What a fun and exciting winter for CDSA children, families, staff and Seattleites everywhere! Though we didn’t get many chances to make snow angels or start snowball fights, we were able to come together in a time of celebration.

Prompted by the enthusiasm displayed by CDSA children and staff for the Seattle Seahawks, an all site competition was held to see who could take the most spirited photo. The Friday before the Seahawks’ 23-17 win over the 49ers, CDSA kids showed up to school in their Seahawks gear, painted faces, dyed hair, and 12th Man smiles.

Winning first place and a 12th Man flag, Kimball had child painted banners and formed a “12” on their blacktop where Center Director, Jo Hamer, climbed rooftops to get the perfect photo.

Madrona, coming in second place and earning a towel from the game, created a Seahawks photo booth with props, where children and their families took photos. Third place went to Maple, whose Preschoolers dawnd Seahawks hats they made and their school agers took a group photo with 12th Man signs.

Congratulations to the winners and to all who competed, and thank you for the sportsmanship and community displayed during celebrative times!
This holiday season CDSA families, children, and staff came together to show their support for other non-profits within our communities and the individuals they serve. Whether it was food, clothing, or toys, almost every CDSA site utilized this time of year to partner with CDSA families to teach their children compassion and empathy by giving to those in need.

Non-profits affected by the big hearts of your kids include Treehouse Foster Care Program, West Seattle Food Bank, Northwest Harvest, and Nickelsville.

For Treehouse Foster Care Program, families from Kimball and Montlake donated children’s clothing, which were sent to the Treehouse warehouse where families in need receive clothing free of charge. Non-perishable foods were donated to West Seattle Food Bank, Northwest Harvest, and Nickelsville, who collectively serve over 3,000 individuals in western Washington each year.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our families who participated in this giving season!

The Emerald City to the Emerald Isle

Over the month of December, children at CDSA Sanislo joined a Guinness world record attempt through the popular website “Reddit”, to see if the record for the most “Secret Santa’s” could be beat!

Not only did they break the record but CDSA kids received gifts from around the world!

The highlight of the gift exchange was receiving a letter from a nanny in Ireland who also sent the children an Irish flag, pictures and videos of Ireland.

Clockwise from Top Right:
Cliffs of Moher
Local Elementary School
Name of Irish City
Local Farm by the Ocean
Irish Girls with their Flag
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**Director of Operations (former CDSA Operations Manager)**

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The combination of these degrees and 20 years of experience allows her to bridge the gap between CDSA’s structure, program curriculum, and school alignment. She has continued her professional growth by partnering with School’s Out Washington to become a recognized Methods Trainer for our Youth Program Quality Initiative.

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**Operations Team, Unite!**

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**Aaron Franco-Ross**

**Staff Relations Manager**

- Texas Native
- 18 yrs experience in early childhood and school age administration
- BA Sociology University of Texas
- MA Religious Education and Marriage & Family Counseling from Southwestern Theological Seminary
- Selected to help re-write School Age Childcare WAC’s
- Selected to speak before the House Education Committee on School Age Childcare issues

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**Abby Maclean**

**Program Quality Manager**

- 30 yrs experience in PreK– 6th teaching, curriculum design, development, and admin.
- BA Social Science from Washington State University
- MA Education from Argosy University
- Lead the P3 Committee, staff relations, and PBIS team.
- Analyzed, assessed, and designed curriculum for education programs Prenatal - 6th grade.
- On the Board for the Migrant Education Task Force Team

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Leading the Way in PreK

What is HighScope?
HighScope is a research based curriculum which uses a carefully designed process called “active participatory learning” to achieve powerful and positive outcomes in your child’s growth and development. Used in preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school settings throughout the world, HighScope not only helps your child excel in language and cognitive learning, but also promotes independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity and problem solving -- the fundamental skills that help determine success in adult life.

Why is CDSA incorporating HighScope into its Preschool curriculum?
CDSA is honored to have been 1 of 10 Preschool agencies hand selected by the City of Seattle to act as leaders in our field through the training, implementation, and expansion of HighScope curriculum, with the goal of Preschool for all Seattle children. After careful research and proven data, the City of Seattle selected HighScope as its designated curriculum for all its partnering preschools.

