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Superintendent's Message

Join us in thanking our volunteers



Rebecca Miner
Superintendent

I want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all of the incredible volunteers who give their time and energy to make a difference in Shoreline Public Schools and throughout our Shoreline and Lake Forest Park communities.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

In this issue of The Flagship, you'll read about two volunteer-driven programs, The WORKS and Power of One, and the amazing work they do to support the success and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

These volunteers answer Dr. King's question in very profound terms. They give of themselves to others without expecting anything in return. They volunteer because they want to make a difference, and that is exactly what they do.

In addition to the volunteers we are so fortunate to have working in and with our schools, there are also many other organizations and individuals spread throughout our communities who give back in incredible ways.

I hope you will join me in thanking volunteers near and far for all they do to make the world a better place than it would be without their efforts.

I also hope that each one of us can join them in seeking opportunities to serve and give back to our communities and those around us. It's often said that the greatest gift someone can give you is their time. With the holidays around the corner, let's consider committing to give the gift of time and answering Dr. King's most persistent and urgent question for ourselves.

When it comes to volunteering, the hardest part can be not knowing where to start. A great online resource for finding and connecting to volunteer opportunities in our area is www.volunteermatch.com.

Regards,



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Upcoming Dates

Find a complete schedule of school district events with locations and times at shorelineschools.org.

December

3: School Board Meeting

17: School Board Meeting

24-31: Winter Break

January

1-4: Winter Break

10: PTA Reflections Reception

14: School Board Meeting

19: Shoreline Hoopalooza

21: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

26: Kinderfest

28: School Board Meeting

29: Westside Band Concert

31: Eastside Singfest

31: Westside Choral Festival

February

1: No School - Staff Work Day

4: Kindergarten Registration Begins

7: Community Connections Meeting (Evening)

8: Community Connections Meeting (Morning)

11: School Board Meeting

12: Eastside Orchestra

18: No School - Presidents' Day

19-22: No School - Mid-Winter Break

Mark your calendars for our new Community Connections presentations

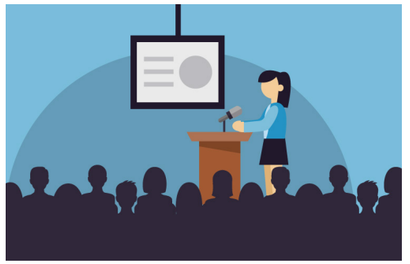
We hope you'll join us for our new series of community presentations to learn more about our school district's operations, programs and initiatives. We are starting our Community Connections series of presentations this year to help provide our community with an in-depth look at the vast and various work that goes into running Shoreline Public Schools.

Mark your calendars with the dates and times below and plan to join us! Each session has a morning and evening option, the same information is presented at each. All presentations will be held in the Shoreline Center Board Room, 18560 1st Ave. NE.

Topic: School Construction
November 27 at 7 pm
November 28 at 10 am

Topic: Maintenance and Operations
February 7 at 7 pm
February 8 at 10 am

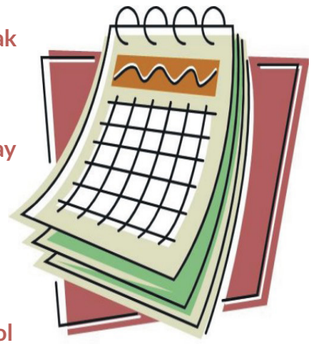
Topic: Early Learning
May 9 at 7 pm
May 10 at 10 am



Start, end and other important dates for next school year (2019–2020)

Do you like to plan ahead? Below are important dates for next school year (2019-2020). Please note that these do not include conference days or other non-student days. Those dates will be set and shared in the spring. Additional 2019-2020 school year calendar details and list of Early Release Wednesdays can be found at **www.shorelineschools.org/calendar**.

