



# **Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy**

2020 – 2021 School Year  
Annual Report

## OUR MISSION

Our academy children and families will be engaged in the culturally rich Lushootseed language to develop strong cultural values and traditions through classroom and family engagement opportunities. Academic success will be achieved through home and school experiences in Lushootseed language, cultural values, and participation in evidence-based curriculum resulting in every child being healthy, capable, and confident in school, life, and cultural identity.

## OUR VISION

Our children are capable and confident in our Lushootseed language, our cultural values, teachings, academics, and in life based on strong families, community, traditional lifeways, and a coordinated early learning education system. Our children are life-long learners.

## ACADEMY GOALS

### Goal 1:

Children and their families will have a greater understanding, appreciation, and ability to access and participate in cultural experiences.

### Goal 2:

Children and staff will participate in the revitalization of their native Lushootseed language.

### GOAL 3:

Prenatal and Postpartum families will have access to support services, educational opportunities, and recruitment opportunities for enrollment to Early Head Start services.

### GOAL 4:

Our school readiness goal is our children and families will be successful in all domains; Gross motor, social emotional, approaches to learning, and cognitive.

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy**

School Hours: M-Th 8:30am – 3:30pm

Extended Care Available

**24 Active Classrooms**

**Total Meals Served** (September 2020 - July 2021):

Breakfast – 24,872   Lunch – 24,834   Snack – 23,009

10.5 EHS  
(74 Slots)

100% enrolled

57 on-site & 17 remote

3.5 Tribal B-3  
(38 Slots)

47% enrolled

18 on-site & 0 remote

5 Tribal  
Montessori  
(79 Slots)

100% enrolled

66 on-site & 13 remote

4 ECEAP  
(72 Slots)

87.5% enrolled

56 on-site & 7 remote

1 MSD  
Developmental  
Preschool

# SERVICES OVERVIEW

## Education

**Classrooms are welcoming and age appropriate for students.**

- School Closure from November 19, 2020 to January 19, 2021. Remote services were offered December 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, and January 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent Conferences and Home Visits were conducted virtually. Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their child's education.
- Language and Culture is incorporated through a newly developed curriculum.

## Health & Safety

**The health and safety of our students, staff and families is a top priority.**

- Each classroom has the following: first aid kits, emergency binder and backpack containing anything needed during an emergency for their room.
- Fire drills are completed Monthly. Earthquake and lock down drills will be completed bi-monthly in the new year as we did not think doing them once annually was enough.

## Nutrition

**Staff monitor and report all illnesses and COVID exposures or confirmed cases in a timely manner.  
Our program has the Child and Adult Care Food Program.**

- During Closures we partnered with the Marysville School District to provide breakfast and lunch distributions to families.
- Parent Trainings were provided through partnership with WIC.

## Disability Services

**Children with IEP/IFSPs receive all applicable program services and are engaged to fully participate in program activities.**

- Program supports and guides families during the IEP/IFSP meetings, reviews, referrals, and services.

## Mental Health

**We have a Mental Health Therapist located on site to provide support to students and staff.**

- Children with challenging or unsafe behaviors will be monitored and referred for additional support if needed.
- Parents are engaged in creating safety plans and supporting their child to be successful.

## Screenings

**Height, weight, vision, developmental, dental, and more screenings occur throughout year.**

# ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

## Birth to Three

- 28 Hispanic
  - 83 AIAN
  - 1 white
  - 5 multi/biracial
  - 3 other
  - 0 unspecified

## Preschool

- 35 Hispanic
  - 122 AIAN
  - 11 white
  - 5 multi/biracial
  - 3 other
  - 1 unspecified



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy  
**Parent Zoom Meeting**

Are you interested in becoming a Volunteer for Parent Committee?  
Parent representatives for this school year are needed.

**Parent Committee Meeting**  
**October 14, 2020**

**ZOOM** 12:00-1:00pm  
Join our Zoom Meeting  
Nominations & Elections

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72378398512?pwd=c2dGVisvcV6K0djZ1BMRWp6VnA2UT09>  
Meeting ID: 723 7839 8512  
Passcode: 1E1101

WE NEED YOU!

All BJT Parents, Guardians, Grandparents Welcome, Please join us!

