



Coe Bulletin

December 7, 2016

The Coe Bulletin is sent home electronically every Wednesday. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please contact the office at 206-252-2000.

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please email ldloewe@seattleschools.org by 3:30 p.m. Monday of that week's bulletin.

Calendar of Events

The calendar is also available online at: www.coees.seattleschools.org.

Thursday, December 8	Coin Collection Day for Afghan School
Friday, December 9	December Birthday Lunch
Wednesday, December 14	Report Cards Sent Home with Students
Thursday, December 15	Last Day of Food Drive
Friday, December 16	Winter Celebration Assemblies, Grades 3-5 at 8:05 a.m., Grades K-2 at 9:15 a.m., Lunchroom
Friday, December 16	Lost and Found Cleaned Out
December 19-January 2	No School – Winter Break
Tuesday, January 3	Back to School!
Thursday, January 5	General PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kearns Library
Monday, January 16	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 24	School Tour, 8:15-9:30 a.m.
Monday, January 30	Multicultural Assembly, 8:05 a.m., Lunchroom
Tuesday, January 31	Multicultural Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS:

From the Principal

Have you ever heard the term “Coe Cares”? Coe Cares is the broad term we use for all the programs students and parents work on together to provide support to help others—people in our school community and people in the larger Queen Anne community. There are several parts to Coe Cares. Students learned about two programs within Coe Cares at our assembly on Monday, the food drive and the Afghan Girls School.

The Afghan Girls School Program: Coe Elementary has supported the Afghan Girls School over the past 14 years. We have raised money and awareness through bake sales, coin drives, and educational events. We have helped fund a new school roof, a library, a well, books, a playground, science equipment, teacher training, and other projects. Our giving over the past 14 years totals \$70,000! This year our fundraising will help buy solar panels for a girls’ school so that students can have electricity. Two Coe parents, Lisa Cohen and Elizabeth Peterson, lead our Afghan Girls School fundraising. Sahar is the organization that we support, that in turn, directly supports Afghan Girls Schools. A representative from Sahar, Malahat, a young Afghani woman, brought a slideshow about Afghanistan and shared with students the work that is ongoing. The director of Sahar also attended the assembly. We will have a **one-day coin drive on Thursday, December 8th**. The coins donated will support Sahar’s Afghan Girls School program. We will be collecting coins on this day, December 8th, only.

The Food Drive: Another part of Coe Cares is our student council community service projects. The current project is our annual food drive. All the food we bring in this year will go to the Queen Anne Food Bank. If you would like to give a grocery gift card instead of food, you can turn this in to Leanne Loewe in the office, and it will be given to a needy family. **Our food drive runs through Thursday, December 15th**. The director of the Queen Anne Food Bank spoke to our students on Monday about what a food bank is; why people need it, how our school helps, and more. If you are able, please consider donating. Donation bins are in the atrium. Our goal is to fill them.

At Coe our goal is to create a community of learners. We also want to create a community of responsible citizens. We believe part of our citizenship is helping those in need. Coe Cares is a program designed as a way for our students to directly help others.

With students’ development in mind,

Virginia

Handbook Highlight

Each week we will highlight a section of the Coe Family Handbook. This week the topic is:

Lost and Found

Articles found in or near the school are put in the Lost and Found located in the south stairwell, off the atrium on the first floor. Small and/or valuable items are stored in the front office, as well as any found money. **It is important that parents put labels on student items so we can return them.** The lost and found is cleaned out regularly and sent to charity

Library Grant

Kearns Library is one of this year's grant recipients from the Seattle Education Foundation! Ms. Marjorie's grant proposal requested funding for a wish list of over thirty new books featuring children of color. She is looking forward to introducing these wonderful characters and their stories to the Coe community.

Food Drive

We have only one week left of our student council led food drive which ends on Thursday, December 15th. All food and toiletries collected will benefit the Queen Anne Food Bank which serves over 2,500 cups of soup and sack lunches per month through the meal program and serves over 350 families in the food bank. We are also accepting grocery store gift cards which will be distributed directly to Coe families in need. It is estimated that one in five people experience food insecurity in our country. Our food drive donations can have a profound effect on this problem and it is a solution our children can directly participate in. Please consider donating what you can and send your children to school with food that they can share to help those in need in their community. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found will be cleared out again on Friday, December 16th and donated to charity after winter break. Please have your child check for lost items. As always, items that are marked with names will be reunited with owners.

