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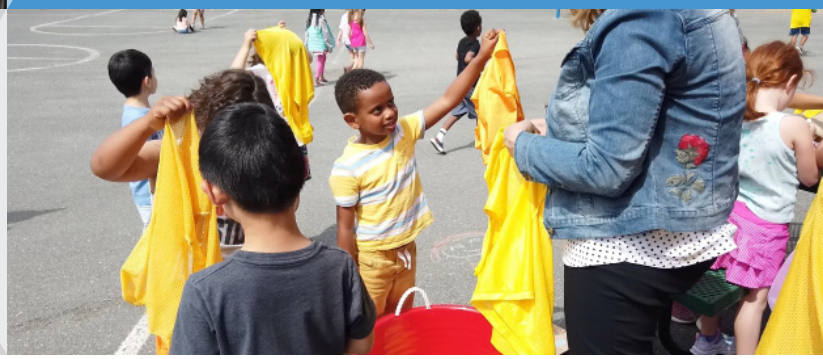

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Superintendent's Message

Graduating is a team effort



Rebecca Miner
Superintendent

I had the profound honor of witnessing 652 of our Shorecrest and Shorewood seniors graduate high school last month. I was filled with joy as I watched each of these students accept their diploma with a bright smile on their face and an even brighter future awaiting them on the other side.

A common thread that weaved through the remarks of students and staff during both graduation ceremonies was that the journey to graduation is long and winding and features plenty of helping hands to guide students along the way.

I could not help but reflect on the paths these students had taken to reach that moment of success. I thought about the many staff, volunteers and families who had helped guide each student to that point. Many people have committed incredible amounts of time and energy to help each student get across that stage with a diploma in their hand and limitless potential in front of them.

Graduation is a celebration of teamwork. Crossing the stage represents the teamwork between students, educators, parents, volunteers and everyone in between during those students' 13-year journey from kindergarten to graduation.

I want to thank every single person who played a part in supporting the success of these students. Whether you actively participated in our students' education or supported our schools through bonds and levies, you have been an important part of these students' journey. Thank you! The gift you have given our graduates and our future is priceless.

Regards,

Rebecca

Shorewood and Shorecrest Rank Among Best High Schools in U.S.

Shorewood and Shorecrest were again recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* in their annual Best High Schools in America rankings. Shorewood and Shorecrest ranked 19th and 20th respectively out of 656 high schools in Washington.

Shoreline Success Shorts

Good news.
Bite-sized.

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Shorecrest ASB Presents to ASB Leaders from Across Washington



Shorecrest ASB Officers and Advisor Johanna Phillips presented to ASB leaders from all across the state during a virtual conference on how to use the beginning of the school year as a launching pad to building a positive school climate.

Parkwood Honored as a State Recognized School



Parkwood was one of only 137 elementary schools in the state to be honored by the new achievement recognition program for schools that have demonstrated exemplary performance and/or have made significant progress in closing opportunity and achievement gaps.

Power of One Volunteer Program Earns Community Leadership Award



The Power of One Volunteer Program, a partnership of the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center and Shoreline Public Schools, was presented a Community Leadership Award by the Washington Association of School Administrators for their work recruiting and training school volunteers.

Shorewood Students Put Their Best "Selfies" Forward for New Artwork



Project Selfie is a new artwork at Shorewood funded by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Students and visiting artist Amy Pleasant used students' "selfies" to create slow art in acrylic on wood to create a variety of vibrant self-portraits.





Important dates for next school year

To find a complete calendar of days, events and activities, including a list of Early Release Wednesdays, please visit our website at shorelineschools.org/calendar.

August
12: School Offices Open

September
4: First Day of School for Grades 1-12
9: First Day of School for Kindergarten

November
11: No School - Veterans Day
27: Half Day Release
28-29: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December
23-31: No School - Winter Break

January
1-3: No School - Winter Break
20: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
31: No School - Staff Work Day

February
17: No School - Presidents Day
18-21: No School - Mid-Winter Break

April
20-24: No School - Spring Break

May
25: No School - Memorial Day

June
8: No School - Staff Work Day
14: Graduation Day
18: Anticipated Last Day of School

Kindness Begins in Kindergarten

Meridian Park's Kindergarten Kindness Crew spreads the love



Meridian Park kindergarten students make cards for friends and family at recess.

It's not just foundational reading, writing and math skills that begin in kindergarten anymore. A new emphasis on social-emotional learning is helping Shoreline students understand and manage their emotions and behaviors and how they impact others. Meridian Park Kindergarten Program Counselor Kim Kauffman is helping establish a strong social-emotional foundation in children from the start with the over 200 kindergarten students with whom she works.

