



Coe Bulletin

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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.

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Calendar of Events

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

Monday-Thursday, October 17-20	5 th Grade at IslandWood
Friday, October 21	October Birthday Lunch
Wednesday, October 26	Two Hour Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.
Friday, October 28	Spirit Day – Wacky Day
Friday, October 28	Monster Mash, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 2	Vision and Hearing Screening, Grades 1, 2, 3, and 5
Thursday, November 3	General PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Kearns Library
Thursday, November 10	Veterans Day Assembly for Grades 1-5, 8:05 a.m., Lunchroom
Friday, November 11	No School – Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 16	Picture Retakes
Wednesday, November 16	Two Hour Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.
Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, November 19, 21, 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday-Friday, November 21-25	No School – Conferences/Thanksgiving Break

SCHOOL NEWS:

From the Principal

Coe is a bit quieter this week as our fifth grade students are at IslandWood Outdoor Education camp Monday through Thursday. We've received email messages from the teachers that inform us they are all having a wonderful time. IslandWood is a highlight of the year for many fifth grade students. The camp is located on Bainbridge Island in an idyllic setting. The facility is crafted in a way that was carefully planned with outdoor education and sustainability in mind. The students stay in gorgeous lodges. Each detail in the lodge is planned for its natural setting. Each wall plate, sink, coat hook, bench, and floor is artistically created. The furniture is made by master woodworkers. Each large fireplace (in each lodge) is beautifully created in an artistic way. The floors are heated! This is not the same camp I went to as a child.

Each day the students go out for science/outdoor education lessons in the woods. They stay out all day, even eating lunch in the outdoors as they learn. Sustainability and being aware of what we consume is a focus of each meal (and the meals are quite good). The students are taught to take only what they can eat and to eliminate as much waste as possible. After each meal, someone at the table gathers together what is left on each plate. It is weighed and then charted for all to see. The idea is to be mindful of what we eat and what we put on our plate. The goal is to waste/throw out as little as possible.

Besides education, the goal for our fifth graders is to build a community across our three fifth grades. Students get to know each other in new ways as they play, eat, learn, and sleep together. Each night there are fun-filled activities for the students. Tonight, for example, there will be a talent show which many students are excited about.

This exciting and unique learning opportunity is made available because of the hard work of our IslandWood fundraising committee. During the fourth grade year, parents raise money to decrease the cost for all in the fifth grade year. Last year's fundraising was very successful so the cost of the four days at camp went from \$345 to \$146 per student. Fundraising efforts are ongoing throughout the year. This year the Monster Mash bake sale is an IslandWood fundraiser. Much of our popcorn sales go towards IslandWood fundraising.

We welcome our fifth graders back on Thursday afternoon. They will be tired but they will have memories that will last for a lifetime. If you see a fifth grader tomorrow afternoon, tell them "welcome back".

With students in mind,

Virginia

Handbook Highlight

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

Electronics, Toys and Athletic Equipment

Students need to leave all toys including action figures, cards, electronic games, CD players, iPods and recess balls at home. We cannot guarantee their security, and try as they might, students cannot guarantee that they will not become a distraction or problem during class time or at recess.

We do allow students to use scooters, in-line skates and roller skates before and after school but not during the school day. Scooters may never be ridden in the school building or at recess. If a student rides a scooter, bike, skates, skateboard before or after school, the student must wear a helmet.

Exceptions to the electronics policy include:

eReaders – These may be allowed at teacher discretion but students bring such items at their own risk.

- 1) eReaders may only be used to read.*
- 2) Electronics as a “Show and Tell” opportunity – The teacher must approve the item ahead of time. The item should be left in the possession of the teacher and only used/shown at show and tell time.*

All unauthorized items will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. For a second offense, the item will be returned only to a parent/guardian. For a third offense, the item will be placed in the administrator’s “June Box” and returned on the last day of school.

Technology Corner

Grade 5 students are at camp this week. They will continue learning how to use iMovie and QuickTime video next week.

Grade 4 Students are using their OneDrive accounts to save a file. They are asked to go home and open, edit, and save the file. If your student does not know their username and password, please contact me. The web site to login is onedrive.seattleschools.org.

Grade 3 students are using *Reflex Math* to improve their math skills and *Typing Agent* to develop typing skills. If your student does not have password for these programs, please let me know.

Grade 2 students are using a web site called *PebbleGo*. They are learning about Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. You can find a link to this site at coees.seattleschools.org. Look under *Seattle School Student Resources*.

Grade 1 students are using a district resource called *TumbleBooks*. They are reading eBooks and working on related activities to each story.

Kindergarten students are using starfall.com. They are learning how to construct sentences and develop mouse skills.

