



Chautauqua Shines Debut

Welcome to the first issue of Chautauqua Shines. We'll share what's happening at Chautauqua and give you a glimpse of the social, artistic and academic culture of our school.

There's no set publication schedule, just when we fill up the pages.

We hope you enjoy discovering what we do at Chautauqua as much as we enjoy bringing it to you.

CES Website

Much of what we share in Chautauqua Shines is found on our website. We hope you take some time to visit us at:

<http://www.vashonsd.org/ces>

The Vashon Crow

Did you know Chautauqua Elementary has its own literary magazine? The student-run Vashon Crow was created in 2015 as a place for budding writers to share their craft.

You can find it on the CES website under the Student Life menu. Look for the [Vashon Crow](#) in the Creative Corner section.



Morning Music

A favorite CES tradition is Morning Music. Musical staff, students and island guests greet students as they arrive in the morning.

If you'd like to play some morning music,
let the school staff know!

SOLE Celebrations at Chautauqua

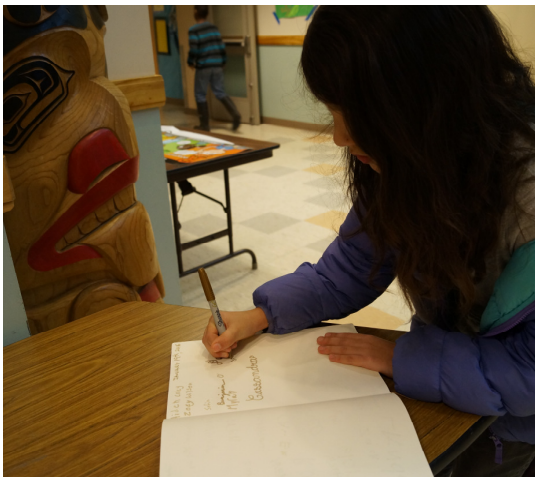
At Chautauqua we focus on Respect for SOLE.

What is SOLE?

S.O.L.E. stands for Self, Others, Learning and Environment...SOLE...and we all 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, students who show SOLE can earn recognition in several ways. Here are a few.



The 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 come sign the SOLE Book.



What are some of the ways your family shows Respect for SOLE?



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 SOLE Shoes

Classes that do a great job of showing respect for SOLE might earn our giant SOLE Shoes, which they hang from their classroom door for everyone to see.

Chautauqua Studios Is On The Air! (On the Web, we mean)

We've produced a lot of videos over the years. Some for fun, some for learning.

You can see them on the [Chautauqua Studios Vimeo](#) page. Look for the tab under the Student Life menu on the [CES website](#). You might just recognize someone you know!



The Buddy Bench

For most children at Chautauqua Elementary School, playing at recess comes easily. But what if you're feeling shy? What if you're having a rough day and joining your friends for a game feels a little more challenging than usual? Enter, the Buddy Bench.

The Buddy Bench is a place for children to go during recess when they felt lonely or shy. Other students are able to easily spot friends and connect with them by inviting them to play or just talk.

Through a Partners in Education (PIE) grant Chautauqua now has a Buddy Bench of our own. It arrived just a few weeks ago.

Chautauqua staff and students thank PIE for always supporting students and a safe and nurturing school environment.



Bully Prevention with Taproot

Taproot Theater recently visited Chautauqua to present their bully prevention play *Allies Ahoy*. After bullying the new girl at school, Dominic dreams of being marooned with pirates on a desert island. At first it seems fun, but when the pirates bully Dominic and throw him in the brig, he learns some lessons about how to control his temper and empathize with others.



Real Science in the CES Garden

When CES Science Coordinator Amy Bogaard noticed one of the school garden beds falling apart, she looked beyond the collapsing bricks and oozing soil and saw an opportunity to bring real science to the students.

A decade after it was created, the Pizza Bed, so-named due to its annual crop of pizza vegetables and herbs, needed a complete renovation. Complicating the project was the fact that the Pizza Bed lies on a slant, but the soil and bricks needed to be level. Bogaard knew she could count on the students of Chautauqua to find the answer while having some fun with real science.

“Bringing science into the classrooms is great.” Said Bogaard. “Especially when the classroom is outdoors and problem is genuine!”

Bogaard enlisted the help of Karen Barich’s 4th Grade class and the Pizza Bed Project was born. Using classroom instruction and hands-on experimentation, the students were given a chance to design a way to level the ground, lay the bricks and bring the Pizza Bed back to its original condition.



Check out the video!