For the past few years, Kauffman has been cultivating Kindergarten Kindness Crews to promote intentional kindness at school and beyond. "We start in the fall by reading a book called *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* It's all about the different ways that we can share kindness through our words and actions," says Kauffman. "We're practicing that every day in our classrooms and sharing the many ways we can fill others' buckets with kindness."

According to kindergarten student Arielle Washington, one of the places she and her fellow Kindergarten Kindness Crew members spread that kindness is on the playground at recess. "Mrs. Kauffman brings out a bucket with yellow vests and bins with stuff to make cards...you can make little Cheetah Cheers that say, 'you filled my bucket today,'" says Washington.

Kauffman explains that even with over 200 kids on the playground, recess can be a lonely time for students who don't have anyone to play with or don't know who or how to ask to be included. To help students find recess playmates, the Kindergarten Kindness Crew don yellow vests to indicate to other students that they are willing to play with anyone who asks. They also seek out students who may look like they need someone to play with and ask if they would like to play. Students can also make cards for others using the card-making supplies that also come out at recess. The vests and materials were purchased for the program using a Meridian Park PTSA grant.

"I think it's at the heart of what we do at Shoreline; we develop that sense of community, inclusion and kindness from the start," Kauffman states. "As our kindergarteners enter our program, we want to make sure everybody has the opportunity to practice that."

For their part, the students really enjoy the opportunities to let their kindness shine. "It's good to be kind because it fills lots of peoples' buckets so they can have a good time and not feel down," says kindergarten student Ben Schoener. "I think it kind of makes people feel happy."

Watch a video version of this story at:
vimeo.com/shorelineschools

Celebrating Our 2019 Shoreline Schools Staff of the Year

Shoreline Schools honored its best and brightest staff, volunteers and community partners at the annual Shoreline Schools Staff of the Year Awards on May 15. Ten individuals and one community partner were selected from over 130 nominations. Join us in giving them all a big #ShorelineShoutOut for their incredible commitment and passion for supporting the success of every student and program they serve!



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Erica Young
Kellogg Middle School



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Jeff Valder
Einstein Middle School



Volunteer
Che Martinez
Parkwood Elementary



Volunteer
Scott Shiebler
Equity & Family Engagement Dept.

Shorecrest Senior Wins Princeton Prize in Race Relations



Mawahib "Mo" Ismail



As a Youth Outreach Leader for the City of Shoreline, Ismail helped mentor and empower local youth.
Photo courtesy of City of Shoreline



Ismail helps lead Shorecrest High School's inspiring annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day assembly.

Mawahib "Mo" Ismail was one of 27 high school students nationwide selected for trip to attend the Princeton Prize Symposium on Race

At a time when spam phone calls are an almost daily occurrence, it's not surprising that Shorecrest senior Mawahib "Mo" Ismail didn't answer the first two calls she received from a number she didn't recognize earlier this spring. But, when her phone rang a third time, she relented and answered. To her surprise it wasn't a pre-recorded message offering a line of business credit or to boost her website traffic, it was a representative from Princeton University letting her know that she was one of only 27 students nationwide to have been selected as a 2019 Princeton Prize in Race Relations Award winner.

"In the moment, when I finally answered the phone and heard I was selected, it was really shocking and exciting," says Ismail. And for good reason, the award includes a $1,000 cash prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend the Princeton Prize Symposium on Race in Princeton, New Jersey.

She didn't let the shock from the phone call linger long, though. "Afterwards, it was just, like, back to normal, time to get back to work," says Ismail. When she says she went back to work, she really means it. Ismail keeps a busy schedule of projects and initiatives aimed at giving back and making her school and community better places than they would be without her efforts.

For the past two years, Ismail has served as President of the Shorecrest Black Student Union (BSU) where she has helped lead and coordinate a variety of events and activities, including the incredibly powerful and moving annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly. She has also helped support and guide the monthly Shorecrest Race and Equity Forums. The forums offer students the opportunity to engage in open and honest discussions on a variety of important topics.

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> *-Mawahib Ismail*

Ismail has used her experiences as a leader at Shorecrest to make a bigger impact in her community. Last year, she worked as a Youth Outreach Leader for the City of Shoreline. In that role, Ismail supported youth all across the community by providing mentorship, information and guidance to help them access programs and services that could be of benefit to them. She also helped coordinate a forum with youth and law enforcement to help foster an open dialogue around issues of race and police brutality.

"I really wanted to help underprivileged youth and teens because I understand their plight and what it's like to be part of an underprivileged, underrepresented group," says Ismail. "It's important for us to be able to talk about the issues that go on, but it's also really important to act on them."

