



Coe School Bulletin

September 14, 2016

Welcome to the first bulletin of the 2016-17 school year. Today we are publishing both paper and electronic versions of the bulletin. Beginning next week, only electronic versions will be sent. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please contact the school office.

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, September 15	August Birthday Lunch
Thursday, September 15	Curriculum Night, Grades 3-5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 22	Curriculum Night, Grades K-2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28	Two Hour Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.
Friday, September 30	September Birthday Lunch
Friday, September 30	Lost and Found Cleanout
Thursday, October 6	Deadline for Advanced Learning Applications
Wednesday, October 12	Individual Photo Day
Friday, October 14	No School – Professional Development Day
Monday-Thursday, October 17- 20	5 th Grade to IslandWood
Wednesday, October 26	Two Hour Early Dismissal at 12:05 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS:

From the Principal

The beginning of the school year is one of our most important opportunities to communicate with parents – it is Curriculum Night.

Grades K-2: Thursday, September 22th

Grades 3-5: Thursday, September 15

6:30 p.m.: Specialists presentations in the cafeteria

7:00 p.m.: Time in classrooms

Curriculum Night is an essential part of our communication to you, and we are planning for 100 percent participation. If you cannot attend please let your child's teacher know, and he/she will be sure to get you handouts from the evening. This is an opportunity for us to let you know what to expect for the year - everything from homework, snack, and schedules to major projects and field trips. We are partners in your child's education, and we want to see you at Curriculum Night to begin the year's journey with clear communication.

Please know that this is an adult only evening. It is not a suitable evening for children. Boys and Girls Club is offering child care for both nights by reservation only. Cost for child care is \$10. Sign up by stopping by or calling the Coe office at 206-252-2000.

See you at Curriculum Night,

Virginia

Handbook Highlight

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

Birthdays

In an effort to spare children's feelings at school, we ask that unless you are inviting an entire class to a party, birthday invitations may not be distributed at school. Sending small treats for the class is typically allowed as a celebration of birthdays. However, it is not appropriate to send balloons or other gifts to school. Any plans for celebrations should be discussed with your child's teacher prior to the event. We request that nuts not be included in any birthday treat.

Thank you Parents Who Served On Summer Hiring Teams

Coe relies on input from parents when we do hiring. Parents provide valuable guidance as we together strive to make wise decisions for who joins the Coe staff. In my summer letter, I noted the parents who served on hiring committees during the summer. I neglected to name **Shawn Perkins** and thank her. We so appreciate Shawn's thoughtful and insightful input as she enthusiastically serves on hiring committees.

Virginia

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is located on the main floor in the south stairwell near the playground doors. There you will find jackets, hats, lunchboxes, and more! Items that are labeled with names will be returned to their owners. Unlabeled items will be donated to charity at the end of every month. The first cleanout will be on Friday, September 30th. Please remind your child to check the lost and found frequently.

School Pictures

Individual student photographs will be taken on Wednesday, October 12th by Lifetouch Photography. Flyers will be sent home soon with package and price information. All students will be photographed.

We are in need of three volunteers to help with picture day. Volunteers receive a free photo package for their child. Contact Benten at bdarriola@seattleschools.org or 206-252-2000 if interested.

Roots of Empathy Babies Needed

Are you or do you know a proud parent who will have a baby 2 to 4 months of age by October? If so, please consider participating in the *Roots of Empathy* (ROE) program at Coe.

Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called *empathy* and the ROE program teaches school age children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby and his/her caregiver will visit a 2nd grade classroom at Coe. Together, the ROE instructor, classroom students, and caregiver will watch baby grow and develop over the course of a school year by observing the baby, and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling. These discussions are then used as a lever for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel.

For more information, please contact Alicia Lowen at alicialowen@gmail.com and see the attached ROE flyer, and/or visit <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/>.

PTA NEWS:

Volunteers Needed for K-2 Curriculum Night

We are looking for two volunteers to manage childcare check-in for K-2 Curriculum Night next week on Thursday, September 22nd. Both volunteers are needed from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and we need one volunteer to close out at 8:15 p.m. Email Katie Heckel to sign-up at Katiehec@msn.com.

