CDSA Celebrates The 3rd Annual Family Day At The Woodland Park Zoo!

Spring is always a busy and fun time here at CDSA! One of our favorite days of the year is our Annual Family Day at the Woodland Park Zoo. On May 17th, over 300 students, their families, staff, and board members attended this free event.

We had a beautiful, sunny day at the zoo! Our kids and their families enjoyed snacks and a photo booth at the picnic area before heading out into the zoo to see the animals. Two of the highlights were the exhibits featuring the baby jaguar triplets and otter pups.

It was wonderful to see CDSA families, staff members, and board members enjoying themselves at the event. The zoo day was a great culmination of a busy year at CDSA and a celebration of the start of a fun and educational summer.

The CDSA students who attended received goody bags with fun CDSA gear including sunglasses and water bottles!

A huge thank you to the Woodland Park Zoo for their generous donation of zoo tickets. Tickets were donated as part of the Woodland Park Zoo’s Community Access Program, which provides free tickets to local nonprofits. And another thank you to Kate Ford for donating her photography services to commemorate this event.

Thank you to all of the families, staff members, volunteers, and board members who attended and made our 3rd Annual Family Day at the Zoo a resounding success. We’re already looking forward to another fun Family Day at the Zoo next year!

More zoo pictures are on page 3!
School Highlights

**Madrona** hosted a writer’s workshop on April 24th for their preschool students. The children showcased their emergent writing and reading skills by reading books that they wrote!

Earlier this year, **Kimball** students took part in the Experience Music Project’s (EMP) outreach program. As part of the outreach program, an EMP Artist in Residence came to Kimball for five sessions. Students learned math and geometry through a curriculum that included how to plan a city, architecture, and constructing buildings. The project culminated in the students making models of buildings, which were then photographed and displayed at the EMP in the Sky Church. During Spring Break, students visited the EMP, saw their art projects and also explored the Lego exhibit and the Fantasy exhibit where they got to sit on the Iron Throne. The students enjoyed every minute of the trip, and a great time was had by all!

**Maple** school age students explored bugs, learned about various inventions made by children, and experimented with how to power a light bulb with a potato. Ask your children how this is possible and what was the outcome of the experiment!

**Sanislo** just had their 1st Annual Senior Portrait Sessions for their fifth grade graduates. Students posed in caps and gowns, and the photos will be given to their families at CDSA Sanislo’s end of year celebration and art walk.

Thank you for Giving BIG!

Thank you to everyone who supported CDSA during GiveBIG! Sponsored by The Seattle Foundation, GiveBIG is a one-day, online charitable giving event that takes place every May. All donations made through The Seattle Foundation’s website on May 6th were partially matched by a group of sponsors. It was so inspiring to see the overwhelming generosity of the people in our community during GiveBIG - there were over 64,000 individual gifts made by 33,000 people to nearly 1,500 local nonprofits totaling $12.88 million in just 24 hours! We were also so excited to see the broad base of support for CDSA. Board members, staff, community supporters, and parents all donated to help support our programs. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported CDSA.

Did you know that shopping on Amazon.com can result in donations to CDSA? Just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) and designate CDSA as your charity of choice. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CDSA! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, with the same products, same prices, and the same service. Be sure to bookmark Smile.Amazon.com since the regular Amazon website will not designate charity funds.
Leading The Way In Pre-K: An update on the implementation of HighScope

The first group of Early Learning Academy participants graduated on June 6th. The Early Learning Academy is sponsored by the City of Seattle and provides training for early learning teachers to help them provide the highest quality teaching and ensure that preschoolers enter kindergarten ready to learn. CDSA teachers taking part in the Early Learning Academy are being trained on the HighScope curriculum for preschoolers and how to successfully implement it in the classroom. Our teachers will complete their certification in the fall when the HighScope trainers come to our sites to conduct Program Quality Assessments.

During the Preschool Curriculum Course, our teachers learned about the HighScope curriculum including active learning, the HighScope daily routine, adult-child interactions, assessment, and creating the learning environment. Throughout the summer, the CDSA HighScope trainers (Nicole, Michael and Christine) will complete their coaching and training at their sites. This will involve several 3-hour long HighScope trainings for preschool teachers as well as a variety of coaching and training activities that they learned about during their Training of the Trainer classes, which teach them how to train and coach others on how to use the HighScope curriculum. We’re very excited about the implementation of the HighScope curriculum in our preschool classrooms and believe that it will provide a strong foundation for your child’s success in elementary school and beyond.