The work Ismail has done for her school and community has certainly earned her a lot of support and fans, including Shorecrest Principal Lisa Gonzalez who first met Ismail in middle school.

"Mo is a natural leader, activist and a young visionary who is willing to ask the hard questions while also bringing people into the conversation with compassion," says Gonzalez. "I have had the chance to watch her growth since middle school and know that this powerful young woman is launching into the world with a good head on her shoulders, a loving heart and clear eyes focused on social justice."

At the Princeton Prize Symposium on Race, which was held in late April, Ismail and her fellow award-winners attended presentations from national leaders and scholars and engaged in meaningful discussions about race and race relations with student leaders from across the country.

It was an inspiring and empowering experience for Ismail. "It was amazing to meet student leaders and activists from across the country and learn about the issues they are working to address in their communities," says Ismail. "I just felt like I wasn't alone knowing there are so many great young leaders across the country who are working to make their communities better places for all people…it really motivated me to do more."

Ismail will definitely have many more opportunities to put her leadership, knowledge and passion to good use. She will be attending the University of Washington this fall and hopes to continue to make a positive impact on the world around her by pursuing a career in social services or child protective services.



Parkwood Elementary's two-story design provides and open and bright environment that adapts to the school's needs.

School Construction Update

Parkwood Elementary nears completion to open for the start of school while work continues at Einstein and Kellogg Middle Schools

Construction is booming across Shoreline Public Schools. With the completion of the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center (featured in Winter 2019 newsletter), crews have been focused on the last three projects funded by the voter-approved 2017 school construction bond: Parkwood Elementary, Einstein Middle School and Kellogg Middle School.

Parkwood Elementary is in its final stages of construction and on track to open for the first day of school this fall. At 65,000 square feet and capacity for 500 students, the two-story design boasts a bright and open teaching and learning environment.

One of the school's most dramatic features is the set of skylights that stretches the main corridor, drawing in ample amounts of light that carries through the building. Its flexible spaces also allow for various configurations of its classrooms and common areas for school and community events.

"There's a lot of shared spaces and doorways between classrooms so everyone can collaborate with each other and kids can blend with each other in a way that we're not learning in isolation, we're learning in a true community spirit," says Parkwood Principal Ann Torres.

The project's architect is DLR Architects and the contractor is Allied Construction. The total estimated project cost is $46,909,000.

While Einstein and Kellogg Middle Schools are in the initial construction phase, it's clear there will be a lot of similarity between the schools. Both schools will feature two-story designs at about 150,000 square feet each. Capacity for each school will be 1,070 students.

The size of the schools provides enough space for 6th grade students to begin attending middle school with the 7th and 8th graders when the schools are complete in August 2020.

In addition to modern learning spaces and infrastructure, both middle schools have designs that feature circulation flows (getting from one spot to another) that make navigating the campus a breeze for students, staff and community members. Both schools will also have inner courtyards that provide secure outdoor common space.

The architect for Einstein is Integrus Architects; the architect for Kellogg is Mahlum Architects, and the contractor is Hoffman Construction for both projects. The estimated cost for each middle school is $102,000,000.

For more information on these projects, including weekly construction updates, please visit our website at shorelineschools.org/construction.



Crews are finishing brickwork and preparing to install siding at Parkwood Elementary.



Drywall is being installed in Parkwood classrooms.



Skylights fill Parkwood's main hall and entry with natural light.



Site work continues at Kellogg Middle School to prepare for major construction to begin this summer.



Crews at Einstein use water to slow cure the concrete poured where the school's new gym will be located.



A green vapor barrier is in place and ready for concrete to be poured for Einstein's new locker rooms.



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New Murals Unveiled at Briarcrest Elementary







Briarcrest Elementary students and staff celebrated the last day of school with a special unveiling ceremony for the new murals that will hang outside and inside the school next year. The murals were created as part of a school-wide project led by artist Kendra Azari. She started by meeting with each class at the school to talk about the values and characteristics that define their school and then included them in the painting process so that each class was able to work together to paint various sections of the murals.

Lake Forest Park Teacher Honored by Seattle Sounders FC and Premera Blue Cross







Lake Forest Park Elementary teacher Brent Allred was selected for a Premera Teacher Tribute by Premera Blue Cross and Seattle Sounders FC! He was surprised at an all-school assembly with the 46th Street Marching Band providing an energetic prelude to the surprise announcement being made by Sounders player Saad Abdul-Salaam! Allred was presented a check for $2,000 in supplies for his school and will be recognized at a Sounders match in September. He was nominated for the award by Principal Aimee Miner who noted his ability to use sports to connect with students and support their academic growth.

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