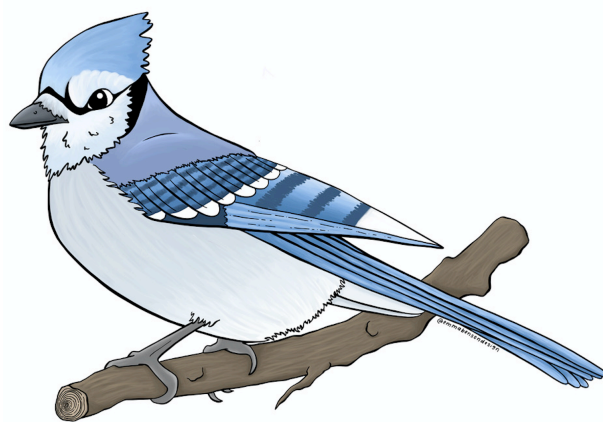


Brookside Elementary Principal's Message



12/10/19

Greetings Brookside Families,

A Big Retirement Send-Off Is Coming!!!

You saw the retirement announcement for our excellent registrar, Corliss Liekko, in my 11/19 Principal's message. Brookside will honor her service to our school and district on Wednesday 12/18. At 1:35 p.m., students and staff will line the halls to show their appreciation for Mrs. Liekko. You may have noticed from her desk that she is as crimson & grey a Cougar as they come. Her procession will include Mrs. Gallotte (a die-hard Husky) decked out in the finest of Cougar gear carrying a boom box with the Washington State fight song. Feel free to join us to honor a wonderful person who has touched the lives of so many children and families. Cougar gear is not required, but I am sure it would be appreciated. ☺

School Improvement Plan Community Meeting December 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The School Improvement Plan (or SIP) is a document schools draft each year that details goals for our work as a staff. In the past couple principal's messages, I've given summaries of some of the work reflected in the plan. Here is a link to the full plan as well: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/212>. I will be hosting a community meeting to discuss our SIP on Wednesday 12/11 at 7:00 p.m. Dale Turner YMCA will provide childcare. I hope to see you there.

Highly Capable Testing Registration Now Open (Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Are you interested in having your child in one of these grades assessed for highly capable services for next year? Registration is now open for any student not previously screened or tested during the 2019-2020 school year. **Registration will close on 12/20/19 at 4pm;** no late registrations will be accepted. If you have questions, please contact the HiCap program office at 206-393-4771. **Testing will happen at Brookside on 1/21/20 during the school day.** For more information or to register on-line see the link below: www.shorelineschools.org/Domain/90.

***Please note:** All Shoreline Kindergarten and 2nd grade students are screened for highly capable program eligibility in the fall. These students DO NOT need to register for testing.*

Family Engineering Night - Wednesday, January 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Our third annual Family Engineering Night (FEN) is now rescheduled to January. This quickly became one of my favorite school events. It is a time for families to come together at Brookside in the evening to have fun conducting investigations on different scientific principles. Since the core idea is to have families working together, we will accept NO volunteers from our PTA community for this event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your ongoing support to our school and students,
Principal John Simard