

# WOODLAND PARK

## cooperative school

FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH (UNAFFILIATED) 717 N. 36TH STREET, SEATTLE, WA 98103 | WOODLANDPARKCOOP.COM

### 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.



**The WPC Kindergarten Program** is led by Teacher Rachel Troutman, who originally joined the school in 2006 as a preschool parent. She realized there was a need for a play-based kindergarten co-op in Seattle so she helped start one! The experience of Teacher Rachel's kindergarten students is filled with wonder due to her construction of weekly themes that are woven into activities such as cooking, art projects, science experiments, social and emotional exercises, and outdoor play. Frequent field trips, along with fitness, music, and drama programs are also part of the curriculum. Her graduates leave ready for the first grade.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Schedule:** Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm

**Target Class Size:** 10 -12

**Parent Commitment:** One work day per week & a class job

**Tuition:** \$781/month **projected** (scholarships available)

\$50 One-time application fee

\$56 Quarterly North Seattle College registration

\$125 Fundraising requirement

### KINDERGARTEN DAILY SCHEDULE:

9:00 to 9:30	Outdoor play
9:30 to 10:00	Circle time
10:00 to 11:40	Small group & inside choice based on weekly theme
11:50 to 12:15	Lunch (bag lunch)
12:15 to 1:15	Outdoor play & stations
1:20 to 1:50	Fitness, art or science
1:50 to 2:00	Story & pick-up

## CONTACT US TO TAKE A TOUR!

EMAIL OUR PARENT COORDINATOR AT: [KINDERGARTEN.WPCP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KINDERGARTEN.WPCP@GMAIL.COM)

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE VISIT [WOODLANDPARKCOOP.COM/ENROLLMENT](http://WOODLANDPARKCOOP.COM/ENROLLMENT)

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

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

## **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.



## **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 risks in life.

## **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.



# TEACHER RACHEL'S THEME OF THE WEEK EMAIL TO PARENTS:

Hello, everyone. Thanks to you for making class so awesome and smooth when there are so many scheduling issues. You guys are great!

Last week we had a lot of exciting things happening. The orange table (literacy area) is getting a lot of great use this year and the kids are busy scaring me with Halloween words. We had some cool science experiments that the kids seemed super into. There was some great problem solving and passion about puppets and movies. Very exciting!

This week will be farm oriented for our upcoming pumpkin farm trip. There are a couple of farm games in the table toys area, farm puzzle; farm stand in drama; the science table is dedicated to the life cycle of a pumpkin with chart and scale and rulers and different sized pumpkins. Also, we have some more science experiments with things you might find on some farms: eggs and milk; as well as doing our first "scientific drawing".

We have the seniors on Thursday (we visit one time a month, but they set the date and it is not the same Thursday every month) and our farm visit on Friday.

See y'all tomorrow.

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# 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.

## 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 Teacher Rachel interacts 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 kindergarten at private preschools, co-op provides a much lower cost alternative. Comparable private kindergartens can cost \$10,000 or more for the academic year, while Woodland Park is less than \$6,000. There are need-based scholarships available through North Seattle College and Woodland Park Co-op that cover up to 50% of the tuition.



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## 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 Teacher Rachel's guidance, workers help lead small group games and during free play they provide guidance and interaction throughout the classroom as needed.

## CLASS JOB

Co-ops are run by the parents. In addition to our workday, we each pick a school job that sustains the kindergarten class. 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 for the socialites, facilities manager if you are handy with a hammer 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!



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# ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

Here's your checklist for getting into Woodland Park Cooperative, and other important requirements and information.

## STEP ONE: SEE IF WE'RE THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU AND APPLY.

- Schedule a tour with our Kindergarten Parent Coordinator at [kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com](mailto:kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com). A tour is required for enrollment, unless you are an alumni family. If you have any questions, please contact our Kindergarten Parent Coordinator at [kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com](mailto:kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com).
  - Complete the online application at <https://www.jovial.org/woodlandpark/register>. Open registration begins **February 12, 2022**. Applications are then accepted on a rolling basis depending on availability. We also maintain a wait list.
  - Pay the one time \$50 non-refundable application fee. You will be emailed a link for payment after your application is received.
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## STEP TWO: YOU'RE IN! TIME TO SEAL THE DEAL.

- Once your application is accepted, please confirm your spot by signing and submitting your Enrollment Agreement and by paying your first month's tuition by **March 5, 2022** via Jovial.
  - Make your last month's non-refundable tuition payment by **April 5, 2022**.
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## STEP THREE: PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

- Attend the mandatory Spring Orientation to meet your fellow parents and pick your class job.
- Attend the mandatory Fall Orientation to work out schedules, meet your Parent Educator, and turn in forms.
- Register for class at North Seattle College and pay Fall Quarter tuition, which is around \$56. Now you get a student discount at movies, museums, and more.

- Families can apply for scholarships by contacting our Kindergarten Parent Coordinator at [kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com](mailto:kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com). Scholarships are available through North Seattle College, Woodland Park Co-Op, and alumni scholarship funds. These scholarships cover up to 50% of tuition and are awarded quarterly.
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**If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Kindergarten Parent Coordinator at [kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com](mailto:kindergarten.wpcp@gmail.com).**

# 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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