Sep. 4: First Day of School
Nov. 11: No School - Veterans Day
Nov. 27: Half Day Release- Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28-29: No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: No School - Winter Break
Jan. 20: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 17: No School - Presidents' Day
Feb 18-21: No School - Mid-Winter Break
Apr. 20-24: No School - Spring Break
May 25: No School - Memorial Day
June 18: Half Day Release - Last Day of School



Staff Learning Spotlight



Technology Learning Cohort teaches new tech to Shoreline teachers

TLC members work together during a computer coding training.

One of the benefits of the new early release Wednesday calendar is the ability to provide teachers with regular and consistent opportunities to learn and share new knowledge and skills with their professional learning communities (PLC). A PLC is a group of educators that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.

The District's Technology Learning Cohort (TLC) is a collaborative professional development group comprising over 40 3rd-6th grade teachers and specialists. This year, they are learning advanced technology skills and teaching strategies, which they are then sharing with other teachers in their PLCs.

This year's TLC is also learning with robotics and coding materials as well as problem solving strategies and how to be creative, innovative thinkers in the context of STEM. They are also learning about specific communication tools that encourage collaboration and video production tools that inspire student creativity.

"Technology is used as a means to broaden teacher productivity skills and to deepen instructional practices that empower students and ensure learning is student driven," said Digital Learning Specialist Ann Hayes-Bell. "They come together four times a year to learn, plan and practice technology skills and instructional practice. They then implement their learning through classroom lessons."

Their students aren't the only ones they're teaching these new skills to, according to Highland Terrace 1st Grade Teacher Erin Kirkpatrick. TLC members are provided time during their schools' staff and PLC meetings to train and share their knowledge with other teachers and staff.

"The consistent collaboration time provided by the early release Wednesdays has been really beneficial in allowing me to share and collaborate with my grade level team and other teachers," said Kirkpatrick. "We've explored using tech tools and resources to increase student engagement, focus on student-centered instruction and provide students new opportunities to access information and share their learning."

Digital Learning Specialists Ann Hayes-Bell, Juli Lorton, and Paul Witzel facilitate this year's TLC.



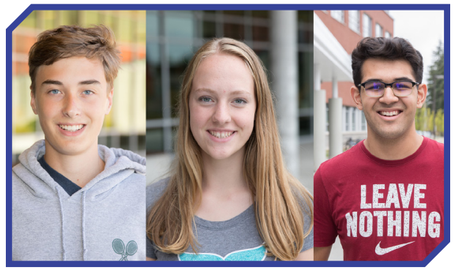
Erin Kirkpatrick works with her students on a classroom learning activity that draws from her work on the TLC.

New Parkwood Groundbreaking



Students, staff and community members gathered on September 19 to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Parkwood Elementary School. The school is scheduled to be completed in August 2019.

Three National Merit Semifinalists



Three seniors from Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools were selected as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Gabe Vogel (SC), Mattea Holt (SC) and Saagar Mehta (SW) now move on for consideration to become finalists.

Shoreline Success Shorts

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District Rated in Top 10 by Niche

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Shoreline Schools was recognized by Niche.com as one of the Top 10 School Districts in Washington based on data analyzed from the Department of Education, Civil Rights Data Collections and the National Center for Education Statistics.

