

September 21, 2016



## A Note from the Principal

The first full month of the 2016 – 17 school year is just about completed, and I am excited to be starting my sixth year as Carl Cozier’s principal and eighteenth year working for the Bellingham School District. We have strong support for the diverse group of learners at our school, and I am honored to be part of this learning community. A few changes have occurred at our school, due to an increase of about 40 students compared to last year. Last spring, we knew we would see an increase of about 15 students as a result of the Life Skills Program being expanded in our district and added to Carl Cozier. Ashley McKale and Jennifer Hale are intervention specialists who are teaching classes in this program with students of multiple ages. Ashley previously taught at Wade King and Jennifer was most recently a member of the faculty in the Special Education Department at Central Washington University. Supporting Ashley in the classroom are Devin Spencer, Karen Morris, and Libby Chenault. The staff supporting Jennifer includes: Gina Cummings, Kit Jordan, Tiffany Koper, and Adriane Hendricks.

We did not expect the sudden growth at kindergarten and second grade. The Friday before school started, Rachel Roeder was hired as an additional kindergarten teacher. This means we have three kindergarten classes and each has fewer than 20 students! We also added a third section of second grade after the start of school, and Kacey Emerson is teaching that class. Now each of the second grade classes also has fewer than 20 students. The addition of these teachers is a great example of how the school district’s strategic plan (the Bellingham Promise) is being fulfilled. The Bellingham Promise states, “We invest in a strong early childhood (prenatal to third grade) program because of its powerful long-term return for our students and community.”

Other staffing changes that have occurred involve our counselor and Primary Years Program (PYP) coordinator. Kirke Mahy Hestad has joined us as a counselor. Before coming to Carl Cozier she worked as a school counselor at Whatcom Middle School and Blaine Elementary. Monica Savory is serving double duty as the PYP Coordinator at Carl Cozier and Wade King. Previously she taught second grade at Wade King and Silver Beach. It is great to have so many talented educators bringing their diverse experiences to our school.

These positive changes at our school provide the “ingredients” for another great year of learning!

Best,  
Eric

### Upcoming Dates September

23rd  
3rd grade class field trip to Whatcom  
Museum 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

23rd  
School Pictures in Portable B

28th  
Multiple field trips to Cozier Forest:  
Emerson 2nd grade 9:00 am – 11 am  
O’Neill 5th grade 8:45 am – 10:30 am

Jones 5th grade 10 am – 11:45 am



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



30th  
PTA Ice Cream Social  
6:30 pm – 8:30 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: Caring

Caring individuals show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and the environment..



### Volunteer Application Now Online

We're asking all volunteers, including parents, guardians and grandparents who plan to volunteer in classrooms and on field trips, to please take a few moments to complete our new online volunteer application.

You can find the application on our website: [bellingshamschools.org](http://bellingshamschools.org) (go to about, then volunteer program), or log in directly at [bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrmlplus.net](http://bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrmlplus.net).

This application must be filed and approved prior to your shift or event, whether you are a regular volunteer or occasional helper or chaperon.

If you require assistance, please call 647-6848 or email [jennifer.gaer@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:jennifer.gaer@bellingshamschools.org)

Thank you for your time and commitment to your/our students this year!

### Aplicación para Voluntarios en la red

Por favor tómese un momento para completar nuestra aplicación para voluntarios en la red.

Usted puede encontrar la aplicación en nuestra página de internet: [bellingshamschools.org](http://bellingshamschools.org). En la sección bajo "about" . O usted puede entrar directamente en la URL de [bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrmlplus.net](http://bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrmlplus.net). Ya sea que usted vaya a ser voluntario/a semanalmente o solo para un viaje, la aplicación debe ser aprobada antes de que pueda participar en el evento. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 676-6456 o email [jennifer.gaer@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:jennifer.gaer@bellingshamschools.org) ¡Gracias por su tiempo y compromiso con sus/nuestros estudiantes este año!

Nota: Para las familias que hablan otros idiomas

Para asistencia con traducción, por favor llame al 676-6456 o email [rebecca.velahaley@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:rebecca.velahaley@bellingshamschools.org)

### Carl Cozier PTA Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 30th 6:30 – 8:30 in the Carl Cozier Gym

Please join us for ice cream sundaes and a dance party to celebrate the new school year.

\*Join PTA and receive a free family portrait from Lifetouch at the social

\*Raffle drawing when you link your Fred Meyer rewards card

\*SCRIP cards will be available for sale if you would like to volunteer contact us at [carlcozierpta@gmail.com](mailto:carlcozierpta@gmail.com)

