



# Coe Bulletin

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## Calendar of Events

The calendar is also available online at [www.coees.seattleschools.org](http://www.coees.seattleschools.org).

Thursday, March 2	Classroom Group Photos – Rescheduled Date
<del>Thursday, March 2</del>	<del>General PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Kearns Library</del> <b>Rescheduled for March 23</b>
Saturday, March 11	Coe Sweet Coe Fundraising Gala, 6:00 p.m., Four Seasons Hotel
Monday, March 13	Magnolia School Boundaries Meeting, Catharine Blaine, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22	Two Hour Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.
Thursday, March 23	General PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Kearns Library
Thursday, April 6	State of Coe - General PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Lunchroom
April 10-14	No School – Spring Break
Thursday, April 27	Science Fair, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# SCHOOL NEWS:

## From the Principal

It is budgeting/staffing time of year here at Coe - and at the district level. Last night I received our staffing/budget information and will begin working with our Building Leadership Team (BLT) tomorrow to figure out how we will absorb the cuts that are coming. Miki Takihana and Maureen Elenga are the parent representatives to Coe's BLT. As you know, the district is in a \$74 million budget shortfall situation due to the state not fully funding education. You should have received an email from Superintendent about this topic several weeks ago.

As our BLT and staff makes decisions about our staffing/budget, I will keep you updated via *From the Principal*.

Here is what we already know:

1. **Class size will increase for 2017-18** (unless the legislature moves to fully fund education). We will be staffed at the following levels: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 26 students; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 28 students. These are not caps. The district can increase class size beyond these numbers.
2. **Coe's "core teacher" position, Kristen Wagler's math specialist position, is eliminated** (unless the legislature moves to fully fund education). I am confident that there will be budget scenarios brought forward by the BLT to decrease FTE from other positions to keep Kristen in place. This doesn't solve the issue really; it just "steals from Peter to pay Paul". I'll keep you updated on this issue as we creatively brainstorm around this position; we would hate to lose Kristen.
3. **Approximately 150 of the district's least senior teachers will be displaced** (unless the legislature moves to fully fund education). On the positive side, if the budget shortfall is lessened by some act of the legislature, it would be the displaced teachers who would be put back in their original positions first. While displaced teachers are guaranteed a district contract, they are not guaranteed a contract at their current school/job.

What I often hear from parents regarding a position that may be eliminated is, "Well, let's just raise more money and pay for that position that we want to keep." The situation is not that simple. There is a school board cap on the amount that PTAs can spend on staffing. That cap is \$250,000. For many years (nearly all my six years at Coe) the PTA has generously given very close to that amount towards staffing so that we can run the programs/positions we currently have in place – the programs and positions that have become the norm at Coe.

What is next? The BLT will meet this Thursday and again next week. Our goal is to agree upon and bring forward budget and staffing recommendations to the full staff, at our Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> staff meetings. By the end of the day on March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Coe staff must vote on what our staffing and budget will be for 2017-18, as I must submit our plan to the District on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. I must also submit a "restoration" plan for how we intend to reinstate positions if the legislature were to provide more money to school

districts. Whether or not more money will be coming to public education likely will not be decided until after the school year is over (and staff is on vacation), so it is imperative that we make decisions on staffing/budget priorities in case more money comes our way.

Mostly this article has been a “downer”. Be assured your BLT, staff, and PTA will work hard to keep our current programming in place and wisely use the money that the PTA provides for staffing. We will figure this out; we always do....somehow. More specifics to come in future *From the Principal* articles.

Keeping quality staff and programs in mind,

Virginia

## **Handbook Highlight**

Each week we highlight a section of the Coe Family Handbook:

### **Selling Items at School/Sharing Written Information**

*Students may not sell items for personal gain on school property or on a school bus. Fundraising sales by particular groups, which are pre-approved, may be allowed, e.g. a student council fundraiser for a community service project; or a particular class or grade level selling items at the Multicultural Fair to raise money for an approved charity. Fundraising for non-Coe related organizations is not allowed. Students may not distribute any literature at school without the approval of the principal (for example, Girl Scout flyers or community event flyers).*

## **SBA/MSP Testing Dates**

Tuesday, April 25- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SBA- CAT- ELA

Wednesday, April 26- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-CAT-ELA

Thursday, April 27- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-CAT- ELA

Friday, April 28- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-PT-ELA

Tuesday, May 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-PT-MATH

Wednesday, May 3- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-PT-ELA

Thursday, May 4- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PT- ELA

Friday, May 5- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-PT-MATH

Tuesday, May 9-5<sup>th</sup> Grade-PT-MATH

Wednesday, May 10- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-CAT-MATH

Thursday, May 11- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- CAT-MATH

Friday, May 12-5<sup>th</sup> Grade CAT-MATH

Wednesday, May 24- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MSP TEST

## **Coe Welcomes a New Staff Member**

We extend a warm welcome to Tracy Rabah, Coe's new tutor and playground/cafeteria supervisor. She replaces Nicole Bonora who has taken a new position outside the School District. Thank you to Nicole for her service to Coe students and families.

