

January 24, 2017



A Note from the Principal

For the fourth year, Bellingham Public Schools will be offering Promise Kindergarten, and once again Carl Cozier has been selected as one of the sites to host this valuable program. Promise K is a free early entrance kindergarten program that focuses on basic academics and social/emotional skills. Students must be scheduled to enter kindergarten next fall and meet financial, social/emotional, and academic needs. One of the major goals of Promise K is to reduce the opportunity gap that exists between students and starts from an early age. While many students receive high quality pre-school there are also many children who don't have this opportunity. Closing the opportunity gap doesn't just support a few students, it supports all students. We know that the earlier we begin supporting students the less support we need to give them later in their education.

Last year, we had more space in our school to be ready for the addition of Promise K. This year, however, we added four more classes so it was not easy to determine where the Promise K would be set up. After careful consideration, it was decided that our computer lab would be converted to this year's Promise K classroom. The computer lab was a valuable learning space created about six years ago, where students practiced computer skills, conducted research and participated in important tests. It housed 30 desktop computers and allowed an entire class to work in the same space simultaneously. To make sure our students across all grades don't miss out on the many learning skills provided in the computer lab, we arranged to trade the desktop computers and we now have 30 laptop computers and rolling storage carts. These new laptops are in addition to the four laptop carts we already had been using. Giving up our computer lab has been a win-win situation. The 18 new kindergarteners starting January 30th, will receive an education that previously wasn't available to them, and the rest of our students will have the flexibility of using laptop computers wirelessly anywhere in our school. These opportunities are a result of the tremendous support that the community has given to Bellingham Public Schools.

With appreciation,

Eric

Upcoming Dates

January

26th
Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal
5th Grade Strings Concert 7 pm

27th
Teacher Workday – No School
for Students

30th
Promise K begins

February

1st
PTA meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm

2nd
Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal

9th
Early Release 1:15 pm dismissal

10th
Teacher Workday – No School
for Students

21st
Puget Neighborhood Association
6 pm social & pizza, 6:30 meeting
Red Cross speaker, PTA Childcare

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.

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 adult caregivers welcome. Refreshments Provided

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 – 9:30 AM in Portable C

Evening classes: 6:30 – 7:30 PM in Portable C

For more information, please contact counselor Kirke Mahy-Hestad at 676 – 6410.

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The Mt. Baker Dental Hygienists' Society Presents...

**A Day of Free Dental Care for Kids!!!
Saturday, February 25, 2017!**

FREE

Dental Exams, Sealants, X-rays, and Fluoride



For Who: Any kids, ages 0-18 years old,
who do not see a dentist every 6 months

When: 8am - 4pm, by appointment

Where : 220 Unity Street, Bellingham, WA 98225



How do I sign up? Call (360) 788-2649

Leave a message and we will call you back to schedule your appointment!