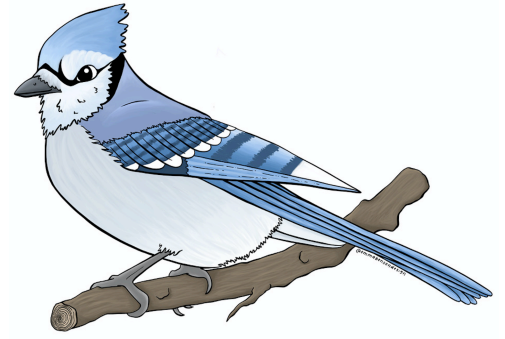


Brookside Elementary

Principal's Message

(School Closure Edition)

4/7/20



Greetings Brookside Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. It has been another week of big changes! If any of the links below don't immediately work, please copy/paste them into your browser.

Shoreline Website in Multiple Languages

Did you know that the Shoreline webpage can be translated into dozens of languages immediately? Look for the drop down menu near the top of your browser.

School Closure Extended & Home Learning Resources

I am sure you've heard Washington schools will remain closed for the remainder of this school year. District office and school staff members were already working hard to adjust our work to the current reality. The plans and pacing set forward by the Teaching & Learning Department will now be extended up through June. Some have expressed frustrations with the pace of our shift into providing home learning resources, but I can tell you that I very much appreciate the diligent planning and care that our district leadership have put into each step in this process. Keep an eye on your inbox and the Shoreline Public Schools homepage for new resources as they are released: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/>. The next batch of resources holds many more teacher videos, including Brookside contributions for 3rd grade literacy and 5th grade STEM.

Principal Simard's Video to Our Students

I made this video for your children and would like you to show it to them. In the video, I mention that Brookside will remain closed for the rest of the school year; you may want to talk about that beforehand so it is not a surprise.

https://zoom.us/rec/share/wOxrEY6qznHclHk4VzcWa0_P4Taeaa80yJl-vBczlnFeVFQoFhl-Tlx9BFwLfU?startTime=1586276708000

Student Items at School

Because of the suddenness of the school closure, we have many student items at school (including some instruments). Due to social distancing guidelines, the district has asks schools to hold off distributing student items at this time. I will let you know how to get your child's items when we are able to provide them to you.

Morning Announcements & Spirit Week!

At the end of last week, I let you know that we would continue our regular morning announcements Monday-Friday. You can see our wonderful elementary counselor, Rachelle Friskey, sharing these each weekday morning. We are also hosting Spirit Week right now!

You may send adult-approved Spirit Week pictures each day to:

bks.community@k12.shorelineschools.org and they will be uploaded to the Brookside website so everyone can see your school spirit!

- **Monday:** Crazy Hair Day!
- **Tuesday:** School spirit day! Wear your best Blue Jay gear.
- **Wednesday:** Wacky Wednesday! Wear your wackiest outfit!
- **Thursday:** Sports Day! Wear your team uniform or dress like your favorite player.
- **Friday:** Our Future is BRIGHT- Wear your brightest today - BE CREATIVE! :-)

Online Class Meetings THIS WEEK

Our students and families have been seeking connection with their teachers and each other during this age of social distancing. Our staff members really want this too! However, it is important that we do such things in a planned, measured way to ensure that we are providing a safe and productive learning environment for our students. Thanks to ongoing professional development and coaching from Juli Lorton of the Shoreline IT department, we are ready to go! Our teachers will be meeting with groups of students online this Wednesday and afterward. These first meetings will be for making social-emotional connections and orienting students to these new tools. Meeting online in a classroom setting is new for our students, so we drafted the guidelines linked below. Teachers may develop classroom agreements based on these as well. If possible, please review this document with your child before their scheduling small group meeting:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1rhcYSG8fSPgwFu-uS8w7D9fUDKtj8YRBoqiYWimrz00>

Family Support Resources

If your family is in need of some support for food or you have other concerns, please contact our Family Advocate, Susie Moore, at 206/393-1177 or susie.moore@shorelineschools.org. Mrs. Moore can let you know about grocery gift card availability, places to access food assistance, and share information on other community resources.

New Food Resource

If your family needs additional food, and you are unable to leave your home to access it, the City of Shoreline along with several community organizations are making weekend food bags available for home delivery. Food bags will not have all ingredients for complete meals, but will include non-perishable items for the weekend, such as pasta, canned foods, a jar of peanut butter, box of cereal, or similar items. To request this service for the weekend, you'll need to call 206/385-9385 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The phone line is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., but requests made after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays will be scheduled for the following weekend. Food will be delivered Friday afternoons between 12:30 and 4:00 p.m. The goal is to provide one bag per household member, but supply is limited so not all requests may be met.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our school & community,
Principal John Simard