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A Note from the Principal

For approximately the past three years we have been working with the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to become an IB World School that offers the Primary Years Program (PYP). On October 27 and 28, two consultants from the IBO will be conducting an authorization visit and reviewing the work we have done to determine if it meets the standards set by their organization. The consultants will be spending two full days interviewing teachers, visiting classrooms, meeting with district leadership, meeting with parents, and examining the lessons that we have developed for all grade levels.

The PYP is built on the foundation of six transdisciplinary themes. These are: **Who we are, Where we are in place and time, How we express ourselves, How the world works, How we organize ourselves, and Sharing the planet.** The themes are the same for all IB schools across the world, however, each grade level at a school works together to develop unique units of lessons. This allows us to use the curriculum and resources that are available in our district. Do you know which transdisciplinary theme your child is currently studying? If not, our Open House on October 13 is a great opportunity to learn.

There are some benefits to attending an IB World School. For example, all IB World Schools are required to offer a world language. When the Cozier community decided to pursue the PYP, Spanish was selected as our second language, and last year we hired a certified Spanish teacher. Another benefit is the rigorous curriculum that has to be developed for all grade levels to meet the IBO standards. Rather than focusing on memorization of facts within subject areas, the learning that takes place at IB World schools requires us to connect the different subject areas and apply them to “real world” problems and consider multiple perspectives.

I am excited about our upcoming authorization visit, because I view it as an opportunity for the Carl Cozier community to celebrate the hard work and commitment that is happening here every day. Our mission statement declares, “Open-mindedness is taught as a means to foster respect for the differences that exist among the people of our global community.” I am honored to be part of such a diverse community of learners and believe the PYP has helped us recognize that our diversity gives us tremendous strength.

Best,
Eric

Upcoming Dates October

13th

Carl Cozier Open House
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

14th

Teacher Workday – no school for students

18th

O’Neill Field Trip to Wastewater Plant
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

19th

Kindergarten Field Trip to Bellewood Acres
9:15 am – 1:00 pm

Jones Field Trip to Wastewater Plant
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

21st

3rd grade class field trip
Whatcom Falls 9:20 am – 2:30 pm

Picture Retake Day

November

3rd

Conferences 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

4th

Conferences 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

10th

Conferences 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

17th

Conferences 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Carl Cozier Mission Statement

Our Carl Cozier community is dedicated to the care and education of all our members. Open-mindedness is taught as a means to foster respect for the differences that exist among the people of our global community. We model the importance of leading balanced and principled lives, and we take action based on thoughtful inquiry and our current knowledge.

IB Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: Risk Taker

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.



Carl Cozier Open House on October 13 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Please join us for our Carl Cozier Open House. Visit your child's classroom and have them show you what they're learning.



Carl Cozier is a Title 1 School

Did you know that Carl Cozier Elementary School is a Title I school? Title I federal funding is allocated to schools based on the amount of students who receive free or reduced school lunches. We are one of six schools in Bellingham that receive this funding. Title I funds at Carl Cozier pay for our outstanding K-5 literacy intervention programs to support students who need extra help learning to read and write with proficiency. The salaries of our literacy intervention teachers, as well as instructional assistance time from come from this funding. Our students also receive additional math support from the program Mathletics. This summer, Title I funds paid for a summer reading program, sending books to qualifying students to help them continue their practice reading over the summer. Throughout the year, we use Title I resources to support our school improvement plans. If your child qualifies for or exits from Title I intervention support, our Title I staff send written notification. These programs include small group instruction with programs such as Leveled Literacy Intervention, Read About, and Read 180. If you have any questions about this wonderful program or would like to request a meeting, please call 676-6410.

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