

January 10, 2017



## A Note from the Principal

It is with great pleasure that I can announce Carl Cozier is now officially recognized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School! We join Wade King and Northern Heights as schools in our district with this designation. Three years ago, as we explored becoming an IB World School we wondered if it made sense to take on the additional work required to write and implement a school-wide program that included 36 units of inquiry (six for each grade level). This program of inquiry was to be written and taught in addition to all the other work teachers in our district are expected to do. Also, we knew we would be evaluated on our ability to implement this challenging program by an outside group, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). After a year of doing a feasibility study, our community decide the IB Primary Years Program was the right fit for our students and worth the effort, so we took the leap. Then it was two years of writing units, teaching them, and refining them before the IBO sent their team for a three-day authorization visit. Here are ten reasons why the three years of work have been worth it:

1. The IB Primary Years Program aligns closely to our district's strategic plan [The Bellingham Promise](#).
2. Students learn they are members of a local, national, and global community.
3. By learning to be global citizens our students learn multiple perspectives about important topics.
4. The curriculum emphasizes the arts and social studies in addition to the content areas included on the state tests.
5. Not only are students expected to learn the content, but they are expected to take action with their new knowledge.
6. All teachers collaborate to write the 36 units of inquiry which build on each other from K through 5th grade.
7. The units of inquiry are highly engaging to students because they are taught how to ask questions, locate information, and analyze the results of topics they choose.
8. Students are required to learn a world language (Spanish is being taught at Carl Cozier).
9. The IBO requires our community to be involved in the process from the very beginning.
10. In the past two years, we have received an award for our involvement in the arts and a state academic achievement award.

I will be working with the District Communications Department and members of our Carl Cozier Community to plan a celebration that recognizes the incredible work that has been done by staff, students, and families to accomplish the goal we set out to achieve three years ago. Congratulations to all of you!

With appreciation,

Eric

### Upcoming Dates

#### January

11th

Fifth Grade Open House  
8:00 – 8:30 am

12th

Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal

16th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
no school

19th

Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal  
A Taste of Culture 5:30 – 7:30 pm

20th

After School Enrichment Forms  
are Due

24th

Peking Acrobats Field Trip for  
1st, 2nd, and 4th grades  
9:30 – 11:15 am

26th

Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal  
5th Grade Strings Concert 7 pm

27th

Teacher Workday – No School  
for Students

# 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: Communicator

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspective of other individuals and groups.

### After School Enrichment Begins Soon

An enrollment packet for second semester after school enrichment activities was sent home with your student last week. If you wish for your child to participate, complete the forms and turn them in to the PTA box in the office by January 20. Many of the enrichment classes begin the week of January 23. Check the course description for the starting date of your choice(s).

### A Taste of Culture

On January 19, 2017 Carl Cozier will be hosting the 3rd annual "A Taste of Culture." This is an event that celebrates the wonderful diversity of our students, families, and staff with food and recipes from our



Carl Cozier families. We are looking for families willing to share samples from a prepared dish and recipe from their culture. If you have any questions, or would like to share a food

from your culture, please contact Shelley Jefferson at [shelley.jefferson@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:shelley.jefferson@bellingshamschools.org), or call/text 360-441-0637. Contact Shelly Jefferson if you wish to be considered for a scholarship to cover the cost of supplies. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

### Free Parenting Education Classes



We'll discuss anger management, Positive Discipline tools, self care for caregivers/parents/guardians, social emotional development, anxiety, social media/devices/ screens, brain development, international parenting, family routines – sleeping & eating and early and pre-teen brain development.

#### All classes meet on Mondays, morning and evening

January 23, 2017 – 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
February 27, 2017 – 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
March 13, 2017 – 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
April 24, 2017 – 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
May 22, 2017 – 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
Morning classes: 8:30 – 9:30AM in Portable C  
Evening classes: 6:30 – 7:30 PM in Portable C

Refreshments provided.

**All adult caregivers welcome!**



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