BJTELA is now offering  
**VIRTUAL services**

Services Include:  
• Weekly Activities  
• Weekly Story Time Videos  
• Language Videos  
• At-Home Learning Kits  
• and more information to come

**STARTS Dec. 07**  
on-site services will be re-evaluated in the new year.  
**ATTENDANCE REQUIRED**  
Please respond weekly for attendance and data tracking purposes.

Remember to mask up!

**March 2021**  
**BJTELA Spirit Week**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!**

MONDAY 03/01/2021	TUESDAY 03/02/2021	WEDNESDAY 03/03/2021	THURSDAY 03/04/2021
Colorful Clothes/ Pajamas	Crazy Sock Day	Crazy hair/hat Day	Green Day
Put on your most colorful clothes or pajamas!	Put on your crazy high, low, miss, matched or crazy printed socks!	Come prepared for a crazy Cat in the Hat kind of day.	Wear your favorite green things!



**Join us for Child Development Information**  
and a chance to win a fun prize for your child  
Log on to the Zoom link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170572835?pwd=Ly85eUZOHA5L0lQlQlFdsSU6NjhlbDQ9>

Please join us for some Parenting Information  
Washington State Renowned Speaker  
On Child Development & Positive Parenting

**Rick Pribbernow**  
March 24, 2021 at Noon

Rick will be sharing information about:

- Development
- Brain Function
- Communication
- Discipline

All BJT Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, & All Community Members Welcome!

**SPECIAL GUEST AT PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Join us for Information**  
On dealing with stress, emotional depression/anger  
and transitions during a pandemic  
Also a chance to win a fun prize for your child  
Log on to the Zoom link  
<https://zoom.us/j/9691364193>

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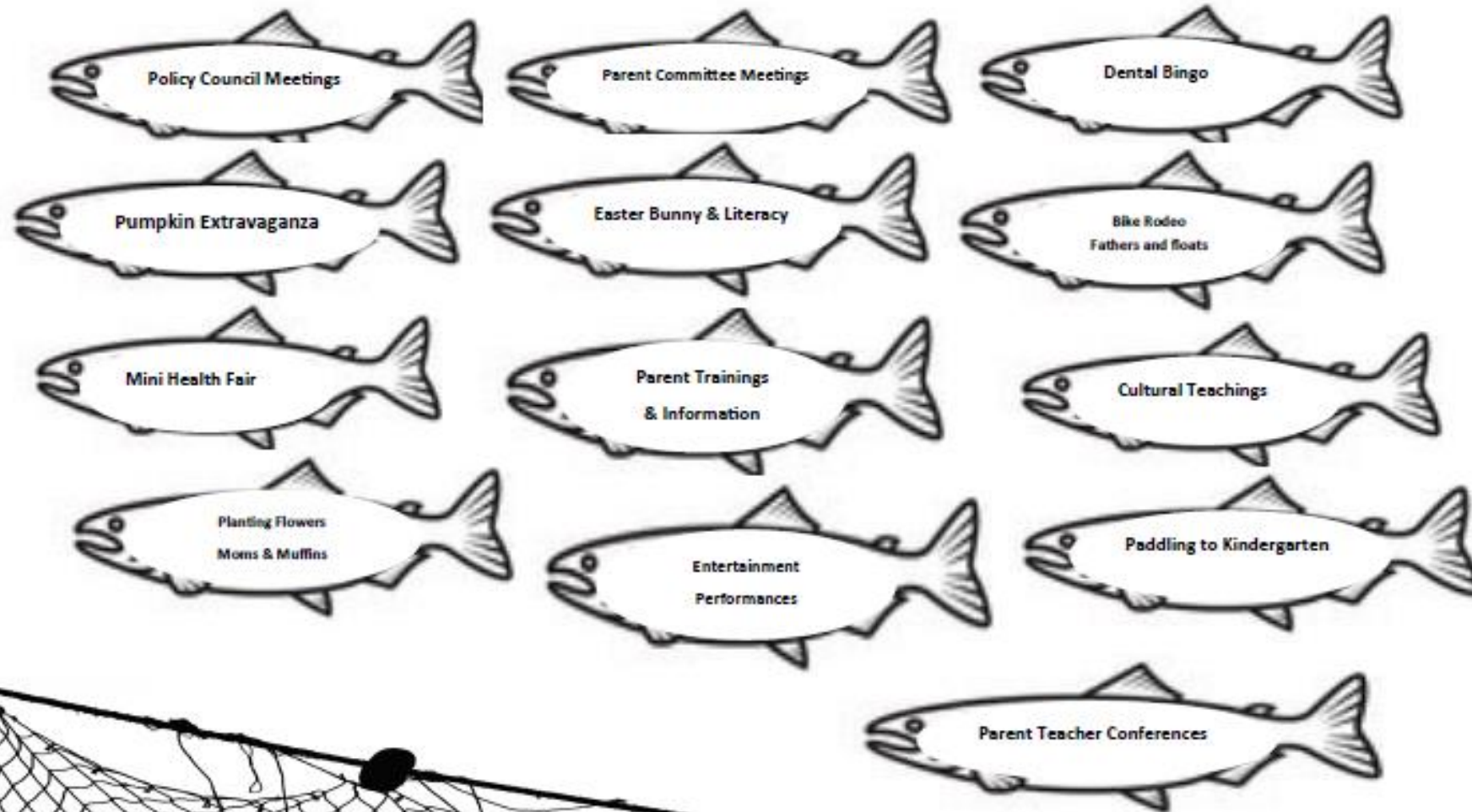
**Rick Pribbernow**  
May 19, 2021  
11:30am - 1:00pm