Coe Elementary Night with the Seattle Storm

Sunday, September 18th at 4 pm (Advanced Sales Only*)

Coe families, come out to Key Arena to support the Seattle Storm and our school. Tickets can be purchased online using the promo code **COEPTA** (no taxes or fees). For each ticket purchased, \$5 will come back to Coe Elementary! Buy your ticket(s) now at <http://bit.ly/2bcQuYt> and use promo code **COEPTA**.

*Note: Promo code and link expire 24 hours prior to game date.

Coe Staff Cafe

This year the Teacher Appreciation Committee has created a snack break area for the staff in the copy room. It may not be the staff room we'd like to have, but it's something! We've taken over the bookcases above the sink to have space for candy jars, baked goods, fruit, and a new Keurig coffee machine.

We invite all families to help us keep this area stocked for the year! So, if you're at Costco and feel like purchasing some extra K cups for the Keurig, or if you bake an extra dozen cookies, or maybe you went apple picking over the weekend, please bring what you can into the Café. The green drawers under the sink are for extra storage. Thank you in advance!

Cougar Spirit Wear

Show your school spirit with Coe Cougars t-shirts and hoodies! T-shirts are available in black or white with a classic collegiate design, both short sleeve (\$12) and long sleeve (\$16) in youth and adult sizes. Heather grey hooded sweatshirts are \$25 and are also available for both youth and adult sizes. Items are in stock and will be delivered to your student's classroom within a couple days. To view styles, see the glass case in the atrium. Order forms are attached to this bulletin and are also available in the office, or email Amy Laybourn at amy_laybourn@yahoo.com for an electronic form. All proceeds support the PTA.

Coe PTA is looking for a volunteer to help with Coe Cougar Wear this year. Learn the ropes filling orders and keeping the spirit wear organized and in stock. You might even create a new design! This is a fun job that needs an assistant this year in preparation to take over the position next school year. Time commitment is mostly at the start of the school year and is flexible - probably half an hour once a week delivering orders to classrooms. Please contact Amy at amy_laybourn@yahoo.com for more details if you are interested.

Your Popcorn Dollars at Work

You know it is Friday afternoon at Coe when the smell of freshly popped popcorn wafts through the atrium. But did you know that serious cash is raised each Friday to fund some very worthwhile projects at Coe?

The first Friday of each month is run by Coe Cares and proceeds go to a small fund for children in need. Purchases such as school supplies, shoes, winter coats and clothing have been provided for children in the past. This year, Coe Cares will fund some of our students' participation in the book fair. The remaining Fridays of the month are operated by the IslandWood PTA chairs (and lots of fourth grade parents) to subsidize Coe fifth grade attendance at the IslandWood Outdoor Learning Center on Bainbridge Island. While popcorn Fridays are fun for your kids, they also generate necessary revenue. Please stop by the popcorn table. Your kids will thank you for it and you will know your money is being well spent!

Journey with an Afghan School

Fourteen years ago Coe students adopted a girls' school in northern Afghanistan. Each year we focus our fundraising efforts on a specific project. Over the years Coe students have helped provide their sister school with desks, classrooms, science equipment, books, and more, raising money through coin collections and bake sales. This year Sahar Education will be recognizing this partnership at their annual fundraiser. We are so honored!

To learn more about Coe's *Journey with an Afghan School* or to get involved, please contact Lisa Cohen at lisacohen411@icloud.com or Elizabeth Peterson at eaepeterson@gmail.com.

Here is 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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Hip-Pop Dance by Metropolis Dance

This upbeat dance class gets the students movin' and groovin' to pop and hip-hop music. Each class incorporates synchronized stretching, energetic dance warm-ups, and of course, dance games! Students learn a choreographed dance routine throughout the course and an invitation to perform at our Metropolis Dance Show! Please note: participation in our dance show requires media release consent at registration.

Tuesday, October 4 - December 6 (no class November 22), 2:05-3:10 p.m., cost \$150, for grades 2 – 5.

Register at: www.metropolisdance.com. Email Annlee at: info@metropolisdance.com for questions.