CDSA teachers advocate on behalf of early education to the Seattle City Council

In April, two of our long-time preschool teachers, Dora and Tracy, spoke in front of the Seattle City Council on the benefits of offering high quality preschool to all three and four year olds in the City of Seattle. They created their own speeches based on their experiences in the industry and were among a group of educators including other nonprofits and school district employees who spoke in front of the Council. We’re very proud of our programs and our commitment to ensuring the highest quality programming for our kids, and are very excited that our staff are asked to participate in opportunities like this visit. Thank you, Tracy and Dora for representing us and the rest of your peers in such a professional way!

You can view Dora and Tracy’s testimony on the Seattle Channel’s website. Their comments begin at 16:30.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you to all of the dedicated and hard-working volunteers who give generously of their time and expertise to help our children succeed. We have volunteers across a broad spectrum of activities including students from the University of Washington School of Education who are completing their service learning hours at CDSA and United Way readers who read to our preschool students once a week. Thank you for all that you do to help prepare our preschoolers and school-age students for academic success in elementary school and beyond!
It’s Not Too Late to Register for Summer!

- 10 weeks during the summer
- Monday - Friday, 7 am - 6pm
- Weekly field trips
- 9 Seattle locations
- Ages 3 - 12
- Quality, effective curriculum

Our teachers merge their specialized training and experience in early learning and education with your child’s interests and passions to create a summer curriculum that excites and engages your child. And most importantly, our kids have fun!

We’re also offering Leap Ahead, which is a summer program for preschoolers who will enter kindergarten in the fall. Leap Ahead is specially designed to help preschoolers successfully transition to kindergarten.

Register Now for Fall!

- Don’t delay- sites fill up quickly!
- Tell your friends about CDSA - we’re accepting both new and returning families

Our sites offer high-quality and affordable preschool and before- and after-school academic enrichment for children ages 3 - 12. Our programs help students prepare for and succeed academically and socially in elementary school and beyond.

Registration forms are available at www.communitydayschool.org or from your Center Director.

We accept DSHS & City of Seattle subsidies for summer camp and school-year enrollment.
Family Resources

Top Tips For Reading Success During The Summer

Reading with your child during the summer helps prevent summer learning loss and prepares your child for success in the upcoming school year. Here are some great tips for reading success this summer:

1) Read every day with your child!
2) Find the right level of books for your child at the library.
3) Read anywhere - in any language.
4) Talk about what you’re reading with your child.
5) Make reading fun!

For more information or to find fun summer reading events, visit www.LetsReadKingCounty.org.

Summer Meals For Washington State Kids

The federal Summer Meals program begins at the end of the school year in early June and ends in the fall when school starts. All kids and teens (18 years old and younger) are eligible for the program.

The Summer Meals Program is a federal nutritional program that provides free meals and snacks to kids and teens during the summer months. Summer meal sites are located in schools, recreation centers, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and camps.

If you have a question about Summer Meals, call the Family Food Hotline at 1-888-436-6392. The hotline is run by a nonprofit that helps connect WA families and service providers to health and food programs. To find participating locations, go to: http://www.parenthelp123.org/resources/summer-meals-program.

Seattle Preschool Program

As you may have heard, the City of Seattle want to make voluntary, high-quality preschool available and affordable to all of Seattle’s 3- and 4-year-old children. If approved, this may benefit some CDSA parents in the form of additional funding for early education and tuition subsidies.

The Mayor has sent his proposed plan to the City Council, which is expected to make a final decision on the proposal by the end of June. The levy to fund the program will appear on the November ballot.

We’ll keep you updated on the status of this proposal and how it may affect you. For more information, please visit the City’s website: http://www.seattle.gov/office-for-education.

Job Openings:

- Enrichment Teacher III – Madrona
- Operations Manager – Program Quality
- Substitute Teachers – All Sites
- Summer Only Enrichment Teachers – All Sites
- HR Assistant

Email HR@communitydayschool.org for details.