40th Annual Rotary Cup

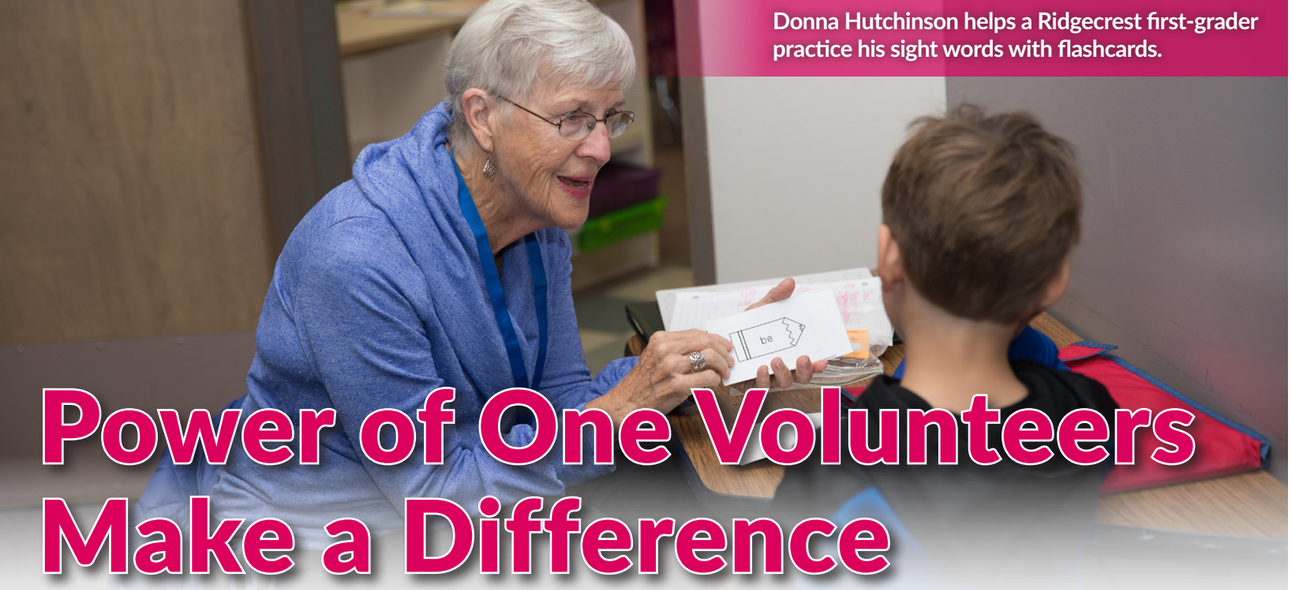


The 40th Annual Rotary Cup was played in front of a sellout crowd of over 3,200 at Shoreline Stadium on September 21. Shorewood defeated Shorecrest to earn the Rotary Cup trophy. Shorecrest leads the Rotary Cup series 26-14.

Student Athlete Honored



Shorewood student athlete Jose Luis Gandara was recognized by the Seahawks and Century Link as their High School Athlete of the Week. In addition to earning $1,000 for his school, he was recognized on the field at the Seahawks game on November 4.



Donna Hutchinson helps a Ridgecrest first-grader practice his sight words with flashcards.

Power of One Volunteers Make a Difference

New professional development model will offer teachers regular opportunities to collaborate and use student data to support achievement

One person. One hour a week. That is all it takes to help make a difference in the lives of students all across Shoreline Public Schools, according to Power of One Volunteer Program Coordinator Terry Monette.

Since 1996, Power of One has been matching community members with rewarding volunteer opportunities throughout Shoreline Public Schools. The program is a partnership between the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center and Shoreline Public Schools with additional support from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation.

"We place volunteers into Shoreline Public Schools, primarily at the elementary level, because that seems to be where the most need is," said Monette. "Our volunteers come from a lot of different backgrounds; we have all sorts of professional backgrounds and people who have raised their families and want to give back."

After someone registers to volunteer through the program, they meet with Monette so she can learn more about them and their interests. "I find out what it is they're interested in doing because we think it's important to match the volunteer's interests with the teacher's needs," said Monette.

"Some really like helping students with reading, others enjoy math… we have a former biology professor who has helped with heart dissections for the last two years, and we have others who help with art or music."

Before volunteers go out into classrooms, they receive training from Monette and other school district staff to learn strategies that will support their work with the students and staff. The program also provides volunteers with support and guidance throughout the year, with Monette as an ever-present resource for volunteers and staff.

Once volunteers are ready to go out into classrooms, they can expect a variety of different experiences. Volunteer opportunities include working one-on-one with students, providing small group support, helping with classroom lessons, working in libraries, assisting with after-school programs, and chaperoning field trips.

"The benefits are just amazing for our students to have other adults besides teachers and parents who come in, work with them, and help them to be better students," said Echo Lake Elementary Family Advocate Thelma Treperinas. "They learn social skills, and it's also an intergenerational thing—the students get to be with adults who aren't necessarily related to them, but they still can have these conversations with older adults, and that's been fabulous."