Math Olympiad

Does your child crave additional math challenge? Math Olympiad is a club for kids who enjoy solving math problems in creative ways. The overall structure of the club is competitive. However, Mr. Brannan teaches the club in a way that is accepting of students' current abilities, yet challenges students to stretch their thinking in different directions. Due to its challenging nature, the club is for students in 4th and 5th grade only.

This year's Math Olympiad will be from 2:15- 3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays from October 4th through March 28th (20 sessions, no class on October 18th and 25th). Registration forms can be found in the office. Contact Mr. Brannan at jdbannan@seattleschools.org for more information.

Performing Arts Opportunities

If your child enjoys performing arts, please consider enrolling them for Choir or Musical Theatre Club. Paper forms were provided to classroom teachers and additional copies can be found in the office. Completed forms should be returned to the envelopes on the bulletin board inside the office. **Musical Theatre Club applications are due on Thursday September 22nd.**

K-2 – Cub Choir - Tuesdays from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Assembly performances and second session will culminate in an opening act performance for the Coe School Musical. Kindergarten families should consider waiting until the second session to sign up, some cubs are ready to extend their day but some are not.

3-5 – Show Choir - Mondays from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Assembly performances and second session will culminate with an integrated role in the Coe Musical Theatre Club's performance of Alice in Wonderland Junior.

4-5 - Musical Theatre Club - Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Two fully costumed and staged performances of Alice in Wonderland Junior. This is a popular program; students must apply and be accepted into the club.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Advanced Learning 2016-17 Eligibility and Testing Timeline **Student Referral Period, Grades K-8 (Sept. 7 - Oct. 6, 2016)**

Referral information is posted at www.seattleschools.org/advlearning.

Parents may refer students by logging on to The Source. **Deadline for referrals is October 6.**

Student Screening and Testing Period (Oct. 2016 – Jan, 2017). CogAT testing will take place for most students on Saturdays. Other dates will be assigned for students needing special accommodations. Coe's testing site will be at Thurgood Marshall.

CogAT testing continues to be paper/pencil. Achievement scores in reading and math are also required to make eligibility decisions. Advanced Learning will review the most recent MAP and SBA data.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Fair Tickets

We have free gate admission tickets to the Puyallup Fair for students, ages 6 to 18. The fair runs through September 25th. Stop by the office if you would like tickets.

Creative Adventures

An after school program developed by two teachers for children, 2nd through 5th grade, Creative Adventures will offer enrichment activities Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning in October 2016. A teacher will meet students at Coe and walk to a nearby home in the neighborhood, where they will have a snack and time to work on homework, followed by a project each week selected from the following enrichment areas: art, cooking, science, or sewing, as well as MakerStation activities and math games. For more information or to register please contact Barbie Kelly, former Coe parent and PTA Board Member, at barbarakelly4216@gmail.com or 206-284-4216.

One on One Basketball

Pre-Season Player Development (ages 6-15) starts next week at Ravenna, Queen Anne, and Meadowbrook Community Centers, and Bush School. A nationally renowned progressive basketball individual skills class.

One on One Instructional Basketball League (Grades K-2) at Meadowbrook Community Center (Saturday Mornings) begins November 5th. Learn to play the One on One way! Weekly fundamental skills stations and scrimmages.

School Day Off Hoops Camp at Meadowbrook Community Center, Friday, October 14th. On your day off from school don't stay home bored, come get better!

Space is limited. Check the schedule of classes below and register today:

<http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/>

Full Circle Kids Camp

Coinciding with Seattle Public School closures, Full Circle Kids is offering three camps during the 2016/17 school year:

- 3rd-5th grade: Fri. Oct. 14th, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (no school)
- K-2nd grade: Wed. Feb. 1st, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (no school)
- K-2nd grade: Feb. 20-24th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (no school)

Full Circle Kids is a physical activity camp, where kids get a ton of exercise through fun games and activities. They also learn some really important things to be happy, healthy, and safe. Camps are held at Martial Sports, 101 Nickerson St., Seattle 98109.

To learn more, to register, or to hear what kids and parents are saying about Full Circle Kids, visit <https://www.loriramage.com/full-circle-kids.html>.