## **Classroom Group Photos – New Date**

Class pictures have been rescheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Order forms were sent home with students; extra forms are available in the office. Photos cost \$11 each.

We are looking for volunteers to help with photos that day. Volunteers get a free photo! If interested, contact Benten Arriola at [bdarriola@seattleschools.org](mailto:bdarriola@seattleschools.org) or 206-252-2000.

## **PTA NEWS:**

### **School Silent Auction Billing and Item Pick-Up**

On Monday you should have received an invoice for your review detailing your purchases from the "Coe Sweet Coe" school silent auction. Today, March 1<sup>st</sup>, credit cards on file were charged. If for some reason we do not have a credit card on file for you, we will be in touch. You will then receive a final receipt you may use for tax purposes.

The auction team will have a table set up in the atrium after school this week, today through Friday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., to hand out purchased items. Please be sure to retrieve your items during this time or make alternative arrangements. Any items not picked up during this time will be left in the office.

If you have questions please email [coeauction@gmail.com](mailto:coeauction@gmail.com).

### **Silent Auction Kudos**

We are happy to report the "Coe Sweet Coe" Silent Auction was a huge success! Before mid-winter break, the Coe Atrium was filled with tables and parents eagerly bidding on auction items to raise money for special programs and teachers. The display cases in the entry way were packed with exciting donations, and the tables were decorated to perfection with heart themed candies and festive bid sheets. We had fantastic participation from families this year. We are well on our way to raising the funds needed for another fantastic year at COE with the completion of the silent auction and record ticket sales for the upcoming Gala on March 11<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to our Auction Chairs, **Shawn Perkins**, **Kristi Kemp**, and **Tracy Arntz** whose passion for Coe, energy, and time is so appreciated. We are forever grateful for all their efforts organizing these unforgettable events.

Thank you parents and small businesses for the many fantastic donations this year! Thank you teachers for the amazing parties and experiences you donate for the students, and thank you **Jeremiah Telzrow** and **Claire McGowan** for coordinating this effort. Thank you **Annie Graebner** for donating your time and energy to create an amazing backdrop and a lifetime of memories for families with the student portraits. Thank you to **Megan Olsen** and **Jeremiah Telzrow** for spearheading the class art projects with a team of fearless parents who have created awesome class art projects for both the silent school event and the gala event in a couple of weeks. Thank you **Dan Cole** for countless hours of design work. It takes a village as they say, and it sure makes a difference when we all come together to support a cause. Our school is a special place for the kids here, and we are so grateful for this community. Even if your name isn't listed please know that we appreciate your contributions, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for Coe.

Katie Heckel, PTA President

### **Coe Sweet Coe Dessert Dash**

Calling all bakers to contribute to the Coe Sweet Coe Fundraising Gala dessert dash! The dessert dash is a fun and important part of our auction. It is also an easy way to get involved. Please consider providing a dessert (homemade or purchased) for the gala. Desserts can be dropped off locally on Queen Anne the day of the Gala, March 11<sup>th</sup>. To sign up or for more information email Kris Nelson at [ktnelson18@yahoo.com](mailto:ktnelson18@yahoo.com) and Susan Campbell at [sandjc30@hotmail.com](mailto:sandjc30@hotmail.com).

### **Coe Sweet Coe Wine Toss**

We are in need of wine for the Wine Toss at the Gala. Visit this link to sign up to donate wine for this important and fun part of the Gala:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a9ad2fa20-coegala>

If you have questions please email [victoria\\_humphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:victoria_humphrey@hotmail.com) . Thank you!

### **General PTA Meeting – New Date**

**This Thursday's General PTA Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30pm.** Please join us in Kearns Library for updates and discussions on a number of relevant topics impacting our Coe Community: the principal's report, the state of public school funding, new school boundaries, and more.

## **Magic Show Family Night**

**Friday, March 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Coe Gym**

Back by popular demand! Evan the Magician will entertain the Coe community with his magic show! In addition to being a talented magician, Evan is a Coe parent who is donating his time and talent to help the fourth graders raise money for IslandWood. Let's show our support!

- Tickets for the show are \$7 per person. Order forms were sent home with students and can be returned to the school office.
- Drinks and pizza will be offered for \$5/child and \$8/adult.
- Bake sale items and popcorn will also be available for purchase throughout the performance.

If you are interested in contributing something for the bake sale or pitching in for this event, please email Megan Olsen at [meganolsen@gmail.com](mailto:meganolsen@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Peterson at [eapeterson@gmail.com](mailto:eapeterson@gmail.com).

## **Fall Fund Drive Tax Receipts**

Coe Fall Fund Drive 2016 tax receipts were emailed when you made your donation. The email was sent from *FH Coe Elementary PTA*. If you did not receive a 2016 FFD donation tax receipt please contact Victoria Humphrey at [victoria\\_humphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:victoria_humphrey@hotmail.com).

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

### **Intro to STEM with LEGO® Materials**

Play-Well TEKnologies will be hosting an after school enrichment program using LEGO® materials beginning March 6<sup>th</sup>. Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO®! Build engineer-designed projects such as trains, helicopters, tree houses, and beam bridges, then use special pieces to create your own unique design! Students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. There is no prerequisite for this course. For students in K-2.