Parents meet  
after special guest 1:00pm-1:30pm

- Stress
- Depression
- Anger
- Transitions
- Self-care
- Pandemic

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*Parent, Family & Community Engagement*  
*Yearly Opportunities*



*We are all People of the Salmon.*



# *SCHOOL READINESS*

## **Preschool Readiness**

- Birth to three program makes efforts to ensure children are ready for preschool.
- Preschool Readiness Scale is used to monitor and share status of students with the preschool program.
- **39** students are “Paddling to Preschool”

## **Kindergarten Readiness**

- Preschool program makes efforts to ensure children are ready for Kindergarten.
- Preschool works with the local school district through meetings and introductions to help preschoolers transition.
- **77** students are “Paddling to Kindergarten”



# FINANCES

## Total Grant & Tribal Funds Received 2021

Early Head Start (EHS)	\$1,287,007.00
EHS CRRSA Act	\$22,272.00
EHS COLA	\$15,365.00
EHS ARP Act	\$88,541
Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) – Discretionary	\$1,327,218.00
Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) – Mandatory	\$236,982.00
CCDF CRRSA Act	\$1,117,040.00
CCDF ARP Discretionary	\$1,896,079.00
CCDF ARP Mandatory	\$345,267.00
CCDF ARP Stabilization	\$2,896,079.00
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)	\$723,240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,955,090.00</b>

## CCDF

- CCDF Construction Application for Birth to Three Expansion submitted.
  - Requesting \$1.5m CCDF COVID funds for project.
- ARP Stabilization subgrants being implemented
- CCDF paid salaries to retain staff during pandemic closures

## EHS

- COVID funds used to purchase equipment to ensure proper sanitation of classrooms.
- EHS covered 100% salaries during pandemic closures to retain staff

## ECEAP

- ECEAP utilized remaining funds to improve outdoor classroom.
- Direct Contracting will increase 2021-22SY budget

## CACFP

- Meal counts and reimbursements have continued

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Serious Injuries:

- 2 – broken bones
- 0 – Death
- 0 – Major Head Injuries

## Inspection and Monitoring:

Inspection and monitoring completed by Indian Health Services during June of 2021.

Facility Passed with minor findings.

## Financial Audit:

EHS passed the financial audit in 2019. CCDF is completing financial audit currently (08/2021).

## Parent Complaints:

- ❖ Complaints regarding child welfare call made by staff, parent believed it to be unlawful and false reporting.
  - ❖ Investigation occurred and concerns were addressed.
- ❖ Complaints about staffing follow through for concerns regarding child safety and process of security cameras.
  - ❖ Policies were updated and concerns addressed.

# PROGRAM CONTACT INFO

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