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# Autumn is Here!

So how was your first month back at **Orchard Heights**? I hope you had as much fun as we did! What an exciting time to be a **Shark**, huh? As things start to get “normal”, remember that there are a few of us still getting used to the routine ... so if you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to ask and let's help one another!

In October we get to start looking forward to things like pumpkins, falling leaves, hot spiced cider, candy corn and harvest parties. But did you know that there are some kids that can't enjoy Trick or Treating or the candy at Halloween parties because they suffer from allergies (that are sometimes even life threatening)? That's why the **Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE)** group has started a program called the “**Teal Pumpkin Project**”. By painting (or decorating) a pumpkin in teal, and placing it out for kids to find, you're letting them know that there are allergy safe alternatives available at your house. It can be things like small toys, bubbles, stickers, pens/pencils/crayons/markers, bookmarks, bouncy balls and more. So think about participating in the **Teal Pumpkin Project** this year and make it a safe and happy holiday for everyone! For information, feel free to visit FARE's web site at:

<https://www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project>



## Sensory-Friendly Halloween Tips

Sensory issues affect, on average, 1 in 20 children in the United States. As we become more aware of sensory issues, businesses and organizations are offering sensory-friendly events. You can also help make Halloween more sensory friendly in your community with the following tips:

- ⇒ Limit Sensory triggers such as fog machines, strobe lights, loud noises, and sound effects.
- ⇒ Keep in mind that a child may have sensory issues with wearing a costume. Be accepting of their choices, even if that choice is not to wear a costume at all.
- ⇒ Be sensitive to children experiencing sensory overload and understand there might be some unexpected behaviors.

## October Happenings

- \* Child Abuse Awareness
- \* Cyber Security Awareness
- \* Energy Awareness Month
- \* National Brain Injury Month
- \* **National Breast Cancer Month**
- \* Downs Syndrome Awareness
- \* Psoriasis Awareness Month
- \* Vegetarian Awareness Month
- \* World Food Day (October 16)
- \* .... and more!



## PTSO Staff

- Nikki Leiter – President
- Gina Orta – Vice President
- Nicki Harrell – Public Relations
- Carrie Fontenot – Treasurer
- Denyal Stewart
- Sheri Stevens-Rushing - Teacher Liaison



## Bond + Capital Levy

**Know the Facts - No Tax Increase**

**Vote by November 6**



# COMEDY NIGHT

TO SUPPORT  
SKHS CLASS OF 2019 GRAD NIGHT



Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
at McCormick Woods Clubhouse

5155 McCormick Woods Dr SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367

Featuring "The Great Cris & Seattle's Greatest Hits Comedians"

\*Dessert Dash\* \*Raffle\* \*Silent Auction\*  
\$25 per person or a table of 10 for \$200

\*\*Cash or Check Preferred but Credit Cards Also Accepted\*\*

## Hello, Orchard Heights Families!

It has been an exciting start of the school year. I have enjoyed this busy time meeting our Sharks before and after school, in class, at recess, and at lunchtime. What a friendly and talented student body we have! I have witnessed kids learning about our IB Attitudes and earning Shark Bites for exhibiting Respect, Independence, Tolerance, Enthusiasm, Empathy, Creativity, Integrity, Cooperation, Appreciation, Confidence, Curiosity, and Commitment. Our staff has worked really hard to establish routines and are looking at assessment data to best serve our kids.

**Kris Christenberry (Principal)**

**REMINDER: School Conference Week is 10/29 - 11/2 with Early Release @ 12:10**

## Want to Watch a Family Friendly Halloween Movie with Your Kids? Try One of These!

- ◇ The Nightmare Before Christmas
- ◇ Hocus Pocus
- ◇ Casper
- ◇ Halloween Town
- ◇ Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie
- ◇ Spooky Buddies
- ◇ Scared Shrekless
- ◇ Spookley the Square Pumpkin
- ◇ Halloween is Grinch Night
- ◇ Scooby-Doo and the Goblin King



**School Closures:** Closures and delays will be announced on any local television and/or radio station, as well as on the district website. Register to get your snow day e-mail alerts at [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org) or try the Flash Alert app.

**2 Hour Delay:** If SKSD reports a 2 hour late start schedule on a Late Start Wednesday - Collaboration will be cancelled and 2 hour late start will operate on a normal Non-Wednesday schedule. Orchard Heights will ALWAYS start at 10:35 am - no breakfast.

Visit our district website for more information at:  
<https://www.skschools.org>

**No recordamos los días, recordamos momentos.  
We don't remember days, we remember moments.**

**If Your Student is Going to be Absent, Please Call: 360-443-3530**

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation - including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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