Ridgecrest Elementary Teacher Annika Miller agrees. "A huge benefit of having Power of One volunteers in my classroom is the consistency they provide," said Miller. "Most parents don't have a flexible schedule to consistently volunteer in the classroom. I can count on them to be in the classroom each week, giving students individual attention and support with practicing phonics skills, sight words, reading, math, and much more."

That consistent presence in the classroom also allows the volunteers and students to build strong relationships. Those relationships really support the collaborative work of students and volunteers, according to retired educator and first-year Power of One Volunteer Donna Hutchinson. "The relationship is what allows the students to learn with you because learning is making mistakes," said Hutchinson "If they know you like them and they trust you, then making a mistake is just making a mistake; they don't feel like they're being judged."

Kathy Leon has been volunteering with Power of One for the past 11 years. Recently, she has been helping students at Echo Lake Elementary make cards for their friends and family. "I think it's kind of like a win-win situation; a lot of us retire and don't really know what we want to do with our time," said Leon. "We want it to be worthwhile, so it's fun for us because we can see the kids learning." Monette agrees. Above all, she says, "It brings the volunteers a sense of meaning. It's just great fun; they love being with kids and it just fills their hearts."

You can learn more about the Power of One program at www.powerofonevolunteers.wordpress.com. Individuals interested in volunteering can begin the process by contacting Monette at terry.monette@shorelineschools.org or 978-505-1709.

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Echo Lake Elementary Counselor Cher Anderton reviews the school district's Instructional Strategic Plan with volunteers.



Kathy Leon works with a student to design and create handmade greeting cards at Echo Lake Elementary.



Power of One volunteers attend an orientation training before being assigned to classrooms.

The WORKS moves to new location at the Shoreline Center



Racks of clothing, shoes and accessories are spread throughout The WORKS new location.



Jill Steinberg coordinates the program as the Shoreline PTA Council's The WORKS Committee Chair.



Volunteers ready to help hand out items donated by The WORKS at this year's Back to School Consortium event.

Shoreline PTA clothing resource program now located at the Shoreline Center and open Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm

Shoreline PTA Council's clothing resource program, The WORKS, has come a long way from its origins in a closet at Ridgecrest Elementary over 20 years ago. After years of serving Shoreline and Lake Forest Park families from a portable at the North City Campus, The WORKS recently moved into a new and improved 4,300 sq. ft. space at the north end of Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE.

The location, which previously served as a dusty book depository, has been transformed into something that has the look and feel of a boutique clothing shop. The only difference is that the clothes are not for sale—they are provided free of charge to families with students enrolled in Shoreline Public Schools or with children ages 0–18 who reside within the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

"The goal is to make it so families can walk in, find what they need, be happy with the quality of clothes they receive, and ultimately come back and help spread the word that The WORKS is a great resource," said Jill Steinberg, who serves as The WORKS Committee Chair.

The WORKS is open every Wednesday that school is in session from 6:30–8:00 pm. No reservation or appointment is necessary, although the staff are happy to schedule private appointments for families who are unable to make it on Wednesday evenings or prefer some privacy while they select clothes. Private appointments can be made by contacting shorelineptaworks@gmail.com or leaving a message at 206.393.4916.

The WORKS carries clothes that fit students of all ages and sizes. It generally carries children's sizes 4T–16 and adult sizes XS–3XL. The WORKS also has accessories such as belts, purses, shoes, and pajamas.

In addition to normal, everyday clothes, The WORKS also has a "Prom Shop" that provides teens with very nice formal wear that is perfect for school dances and special occasions.

The WORKS is also a key partner in the Shoreline Back to School Consortium. The annual event provides backpacks, school supplies, clothing, haircuts, and hygiene products to families who need a little extra support to help their children start the school year on the right foot.

"At this year's event, we served 981 students by providing them with underwear, socks, and hygiene products," said Steinberg. "Each student also received a toothbrush and dental floss, and families also received shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste."