If interested, please register online at [play-well.org/course-finder/](http://play-well.org/course-finder/). If you have questions please contact Claire Stafford at 206-310-0678 or [Claire@play-well.org](mailto:Claire@play-well.org).

## DISTRICT NEWS:

### **Magnolia Elementary School Boundaries Meeting**

**Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 to 8 p.m.** at Catharine Blaine K-8, 2550 34th Avenue West

Magnolia Elementary School (2418 28th Avenue West) is scheduled to open as an attendance area elementary school in Fall 2018 to help relieve capacity challenges and accommodate future growth in Queen Anne and Magnolia. An attendance area will have to be established for Magnolia Elementary School to assign students. This means that the existing boundaries for Coe, Catherine Blaine, and Lawton will likely be changed.

Please join SPS Enrollment Planning and the principals of Coe, Catherine Blaine, and Lawton at the upcoming community meeting to learn more about boundary changes and share feedback with district staff. Interpreters will be available.

### **Special Education Regional Meeting for Staff & Families**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:00-7:30 p.m., McClure Middle School Library, 1915 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West**

The Special Education Department is hosting Regional Meetings for staff, families and the community to learn more about Special Education in Seattle Public Schools. The topics will include information about changes in the department and updates about the Continuum of Services for children with special needs. We want to hear directly from you as we continue to partner in improving services for our students.

You will have an opportunity to meet **Wyeth Jessee**, Chief of Student Supports; **Michaela Clancy**, Director of Special Education; **Trish Campbell**, Interim Director of School Based Special Education Services; the **Regional Supervisor and Program Specialists** for your area; **Margo Siegenthaler**, the Special Education Ombudsperson; **Parent Partners**; **Hannah Marzynski** the Special Education Parent Liaison; and other special education staff.

We will provide supervised children's activities, a light snack, and Spanish, Somali, Chinese, and Vietnamese interpreters.

We look forward to having this opportunity to meet with you. Please come!

### **Rescheduled Last Day of School**

On February 6, 2017, a scheduled school day for students, SPS closed all schools due to inclement weather. As a result, the last student day will move from June 23, 2017 to June 26, 2017.

# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

## **Summer Art**

Registration for Coe Summer Art at is now open. Summer Art is a fun, relaxed week of making art in a small group setting. Two weeks are being offered this year: July 10-14 and July 17-21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Class size is limited to 16 students, filled on a first come, first served basis. Tuition is \$320 per week. Emily Sept will be with us again this summer, having now completed her degree in Elementary Education. Paper registration forms are available in the office. Please contact Patti Christie at [pdchristie@seattleschools.org](mailto:pdchristie@seattleschools.org) to have an electronic version sent or if you have further questions regarding the program.

## **Performing Arts Summer Camps**

Join Mrs. Carreiro at Children's Dance Workshop for a week filled with singing and dancing.

- **Songs and Dances from *Mary Poppins***  
**Camp #1 July 10-14, Camp #2 July 17-21, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Taught by Lynn Beasley and Krista Carreiro. For boys and girls ages 7-12, tuition \$275. In this camp we will create a revue of the musical numbers from *Mary Poppins*. Students will hone their singing, dancing, and acting skills.
- **Creative Dance, Music, and Art, July 24-28, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
Taught by Krista and Annabelle Carreiro. For boys and girls ages 5-7, tuition \$200. This camp encourages creativity, imagination, and self-expression through music and dance explorations as well as thematic art projects.
- **Songs and Dances from *High School Musical*, July 31- August 4, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Taught by Krista and Annabelle Carreiro. For boys and girls ages 10 and up, tuition \$300. In this camp we will combine the best musical numbers from all three of Disney's *High School Musical* movies. Students will hone their singing dancing and acting skills.

Camps are held in a mirrored-studio space in the Fellowship Hall of the Queen Anne Baptist Church. There will be an informal performance for family and friends at the end of each camp. Students should plan to pack a lunch and wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing, and either jazz shoes, ballet slippers, or be prepared to dance in bare feet.

To register, send a request for a registration form to [krista@popco.com](mailto:krista@popco.com). Please include your child's name, age, and the camp they would like to attend. Limited scholarships available.



## **Hilltop Summer Camp**

Hilltop's Big Kids Summer Camp includes swimming, climbing, art, outdoor adventures, reading, and more, all in one! It's lead by educators who will support your child in making friends, growing as leaders, and thinking more deeply about the world - plus, you won't have to run all over the city to hundreds of different camps all summer. Registration is now open. [Sign up here!](#)

## **Reading Academy Summer Camp**

The Reading Academy summer camp will be this July 6<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> at Coe. Instructors Julie Bedell and Laura Cooper will be teaching this important skills-based summer reading program for any child wanting to improve his/her reading and writing skills in a fun, engaging way. Camp is for children entering 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grades in the fall of 2017. For more information and registration forms, contact Julie Bedell at [juliebedell146@gmail.com](mailto:juliebedell146@gmail.com) or Laura Cooper at [lauricoo@hotmail.com](mailto:lauricoo@hotmail.com).

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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