David Zwiren, Technology Instructor

Monster Mash Guidelines

1. There will be parking on the playground, and there will be moving cars. No students may be on the playground during Monster Mash hours. Please do not allow your child to go to the playground during Monster Mash.
2. **Monster Mash is open only to current Coe families.**
 - Siblings of current Coe students can attend but only if accompanied by their parent. They may not be chaperoned by someone else's parent. They must enter the event with their parent. Students not with a parent will not be allowed entrance to the event.
 - There will be one point of entry. Middle and high school students who don't have a sibling currently at Coe will be turned away and expected to leave the property.

Also, we will not be using the atrium; dancing will take place in the outside covered play court this year; we will also use the gym and lunchroom. The point of entry will be outside the lunchroom. Everyone attending Monster Mash will enter at this location only.

Monster Mash rules for adults:

1. Parents must supervise their children.
2. Students may not be on the playground during Monster Mash. Please help us make sure your child does not go to the playground.
3. We ask that adults not wear full face/head masks.

As you prepare costumes, I want you to be aware of these guidelines for students - and for adults:

1. Costumes may not include weapons of any kind (swords, guns, light sabers, knives, sickles, etc.)
2. No sports equipment that could cause injury or property damage (e.g. bats, hockey sticks, in-line skates, cleats, etc.)
3. Common sense is the rule. Parents need to ask themselves: "Is this costume appropriate for an elementary school?"

Thank you in advance for adhering to these rules. It makes the event fun for all if they are followed.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Volunteers are needed to assist with vision and hearing screening on Wednesday, November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. We will screen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th graders on this day. No experience needed; training will be provided. Please consider volunteering for the whole day or a half day shift. If you are available, please contact Nurse Joan at 206-252-2007 or jemcdonagh@seattleschools.org.

Spirit Day



Friday, October 28th will be our first Spirit Day! Our new Student Council voted for the theme to be “Wacky Day” – use your imagination and dress you wackiest with crazy clothing and hair!

PTA NEWS:

General PTA Meeting

Join us for the next General PTA Meeting in Kearns Library on Thursday, November 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Girl Scouts are providing childcare and a movie in one of the classrooms. A \$10 donation is encouraged to support their fundraising efforts for an educational trip to Costa Rica next summer. Sign up for child care today by calling the office at 206-252-2000. The meeting agenda will be provided next week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fall Fund Drive

Does your child love Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Technology or Literacy? Let's guarantee our kids continue this enriched education and donate to the Fall Fund Drive. Please donate today. No amount is too big or too small. Go to <https://fhcepta.ejoinme.org/donate> or go to <http://coees.seattleschools.org>. Click on *2016 PTA Fall Fund Drive*, then click on the paw to donate. For questions please contact Victoria Humphrey at Victoria_humphrey@hotmail.com.

Week 1 donations = \$7200. Thank you to the following families for their donation!

Bates
Bentley
Bialy
Broyer/Della Nave
Cash
Changelo
Cox
Crowley/Hoge
Ferrara
Fuchs/Montgomery

Garner
Graebner
Harding
Hall
Humphrey
Jackson/Nau
Kennedy
Leung
Logan
McGowan

Nelson
Owens
Pletcher
Polivka
Rammage/Bisbee
Ruppert
Soloman
Wylie

Monster Mash

Friday, October 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Coe Families come join us, we're having a **bash**, you are in for a **scare** because it's **Monster Mash** so dress up, and we'll see you **there!**

Please note, dinner will not be provided this year... so eat at home and fill up on baked goods, popcorn, and candy at the Mash! This party can only happen with your help. There are four ways to put your magical talents to use. You can sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F0C4EA9AF22ABF49-coemonster1>.

- **Pre-Event Cave Menaces.** Packaging of tickets, prizes, and game pieces. All can be done at home.
- **Event Warlocks.** In charge of various games and booths broken into 30-minutes or 1-hour slots during the Monster Mash. **Can be managed with your student.
- **Decor Magicians.** Creating a terrifyingly awesome space for young and old alike either the day before and/or on the day of the Monster Mash.
- **Muscle Maestros.** Set up and take down crews on the day of the Monster Mash

Note: there will be a separate sign up for 4th grade IslandWood fundraising cake walk, bake sale, and popcorn.

Thank you for helping make this event better than ever!

Erica Anderson, Monster Mash Chair
Ashley Stroup, Monster Mash Game Warlock

Monster Mash Bakers and Helpers Needed

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bake and help out with popcorn and the cakewalk! So far 19 people have signed up to bring cakes, but we are looking for more. Whip up something gourmet, or pick one up from Safeway...any cake (or cupcake/cookie tray) is great. The kids love decorated cakes, so creativity with the theme is encouraged. Baked goods can be left in the office that day, or brought to the event.

We are also in need of many more volunteers to help out at Monster Mash! It's such a fun event that benefits our kids.

Please visit the volunteer site at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4FAFAD29A3FC1-islandwood1, or email Elizabeth Peterson at eaepeterson@gmail.com or Megan Olsen at meganandtodd@gmail.com. Thanks!

