

# WOODLAND PARK

## *cooperative school*

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### AT WOODLAND PARK COOP:

#### WE MAKE AND CREATE.

We make art, build, read, grow plants from seeds, act in plays and sing out loud.

#### WE PLAY. A LOT.

We're outside every day. RAIN or SHINE!

#### WE EXPLORE.

We take field trips on foot or bus to see new places and make discoveries.

#### WE BUILD COMMUNITY.

We serve and support each other and our local Fremont community.



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**Teacher Cheryl** - "I have been a member of the Woodland Park Co-op community as a parent since 2013. What I love most is that it gives children and their families time to play together, learn together, grow together, and just be together. WPC is a very special school and I am so thankful to get to continue to be a part of its community."

**Teacher Althea** - Teacher Althea is in her fourth year as a Woodland Park parent and second year as a teacher. She is very passionate about working with young children and is dedicated to providing a safe and consistent environment in which children have the freedom to learn through play and experimentation.

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY CLASS

#### **Age Range:**

2-4 years old

#### **Schedule:**

9:30am - 11:30am

#### **Target Class Size:**

15-20 children

#### **Parent Commitment:**

One work day every 1-2 weeks & a class job

#### **Tuition:**

\$125/month (scholarships available)

\$40 Annual Registration Fee

\$56 Quarterly North Seattle College registration

\$125 Fundraising requirement

### MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY CLASS

#### **Age Range:**

2-4 years old

#### **Schedule:**

9:30am - 12:00pm

#### **Target Class Size:**

15-20 children

#### **Parent Commitment:**

One work day every 1-2 weeks & a class job

#### **Tuition:**

\$232/month (scholarships available)

\$40 Annual Registration Fee

\$56 Quarterly North Seattle College registration

\$125 Fundraising requirement

# IS WOODLAND PARK CO-OP THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU?

Where will your child thrive? At Woodland Park Cooperative School we:

## **ALLOW RISK.**

Do you let your kid climb trees? Cut vegetables with a knife? Use a hot glue gun and saw wood? We encourage kids to take supervised, age-appropriate risks. These are key to hands-on learning and preparing kids to think critically and have confidence when encountering new challenges in life.



## **GET MESSY.**

Are you okay with your child coming home covered in mud and paint? Do you let them pull out pumpkin guts with their hands? Make decorations with every kind of glitter and glue? They'll get to do it at Woodland Park. We say a lot of "yes!" so kids can explore their world to the fullest.



## **USE POSITIVE DISCIPLINE.**

Do you try to "catch" your child being good? We focus on reinforcing good behavior! We find that if kids help make classroom rules together there is greater motivation in following them, and when their rules are broken we kindly but firmly help them find a fair solution. For example, we redirect kids who want to throw things at other kids to throw things into buckets instead. There are no bad kids, just bad behavior.



# WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH CO-OPS?

**A cooperative school** is very hands-on: it's organized and run by a group of dedicated families who hire a teacher, work in the classroom, clean, garden, manage paperwork, fundraise, and more.



## THE GIVE

### COMMUNITY

Co-op provides a parenting tribe. Interacting in the classroom creates strong personal connections rarely achieved through drop-off schools. Co-ops are high parent-involvement and that involvement builds deeper bonds between parents as well as kids. Who doesn't need extra help sometimes?

### ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING

We are learning right along with our kids. The ways that our teachers interact with the class provides modeling for parenting. As new challenges at home arise there's always a parent educator, teacher and a community of parents to tap into for tips and advice. We see our children's friendships and new skills grow right before our eyes. The parent's reward is just witnessing those magic moments.

### LOWER COST

For those considering preschool at a private school, co-op provides a much lower cost alternative. Comparable private half-day preschools can cost an average of \$800/month\*, while Woodland Park is \$121-\$358/month. There are need-based scholarships available through North Seattle College and Woodland Park Co-op that cover up to 50% of the tuition.

\*<https://tinytrees.org/2016/02/11/how-expensive-is-preschool-in-seattle-our-market-analysis/>

## WORK DAY IN CLASS

Every parent\* in Woodland Park has a work day **one day a week**, where we come to class and act as staff. On our workday we come to class ready to roll up our sleeves and paint or build alongside the kids! Under our teacher's guidance, workers help at activity stations or are scheduled to provide snack or clean. Other parents and our teachers are always there to help.

\* Grandparents, au pairs, babysitters, etc are also part of our co-op village and are welcome to participate in the work day if a parent can't.

## CLASS JOB

Co-ops are run by the parents. In addition to our workday, we each pick a school job that sustains the preschool. These can fit with your outside skills and passions. For example, this very packet is written, laid-out, and printed by dedicated parents. Other class roles include social coordinator, facilities manager, treasurer, gardener, parent coordinator, fundraiser and more.

## REQUIRES TIME AND ENERGY

We all have days where we would prefer to *\*not\** be engaged with our kids. Being hands on requires time, energy and some flexibility in our schedules. What you put in you tend to get out tenfold though!



## THE TAKE



# RESOURCES

**Here are some great resources if you're interested in learning even more about Woodland Park Co-Op!**

## **1. Woodland Park Website:**

[www.woodlandparkcoop.com](http://www.woodlandparkcoop.com)

Once enrolled, this is the gateway to "Memberhub" where you can pay tuition online, upload private class photos, download forms, write all-school messages, and more!

## **2. Parent Handbook URL:**

[https://woodlandparkcoop.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/parent\\_handbook\\_approvedmarch2019.pdf](https://woodlandparkcoop.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/parent_handbook_approvedmarch2019.pdf)

This is a previous version of our handbook that explains our inner-workings in more depth.

## **3. North Seattle College Preschools Website:**

<https://northseattlecoops.org/>

This has some good info on how cooperatives are structured and why we're a part of the North Seattle College.

## **4. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Website:**

<https://northseattlecoops.org/about-pac/>

What is PAC? Read about it here!

## **5. PAC Scholarship Info:**

<https://northseattlecoops.org/enrollment/scholarship-information>

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