Volunteers Needed

The Coe Safety Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help on Monday, January 9th. We will be refilling the emergency water jugs for all the classrooms. The plan is to start after drop-off, and it should be finished by noon. If you can help for all or part of this time, please email amy.laybourn@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Coe Tours and Open House

Please help us spread the word to friends and neighbors about our upcoming tour and open house dates:

- Tuesday, January 24th, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m., School Tour; see classrooms in action
- Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Open House; kindergarten teachers will be present
- Monday, February 13th, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m., School Tour; see classrooms in action

We request adults only for these events. These are inappropriate venues for young children. Babies in arms are okay. No tours will be held beyond these scheduled events. We are happy to provide prospective parents with tour packets, however. Please RSVP to Coe's office to confirm attendance at 206-252-2000.

Did You Know That Queen Anne Has an Option School?

Queen Anne Elementary Open House and Tour Dates are:

- Wednesday, January 18th, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m., School Tour
- Monday, January 30th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Open House
- Wednesday, February 8th, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m., School Tour

Queen Anne Elementary will also be participating in the Option School Choice Fair on Saturday, January 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cleveland STEM High School. Learn more about your neighborhood Option School!

PTA NEWS:

Journey with an Afghan School

Every year Coe students raise money for a special project for our sister school in Afghanistan. Last year we funded an entire science lab, the year before we purchased books for their library, the year before that we built the library. This year's project is to raise enough money to supply our sister school with ten solar panels so that they can generate electricity for lights and water sources. They currently have no electricity and this project would be a huge contribution to their school. In past years, we've asked students to bring in extra coins they've collected throughout the year. This year, we will have a **one-day only coin collection event on Thursday, December 8th**, when students bring in their coins and try to fill their classroom coin jars. Our goal for the year for all the solar panels is \$3,500 and we hope to make a huge dent in it on December 8th. Please look for a collection bag in your student's folder next

Monday. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact lisacohen411@icloud.com or Elizabeth Peterson at eaepeterson@gmail.com. Tashakor/Thank you!

General PTA Meeting

Save the date - Thursday, January 5th! You won't want to miss the next General PTA Meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kearns Library. Call the office to sign up for childcare at 206-252-2000. We plan to show an age appropriate movie to keep the kids entertained.

Parent topics include:

- Stefanie Thomas from Seattle Police will join us to talk about how to keep kids safe on the internet. Her hour long presentation covers cyberbullying, social networking/gaming, online posting, reality of teens, kids as targets, and internet and cell phone safety tips.
- Also, for parents of 3rd-5th grade students, Coe staff will provide an overview of the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) format and procedures which will be administered to students in the spring. Seattle Public Schools also has an SBA Parent Resource page at: <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=14645>

Coe Sweet Coe Auction Update

The School Silent Auction and Fundraising Gala will be here before we know it. We are now actively seeking donations and are asking that every family contribute what they can. Thank you to those who have already donated.

We are in need of the following items in order to have a successful auction:

- Items from our Amazon Wish List: bit.ly/coeauctionwishlist
- Restaurant and retail gift certificates
- Sports and other event tickets

The procurement deadline is Friday, January 13th but we are trying to secure as many donations as possible before winter break, so thank you in advance for your support.

All donated items must be accompanied by a procurement form. Forms may be found in the office or you can make your donation online at bit.ly/coeauction2017. Once your items are in hand, you may place them in the green auction bin in the office.

Questions? Contact coeauction@gmail.com.

Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night event takes place on Tuesday, January 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On this night, we will transform the atrium and the hallways on the second and third floors into a “bazaar” of the rich cultures that make up our community. Art work created by all Coe students will be on display throughout the school, and you can enjoy multicultural food samples and displays from over 20 countries. Please plan to come experience this amazing celebration of cultures!

