

Seattle World School



New Semester 2016

Dear Families -

Welcome back to another semester. Grades have been finalized and you should be receiving grades in the email within the next week. We are working on updating our website with all of our calendar events; so please refer to it to access information. After spring break it will be a busy time as we have lots of family events happening coming up.

If you have not come to a Parent Orientation and you'd still like to, please come and visit. They are open to anyone who wants to learn more about our school. Also, it is a good time to get information about events in the district and the community as we have many community partners that work with us on getting resources with language support.

Our numbers of enrollment are increasing as we are above 280 students in our building and most likely will be at 300 near May of 2016. We are working on adding middle school programming and working hard to make sure we offer courses that align with state standards but with language and English skills support. We have also added staffing to make sure we are keeping class sizes down as much as possible. Seattle World School Principal— Dr. Concie Pedroza

Building Resilience—Monday, Feb. 22 at 4:00pm

If you are interested; we are having a workshop for staff titled **Building Resilience: How Neuroscience, Family Engagement & Relationships Support Learning** presented by Dr. Gina Lebedeva, PhD, CCC-SLP Early Learning Specialist from the University of Washington.

We will provide translators if interested in learning about how we can provide support to families to build our work together to ensure students are successful and how families and schools work together to do this well. Please join us and call 206-252-2254 Ms. Bai if you are interested in joining us.

Feb/March 2016

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Principal

February 2016

- District Open Enrollment for Option Schools open NOW!
- Sat, Feb. 20—Saturday School resumes
- Mon, Feb. 22—First Semester report cards sent home via mail.
- Mon, Feb. 22—Class about Family Engagement at 4:00pm

March 2016

- Tue, Mar 1—District Open Enrollment Ends
- College 101 Night at 6:00pm at SWS
- Wed, Mar 23—2 hour early dismissal at 1:20pm

Parent Orientations at 8:15 am every Monday & Wednesday at Seattle World School



Family Events at Seattle World School

- ◆ **College 101 Night—On the evening of March 25**—This is an opportunity for SWS students and families to learn basic information about the college and financial aid application processes. The presentation will be given in 10 different languages. Representatives from a variety of colleges will also be in attendance. If you questions or want additional information about any of these activities feel free to contact Rusty Hibbert, the SWS counselor, at (206) 252-2202.
- ◆ **Computer Literacy Classes for Parents/Families**—Sponsored by the Coalition for the Refugees of Burma, we are having computer and literacy classes for parents/families who want to develop their skills. They will be at Seattle World School, food and bus passes are available. Flyers will be sent home. Dates for the class will be Saturdays from 9:00am—1:00pm on Feb. 27, March 5, 19 and 26. Call Siobhan Whalen at 206-860-5939 if you need information.
- ◆ **Guiding Good Choices in Amharic, Oromo and Tigrinya** starting in March at Seattle World School for families wanting to learn about how to work with their students in supporting their children in social emotional and academic growth and learning. This is a parent class on Saturday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 10:00am—12:00pm. Please call 206-252-2200 and ask for Senait Tadesse.

Robotics in Science & Physics Classes

By Chandra Wu: Science Teacher

The SWS Physics students started their robotics unit in December. They were delighted by how quickly they could build and program their own robots. Many students wanted to keep working even when the bell was about to ring.

First the students organized the pieces of the robotics kits, then they followed the step-by-step directions to build their first robot. Next they programmed the robots to make noises, move arms or wheels, and “sense” objects. Last they tested the robots to see if they worked. One robot even had “eyes.”

Many SWS Physics students are interested in science, engineering or computer science in college. These robotics lessons are an excellent way to develop planning, problem-solving and sequencing skills used in science and engineering. They are also fun to build! Now the students will begin working together to solve problems and build their robots using their own ideas.