Does HighScope work?
In two separate studies, the lives of adults who received HighScope Preschool Curriculum at the ages of 3-4 were compared to the lives of adults who received Direct Instruction, Nursery School, or no Preschool whatsoever. The study found adults who received HighScope Curriculum:

- Received Higher Earnings
- Were More Likely to Hold a Job
- Completed Higher Level of Schooling
- Were More Likely to Graduate High School
- Displayed half the Delinquent Activity in Their Teens

How will HighScope be implemented into CDSA Preschool?
Preschool Teachers and Center Directors of Beacon Hill, Madrona, and Leschi have just recently completed their second of six intensive training sessions which provide each of them with material, theory and implementation tools to recreate our sites into HighScope certifiable sites. Hawthorne, Highland Park, and Maple staff will begin attending the trainings next school year, and will be coached and pre-trained this year in the implementation of HighScope by our group of trainers.

We are very excited to begin the transformation of our Preschool classrooms this year through a steady, slow and thoughtful implementation timeline to provide a smooth transition for our children and classrooms.

How will HighScope affect my Preschooler?
You will see subtle differences in the classroom with the daily schedules, environment and even vocabulary (i.e. when children are utilizing the classroom centers, this will be know as ‘work time’).

Children will now have ‘planning time’ where they work with their teachers to plan what they will work on. After completing their planned out ‘work time’, the children will form small groups where they discuss what they did and what they learned/observed during that time. This basis of plan, work, and review is a large part of the morning routine and allows the children to make choices, be intentional in their choosing and to reflect their efforts.

“Plan, work, review is a lifelong skill that will support choice making and planning for your child’s life!”
Spring Break...

April 14th - 18th
Flexible Times: 7am - 6pm

Art ● Science ● Music ● Sports
Field Trips ● Fun Break!

Register & Pay by April 4th to Receive 10% Off!

Register & Pay by April 15th to Receive 5% Off!

...Summer Camp

10 Summer Weeks 9 Locations
Monday - Friday Flexible Hours
Weekly Field Trips Quality Programs

Summer months are a vital time in every Preschool and elementary child’s academic and social-emotional growth. Knowing this, CDSA’s Summer Camp programs address your child’s interests and incorporates them into age appropriate enrichment activities, field trips, supplemental learning, and summer curriculum.

Preschool Summer Camp (ages 3-4)
Leap Ahead (age 5)
School Age Summer Camp (ages 6-12)

Please complete the registration forms found at communitydayschool.org

Early bird registrations are non-refundable and may not be applied to other days or weeks
CDSA has a 10% sibling tuition discount for each additional child
Some clients may be eligible for reduced tuition rate or payment arrangement -- please contact Main Office
NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

Jan. 14th to April 15th, United Way of King County (UWKC) will provide free tax filing services for qualified families.

1. UWKC can help prepare most individual federal tax returns for households making less than $52,000. Prefer to do your taxes online? Go to myfreetaxes.com If your income is less than $57,000, you can file for free online. UWKC does not ever charge for their services.

2. WHAT TO BRING
   - Required: Your Social Security Card or ITIN for you and anyone else on your tax return. No exceptions.
   - Required: Your photo ID (and your spouse’s photo ID if filing jointly)
   - Required: All tax documents and paperwork needed to complete your tax return
     * W-2 forms or other tax documents you receive from your employers. We do not accept pay stubs.
     * Any 1099 forms for income, dividends, retirement, social security or unemployment.
     * Records of payments for educational expenses such as college tuition and textbooks.
     * Records of student loan payments.
     * Name, address and tax identification number of child care provider if you pay for child care.
     * Mortgage interest and property tax statements if you own a home.
   - Optional: Bank account and routing number if you’d like to set up direct deposit for your tax return.
   - Optional: A copy of last year’s tax return to speed up your filing process.
   - If filing with your spouse, you both must be present to sign your tax return or to file electronically.

3. FIND A LOCATION NEAR YOU
   - Call 2-1-1 or 800-621-4636
   - Text TAX and your five-digit ZIP code to 313131 (for example, “TAX 98144”)
   - Go to www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/ongoing-campaigns/free-tax-services/tax-site.html

4. AFTER YOU FILE YOUR TAXES
   - Check the status of your refund or ask questions about your tax return at IRS.gov, or call 1-800-829-1040
   - You can email UWKC with additional questions at freetax@uwkc.org
   - UWKC does not keep copies of your tax return prepared at our sites. You can obtain a copy from the IRS.

ParentMap

Come visit the CDSA table and find other Summer resources at ParentMap’s Seattle/Central Summer Camps Fair!

March 1st
10am - 1pm
The Armory at Seattle Center
305 Harrison Street Seattle, WA 98109
www.parentmap.com/article/parentmap-camp-fairs

‘Like’ us at www.facebook/CDSASeattle and stay up to date on CDSA news!

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Substitutes
Email HR@communitydayschool.org for details