebrate students who show SOLE at CES?
Glad you asked.



The Peace Ball

Students showing SOLE earn pieces of yarn to tie on to the Peace Ball in the CES foyer. They can watch the ball grow as SOLE in the school grows.



The Golden SOLE Book

Students showing SOLE can earn SOLE tickets from teachers and staff.

Each Monday, students who have earned tickets have their names announced over the CES loud speaker and are invited to sign the Golden SOLE Book.

The Climate Ribbon Project

Building on our Peace Day assembly and it's focus on "Climate Action", classes were encouraged to write a message on a special Climate Ribbon, answering the question, "What do you love and hope to never lose to Climate Chaos?"

Students tied their ribbons to the fence in the front of the school.



Chautauqua is Extra Special!

The strength of our specialist programs is just one of the reasons Chautauqua shines. Here's an overview of our very special specialists

Music Magic

Our Music Teacher Erynne Smith explains her musical approach:

“Music is very hands on at Chautauqua! I use the Orff Schulwerk process, a music education philosophy that teaches students the elements of music in much the same way that they learn a language. Through exposure, imitation, creation, and play, they can become well balanced musicians and life long lovers of music.



In almost every lesson, we sing, we dance, we move and we play. Starting with our body as an instrument (for both voice and rhythm), we build our instrument use and knowledge. Then we use singing to tie everything together as we create our musical experiences together.”

Speaking Spanish

Our Spanish class teacher, Victoria Elizondo Hopper reflects on her first month:

“We had a wonderful and busy first month of school in Spanish class. Students learned and reviewed expressions used as greetings and good byes. We returned to last year's routine of telling the date and the daily weather. They learn a song and vocabulary to say good bye to summer and hello to Fall and the new school year. They learned and review the numbers from 1 to 50.

We learned about Fiestas Patrias in Latino America. As part of Hispanic-Latin Heritage Month Sept 15 through Oct 15.

Thank you for supporting students at home by asking them to share with you, the songs and expressions they are learning in Spanish arts class.”



A Look at the CES Library



The correlation between strong library programs and student achievement are many. Librarian Kathleen Lawrence meets with 26 different class rooms and 6 grade levels each week. And it's not just about the books. There is a lot going on!

Our island offers unique enrichment opportunities with visiting island authors, connections with the King County Library and Vashon Heritage Museum and other partnerships with island organizations.

To read a full description of the events and features of the Chautauqua Library, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Fantastic Physical Education

Here's are some beginning of the year thoughts from our P.E. team; Sarah Bunch, Amy Bogaard and Alex Craighead:

Our hope for the beginning of the school year is to establish clear routines and set up a solid foundation for our students to succeed throughout the school year.

We have spent our time exploring personal space, boundaries, and practices to help keep us safe. Team-building games have helped in building a sense of community among the students and teachers alike while encouraging students to step outside of their comfort zone.

We also have talked about the importance and power of a positive attitude as part of our Pillars of The Month.

A new addition to our space this year is the "Conflict Corner" where students are encouraged to go to help de-escalate a disagreement they may have with another student.

Finally, we have explored the importance of maintaining a 'Growth Mindset' in which students are willing to take risks, learn from their mistakes, and persevere.



All In for Art



If you walk the halls of Chautauqua you'll be surrounded by art at every turn. Most of this art has been created by our own students, some with the assistance of Vashon-Maury artists.

Some projects are even featured in galleries and businesses around the island. Our Art teacher Tara Brenno oversees the creative flow of our art room and the results are definitely worth a walk through the Chautauqua hallways.

“My goals for art are to introduce students to a variety of mediums and techniques, various artist and to learn about other cultures through their art.”

-Tara Brenno

Studying Science

Our Science teacher Amy Bogaard shared some science specifics:

“It is an exciting year for science at Chautauqua. All grade levels are working on different science units from Mystery Science which is supplemented with other resources. Ask your children what they are learning in science from “Doug” and from their teachers.

The garden is open for all students every Tuesday during lunch recess. 1st and 3rd grade have science time in the garden until December when other grade levels will have an opportunity to be in the garden.



This week in the garden we are enjoying the apple cider press donated by PIE last year. Thank you PIE - it is an amazing experience for many students.”

Second Step Skills

Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to help children thrive. Each class receives Second Step lessons each week from one our SEL specialists; Kristina Miller, Lance Morgan and Lisa Radford.

