CDSA was proud to be featured alongside our partners at the Experience Music Project (EMP) on Evening Magazine! The segment was a wonderful tribute to our collaborative efforts to bring arts education into our School Age programs. The holistic and interdisciplinary nature of our approach was highlighted through hip hop dance lessons taught during Spring Break. Our Sanislo and Kimball school age students enjoyed all that local expert dancer, EMP Resident artist Maya Soto, had to offer. The looks on the kids’ faces as they performed some of their new dance moves at the EMP spoke volumes to the deep impact art has in a young person’s life, teaching them teamwork, discipline, confidence, self-awareness, respect for others, and perseverance. These skills not only foster health development but also become tools for future successes.
A Note from the
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This April, I had the privilege of attending Save the Children’s Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C., as a spokesperson for Early Learning. Save the Children invests in childhood – every day, in times of crisis and for our future. In the United States and around the world, they give children a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. The Annual Advocacy Summit brought together youth and adults from around the United States to learn how to become better advocates for children and families by addressing issues such as the global crisis of maternal and newborn child survival rates and the opportunity gap in early learning.

During the two day summit, I had the pleasure of engaging with other youth advocates and aspiring youth leaders who are already making a difference in their communities. Our trip culminated with a trip to Capitol Hill to meet with Washington State legislators such as Representative Adam Smith, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Senator Patty Murray. It was an inspiring experience to be able to lend our voices to critical issues that children are facing today and to speak directly to our lawmakers about policies that have the power to impact children positively.

As I reflected on the experience in D.C. on the way back to Seattle, I was reminded of how fortunate I am to be working in a city, in communities, neighborhoods and in an organization that put children and families first. Looking around us, the commitment to children and families is clear, and so is the need to keep serving, to continue our work and expand our work. Building off of the spirit around us, CDSA hopes to grow our programs in the years to come, serving more children both in our existing school communities and in other locations within Seattle and possibly even in neighboring communities. We know there are additional needs elsewhere that we can fulfill and are excited about the possibility of expanding our services to other areas.

We invite community members and families to share their thoughts on our expansion as an organization. Community voice began CDSA, and it will take community voice to expand in a way that elevates solutions that last.

Thank you,

Brianna Jackson, Executive Director

GIVE BIG SUCCESS!

On May 5th, CDSA participated in The Seattle Foundation’s GiveBIG online fundraising event. This annual event for local Seattle-area nonprofits brings together donors, businesses and nonprofits to stretch dollars donated to organizations making a difference in their communities. A BIG CDSA THANK YOU to all who gave. Your support helps us continue to provide high quality programming for the kids who need it most! If you missed out on GiveBIG, it’s never too late to give! Simply go to our website to donate: www.communitydayschool.org/donate/.

WE'RE MOVING!

CDSA’s Administrative Office will be moving in early June! Our new address will be:

5950 6th Ave S
Suite 109
Seattle, WA 98108
Montlake students are practicing their journalism skills in preparation for this summer! During spring break they worked together to document their spring break activities through picture taking, article writing, and a little creativity. This was all a test run for the summer magazine Montlake CDSA students will be publishing to commemorate their summer 2015 learning adventures!

Hawthorne school-agers have been getting their hands dirty! They had a great time on their field trip to the their local Beacon Hill Food Forest. They enjoyed learning a lot about and tasting edible flowers and plants such as broccoli and mint.

Madrona preschoolers celebrated their mothers with a posh Mother’s Day Tea Time. Mothers were invited to come be showered with hugs, gifts and appreciation. School-agers also honored their moms with framed photographs of students holding the letters M-O-M, a thumbprint flower bookmark, a yarn-wrapped tulip and a personalized card.

Preschoolers at Maple are getting active! They joined the school-wide PTSA Walk-A-Thon. Maple preschool teachers helped their students tally their laps around the gym and cheered them on while Captain Lazy Pants and Monarch 12 (the Maple Elementary mascot) gave them high-fives.

Spring FUN at the Sites

CDSA’s Annual Zoo Day brought together 225 people from CDSA Families and Staff for a fun-filled outing at the Woodland Park Zoo. This year kids enjoyed meeting a spotted owl, eating healthy snacks, and seeing old and new friends. Attending kids received a blue CDSA cinch bag, animal print sunglasses, and a CDSA water bottle. Our ongoing relationship with the zoo has brought smiles to the faces of kids and adults alike!

Preschool Teachers HighScope Certified!

CDSA teachers are lifelong learners. We are all proud of our Madrona, Maple, and Beacon Hill preschool teachers for setting a standard for our organization and setting an example for our students by becoming HighScope Certified. Congratulations to our high achieving teachers! Our preschool teachers have all been diligent students and have spent the past year working hard to learn how to apply the research-based HighScope curriculum to the classroom. Our Madrona preschool teachers earned the honor of being CDSA’s first HighScope certified site. They even got the kids involved! Using their own musical spin, our Madrona preschool teachers wrote and taught the preschoolers a HighScope song that they love to sing. This is clearly a sign that the HighScope curriculum is “kid-approved”!
**Luncheon Review**

Our first annual CDSA fundraising luncheon was a blast and a total success! We raised over $45,000 to continue bringing high quality programming to children who attend CDSA! The number of guests, including CDSA parents, who came out to support us speaks volumes to the quality of our agency and the community that supports us. We would like to extend a big thank you to Enrique Cerna from KCTS 9 who was a wonderful and engaging emcee. Thank you to Dr. Stephan Blanford, Seattle School Board member and former Beacon Hill CDSA parent, for his personal and professional insight into how CDSA is bridging the achievement gap. Thank you to Peter Smith, a current Maple parent who inspired our guests to support the work that goes into providing a positive environment for his son Travis. Thank you to the parents who shared their stories in our CDSA video. And thank you to our sponsors: Inn at The Market, Peterson Sullivan LLP, Pacific Continental Bank, Alphagraphics, and Khom Photography.

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