In-Person Schoolyard Programs

Monday, October 11 | 3:45 - 5:30 pm | Bainbridge High School Theater Auditorium

Join the Indipino Community of Bainbridge Island, Bainbridge Island School District, and the Multicultural Advisor Council for this special showing of "Honor Thy Mother", a documentary featuring the stories of over 35 Indigenous women who migrated to Bainbridge Island from the US and Canada in the early 1940's.

Learn more and register →

Virtual Water Programs

Saturday, October 23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Brightwater Wastewater Treatment & Education Center

Work together as a family to explore the impacts that humans have on our wastewater system, and design your own wastewater cleaning solutions! Learn more about how we interact with the water cycle, how Brightwater cleans the dirty water we produce, and how we can each create positive change for our local water supply.

Learn more and register →

We're thrilled to announce that, for the third year in a row, we have received funding at the highest level possible from ClimeTime! Facilitated by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the ClimeTime initiative seeks to support teachers in strengthening students' climate science knowledge. This funding allows us to reach teachers throughout the region with professional development that connects classroom learning to students' lives, deepens climate literacy, and addresses systemic barriers to ensure that all students can thrive.

This fall, we're excited to offer 3.5-hour Day Programs for 4th - 6th grade classes on our Bainbridge campus! Designed to align with Next Generation Science Standards and Washington's 4th – 6th grade science curriculum, these hands-on programs are a great opportunity for students to learn, explore, and connect outside while deepening their understanding of the impact science and engineering can have on their communities and the planet.

Interested in learning more, or bringing your students? Click here!

K-2 Grade Teachers | October - December, 2021 | 11 STEM Clock Hours | $300 Stipend Available

Taking learning outside is a great strategy for supporting justice-oriented education, by honoring a variety of learning styles, connecting to students' own environments and interests, and providing shared hands-on learning experiences. Join us for this virtual course to gain ready-to-use strategies and lessons for engaging science learning right your school's "backyard"!

This course is offered free thanks to funding via OSPI's ClimeTime initiative.

Learn more and register →

It's a busy start to fall at IslandWood! In addition to programs on Bainbridge Island, we're partnering with King County to offer free in-person schoolyard programs and virtual wastewater and stormwater-themed programs for 3rd - 5th grade classes in King and Snohomish Counties. Click the links below to learn more and register!

What makes outdoor education so conducive to community-building? How can teachers and students use nature as a "third point" to make difficult conversations easier?

Check out our conversation with Campus Programs Manager Breanna Caruso to dive into these questions, and learn more about how we're evolving our Bainbridge-based School Day Programs and School Overnight Program (SOP) to provide trauma-informed support and community connection for students this school year.

"What could be more important than teaching children about science and nature?"

We recently sat down with Dr. Jeannette Franks to learn more about her long history with IslandWood (her late husband Dick Baker, MD was the very first IslandWood docent!), her commitment to invasive species removal (yay, Weed Warriors!), and why she chose to include IslandWood in her estate planning. Read on to learn more.

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