If you are interested in presenting a table at the event to share your cultural heritage, please contact the co-chairs at mtakihana@mac.com. We also need volunteers to help us set up tables for this event on Monday, January 30th between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., and to move tables on Tuesday, January 31st between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. If you are available to help, please contact us at mtakihana@mac.com. Thank you for being a part of this important celebration of cultures at Coe!

Miki Takihana and Nina Marini
Coe Multicultural Night Co-chairs

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Unicycle Club

Mr. Murray is offering Unicycle Club on Thursday afternoons from 2:05 to 3:05 p.m. Winter session will run Thursday, January 5th through Thursday, April 6th. This after school program takes place in the gym and is available to students in grades 3 through 5. See registration form for full details. Registration forms are available in the main office or email Mr. Murray at rjmurray@seattleschools.org for an electronic copy.

Art Club

Registration for the winter session of After School Art is open. We will meet Tuesday afternoons from 2:05 to 3:15 p.m. for nine weeks, January 20th through March 14th with no class held on February 21st. The cost is \$130, all materials and a snack of fruit included. Registration forms are available in the office. Please contact Patti Christie at pdchristie@seattleschools.org to have an electronic copy sent to you, or further questions. Registration is on a first come first served basis.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Inclement Weather

Please see the attached link for information on the Transportation Departments's Ice and Snow Plan for 2016-17: [Inclement Weather Information News Article](#).

Option School Choice Fair

Admissions and Enrollment Planning are pleased to announce our second annual Option School Choice Fair on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Cleveland STEM High School.

To attend one of our option schools, a student must apply during Open Enrollment (Feb. 13–Feb. 24, 2017). More than 200 people who attended last year's Option School Choice Fair were very interested in knowing more about the school choice process, unique offerings at each option school, new schools opening, school boundary changes, and other key components to help choose the right school for their child.

Learn about Queen Anne's Option School, Queen Anne Elementary, at this fair.

Advanced Learning Key Dates

The following are the key dates for the 2016-17 Advanced Learning Eligibility Referral and Decision Process for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Eligibility is for the 2017-18 school year.

Student Referral Acceptance Period

Sept 7, 2016 - Oct 6, 2016

The 2016 - 2017 Referral Period is now closed

Student Screening and Testing Period

October 2016 - January 2017

Eligibility Decision Notification Period

Jan 16, 2017 - Feb 3, 2017

Appeals Process Period*

Jan 16, 2017 - Feb 24, 2017

*Appeals must be made within 3 weeks of receipt of Eligibility Notification. Appeals submitted outside of the 3 week window will be considered last.

For more information visit the Advanced Learning page at seattleschools.org or email advlearn@seattleschools.org

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Seahawks Event at Targy's

The Seahawk's mascot, Blitz, and a few Sea Gals will be at Targy's (6th Avenue West and West Crockett Street) this Sunday, December 11th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for the Green Bay Packers game. This event is for adults only. Come out and support our local watering hole and the Seahawks!

General and Special Education Conference

The 2017 General & Special Education Conference: Brain-Based Science, Learning & Achievement-Pre-K through 12th grade will be held at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown Seattle on March 8, 9, and 10, 2017. Twenty-four, full-day courses will be offered on a variety of topics by some of the "giants" in educational research. Courses are designed for general education teachers, special education teachers, school psychologists, therapists, professional support staff and administrators. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Go to the conference website at www.rehabseminars.org for all of the conference details, or [click here](#) to download a program and poster.

One on One Basketball

One on One Basketball Seattle presents the 6th Annual Holiday Hoops Camps at Meadowbrook and Queen Anne Community Centers! This winter break, don't get bored...get better! One on One Basketball Holiday Hoops Camps are a great opportunity to progress your individual skills and game knowledge going into basketball season. Shooting - Ball handling - Passing - Defense - Footwork - Finishing - Fun!

- Boys and girls, ages 6-12
- Tuesday, December 27-Friday, December 30
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily
- Cost: \$180

Register today at your community center or call Meadowbrook Community Center at 206-684-7522 or Queen Anne Community Center at 206-386-4240. You can also register online at <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/>.