All of the clothes distributed by The WORKS are donated locally by community members or purchased with monetary donations. Clothes can be donated to The WORKS during their open hours on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 pm or at the Shoreline Training and Production Center, also located on the north end of the Shoreline Center, on Monday-Thursday from 9:30 am–1:00 pm.

Monetary donations are also accepted. It takes about $12,000 per year to operate the program, according to Steinberg. Monetary donations can be made online at www.shorelinepta.org/the-works.

Those interested in volunteering can also learn more and sign up on the website. "In today's world, helping others is important, and this is a great and easy way to do that," said Steinberg. "It just doesn't take a lot of effort to do a lot of good."



Volunteers organize rows of clothing for students and families to choose from at this year's Back to School Consortium event.

Building for the Future

Update on 2017 school bond-funded construction projects



Natural light will flow through the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center thanks to large windows and glass doors.

Four major school construction projects are currently underway, thanks to a 2017 voter-approved school construction bond. Read below about some of the recent work that has taken place at each site.

Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center

Work on the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center is in its final stages. The contractor is moving forward with the backyard play areas, where concrete is being poured and playground equipment is being installed. Leveling and curbing for the bus loop is complete and asphalt will be laid soon, weather permitting. Major mechanical utilities, such as heating, ventilation and fire sprinklers, are being prepared to be brought online. Interior finishes are being installed and furniture will arrive soon.

The 55,000 square foot facility will house our tuition-based preschool, Head Start and Early Childhood Education programs. Staff will begin moving in over winter break and students will begin attending when classes resume on January 7.

The architect for this project is Mahlum Architects and the contractor is BNBuilders. The total estimated project cost is $35,800,000.

Parkwood

The contractor has completed the foundation and has begun to pour the first floor slabs and will continue to move forward with consecutive slab pours, weather permitting. Most of the underground utilities, such as electrical, plumbing and sewer, have been installed. The cement block work is progressing very quickly, with some walls being completed. The new Parkwood is scheduled to open in August 2019.

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

Einstein

The contractor has demolished the north end of the school to allow for construction of the new gym and locker rooms, which will begin in March. The design team will soon submit the permit drawings to the City of Shoreline for approval. Staff have been able to create a hard line of separation between school activities and the construction activities to lessen the impact to students and staff who are utilizing other parts of the school while construction happens in phases.

The new Einstein is scheduled to open in August 2020. The architect for this project is Integrus Architects and the contractor is Hoffman Construction. The total estimated project cost is $102,000,000.

Kellogg

The Kellogg site has been left untouched so far in this construction season. The design team is preparing to submit the permit set of plans to the City of Shoreline in December. The contractor is currently finalizing construction and demolition plans.

The new Kellogg is scheduled to open in August 2020. Mahlum Architects is the architect for this project and the contractor is Hoffman Construction. The total estimated project cost is $102,000,000.



Covered social space at the Early Learning Center entrance.



Crews adding exterior finishes to the Early Learning Center.



Work is progressing on Parkwood's exterior walls.



Architect's rendering of Parkwood's main entrance.



Crews clear debris from demolished north structure at Einstein.



Architect's rendering of Einstein's main entrance.



Architect's rendering of Kellogg's courtyard.



Architect's rendering of Kellogg's main entrance

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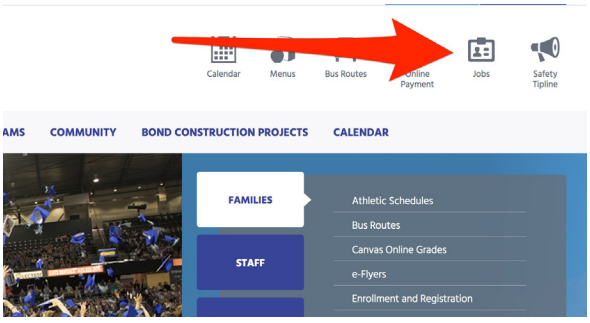

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