Journey with an Afghan School

Janet W. Ketcham Foundation Award to Coe Community

Coe Elementary will be recognized on October 27th for our continuing commitment to girls' education in Afghanistan. Our partner, Sahar Education, will award the Coe community with the Janet W. Ketcham Foundation Award at their annual fundraiser. We're so honored! Here's a note from Sahar:

On October 27th, Sahar will honor the students, staff, and parents of Coe Elementary with the Janet W. Ketcham Award at their 4th annual dinner, Empowering Afghan Girls with Technology. Sahar gives this award every year at their annual dinner to recognize an outstanding contribution to girls' education in Afghanistan. To date, more than 23,000 girls have been served by schools funded by the Janet W. Ketcham Foundation, including the students that Coe has supported over the last 14 years.

Six Coe students will be present to accept this award on behalf of all who have contributed to this important work. For more information about how to attend Sahar's annual dinner, visit sahareducation.org/2016/07/join-us-for-our-fall-event/. Tickets are available for purchase until Oct 14th.

For more information about our partnership or if you're interested in helping out this year, please email Lisa Cohen at lisacohen411@icloud.com or Elizabeth Peterson at eaepeterson@gmail.com. Thank you/Tashakor!

DISTRICT NEWS:

2017-18 School Schedule Changes – Seeking Input

Seattle Public Schools and Seattle Education Association are partnering to increase students' access to core content, improve instruction and accelerate student achievement. As part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement process SEA and SPS agreed to add 20 minutes to the school day in 2017-18 and provide one hour per week of teacher collaboration time.

As the district plans to make this schedule adjustment, we want to hear from families and stakeholders on how the additional time should be added and how and when to schedule the collaboration time. You may provide feedback in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SG9X8FC>
- 2) Complete and turn in a paper-based copy of the survey to Mailstop 32-518

All surveys need to be completed online or due back to mailstop 32-518 by October 21.

The Day We Stand United – October 19

Equity anchors the work of our teachers' union. Seattle Education Association is promoting October 19 as a day of solidarity to bring focus to racial equity and affirming the lives of our students---specifically our students of color. In support of this focus, members are choosing to wear Black Lives Matter t-shirts, stickers or other symbols of their commitment to students in a coordinated effort. SEA is leading this effort and working to promote transformational conversations with staff, families, and students on this issue.

K-5 ELA Instructional Materials Review and Feedback Opportunities


The public comment period has opened for round two of the adoption process and runs through Nov. 30. Community and staff members are invited to review and provide feedback on the instructional materials of the three finalists. The Adoption Committee is continuing the process of evaluating the curricular materials, including ongoing field tests and now collecting feedback from the community.

The goal of the adoption process is to select the instructional materials that best support reading and writing instruction, and we welcome community feedback as a critical component of this review and selection process.

In-person review and feedback forms are at the following locations:

1. Boren STEM K-8 Library
5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106
2. Broadview-Thomson K-8 Library
13052 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
3. Green Lake Elementary Library
2400 N 65th St, Seattle, WA 98103
4. Madrona K-8 Library
1121 33rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122
5. South Shore PK-8 Library
4800 S Henderson St, Seattle, WA 98118
6. JSCEE Professional Library (2nd floor)
2445 3rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134

Online review and feedback:

Visit district website to [View Materials for the English Language Arts K-5 Adoption](#) for details on how to view the materials and provide feedback online. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Vasquez, ELA and Social Studies Program Manager: 206-252-0234  206-252-0234.

Public review and feedback is open until Nov. 30 and all feedback forms, including online versions, are available in Chinese, English, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

LGBT Families Dinner

The annual lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Families Dinner will be held Thursday, November 3rd from 6-8pm at Washington Middle School. Members of the school board will be there to welcome LGBT families and their friends. All SPS families and staff are welcome to attend! This event is brought to you by the Health Education Office and the Office of School Family Partnerships. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Lisa Love in the Health Education Office at 252-0982 or llove@seattleschools.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Targy's Costume Party

After Monster Mash, come dance to your favorite hits across the decades at Targy's Annual Halloween Costume Party! The event will help raise money for the Coe PTA as well as the other Queen Anne elementary schools. Music by SpaceStation206, Queen Anne's hottest middle-aged DJ crew.

Targy's Tavern, 600 West Crockett Street, Friday, October 28th. Music starts at 9:30 p.m.

Academic Q&A with McClure Department Heads

October 20th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The McClure PTSA is hosting a Q&A for the McClure department heads from Math, Language Arts, Special Education, Science, Social Studies, PE, and counseling. They will be presenting their plans for the 2016-2017 school year and taking questions from parents.

Don't miss this special opportunity to hear from our very own education experts. It is a family-friendly event, students, and siblings are welcome. Event will be in the McClure lunchroom.