Congratulations Class of 2011!

More than 700 graduates of Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools crossed the stage to receive their diplomas during commencement exercises on June 12 at Comcast Arena in Everett. After moving their tassels from right to left, the graduates flung their caps in the air and filed out of the arena to celebrate with their parents, families and friends. This summer, work begins on the rebuilding of both high schools, with completion expected during the 2013-14 school year. For an update on these projects, please see page 3.
Superintendent's Message:

Supplemental Levy proposal to appear on November ballot

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

Shoreline, like all educational communities in the state, is deeply disappointed in the reduction to the K-12 budget. The impact of the funding cuts to Shoreline will be approximately $6.2 million annually (see table below).

Included in these cuts is $4.3 million in voter approved I-728 dollars used for class-size reduction, professional development of staff and extended learning opportunities for struggling students. Another $1.1 million was cut in class-size support for grades K-4, which has been in place for more than 20 years. Finally, another $770,000 was reduced in other areas, including salary compensation.

The impact of these reductions is only magnified by the loss of federal stimulus funds for special education and Title I programs for low income students. In addition, the state has raised the staff retirement and health care costs to the District by approximately $865,000 over the next two years. The District’s reserves are currently healthy, but certainly not adequate to weather this financial storm for two more years.

Despite having to compensate for mid-year K-4 class size cuts by the state this year, the District will be able to sustain the current class size model next year. However, by 2012-13 more revenue will be required if we are to maintain our current classroom staffing model.

The one remaining funding source currently untapped in our educational community is the additional capacity in the maintenance and operations levy authorized by the state last year. It is estimated that we would be able to collect approximately $1.2 million more of local revenue in 2012 to 2014 if voters approved a supplemental levy in November 2011.

The District will be making every effort to structure this levy request in such a way that property tax bills remain stable for the average home owner.

The Shoreline School Board voted on June 6 to move forward with the supplemental levy on the November 2011 ballot. The language on the ballot measure will commit the funds exclusively to addressing class size for the duration of the supplemental M & O levy. Our neighboring districts of Edmonds, Northshore and Seattle are already collecting that additional levy capacity. We believe that our community has the right to choose this option as well.

Sincerely,

Sue Walker

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The Social Experiment

The Shoreline School District has received a 2011 Golden Achievement Award from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for communications relating to the nationally-acclaimed Social Experiment last December, the brainchild of Shorecrest and Shorewood video production teachers Trent Mitchell and Marty Ballew.

In The Social Experiment, more than 600 participating students from both schools attempted to give up their social networks for a week. District Public Information Officer Craig Degginger coordinated the publicity for The Social Experiment, resulting in a front-page story in The Seattle Times, and national and local TV and radio news.

ABC World News Tonight with Diane Sawyer did a story on the Experiment and named the students and teachers of Shorecrest and Shorewood as its Persons of the Week on the national broadcast.
Shorecrest High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a community open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Shorecrest opened its doors to students for the first time Sept. 6, 1961.

The event will feature a program highlighting performance groups and honored guests, a Boosters BBQ, ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Shorecrest building, birthday cake and other fun activities.

Alumni are invited to tour the building prior to its replacement, browse old editions of the Highland Piper newspaper and Loch yearbook and reminisce.

As we look forward to a brand new Shorecrest in 2013, the school’s staff wanted to make sure the old building would never be forgotten.

Shorecrest attendance secretary (and graphic designer) Sang-Won Cho has documented the Shorecrest campus in two photo books now available for purchase online. To order the 80-page version, visit http://www.blurb.com/my/book/detail/2272818. To order the 360-page version, visit http://www.blurb.com/my/book/detail/2272888. All profits from the book go back to Shorecrest activities.

Site work has begun in preparation for the rebuilding of both Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools.

In February 2010, Shoreline School District voters approved a $150 million bond issue for modernization/replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood. Architects from Integris (Shorecrest) and Bassetti (Shorewood) have spent the last two years designing the new structures, which are expected to be completed during the 2013-14 school year.

At Shorecrest, 18 portable classrooms have been placed in the current southeast parking area for use by students during the construction. Classroom furniture and equipment was moved from the existing Shorecrest portables and the school’s H wing to the new portables when the school year ended in June. Site preparation for the new Shorecrest gymnasium is expected to begin in July with demolition of the existing portables and H wing, and installation of new utilities.

At Shorewood, the former wood shop area has been renovated into temporary classroom space for use during construction of the new building. This summer, site preparation work will include demolition of portables and a portion of the 100-wing, grading and installation of underground utilities.

To view the phasing plans for both Shorecrest and Shorewood, visit the High School Modernization page at www.shorelineschools.org.
Teacher and Support Persons of the Year

Becky Edy of Highland Terrace, 2011 Shoreline Teacher of the Year

Becky Edy, fourth grade teacher at Highland Terrace Elementary, has been selected as the 2011 Shoreline School District Teacher of the Year.

Edy has taught in Shoreline for 29 years overall, and at Highland Terrace since 1996. She has also taught at Brookside, Echo Lake, North City and Ridgecrest during her career.

“Becky is an extraordinary teacher who creates individualized learning experiences for all of her students in a highly personalized and caring environment,” her nomination read in part. “She is adored by her students, valued by parents and admired by her colleagues.”

Edy received a $500 grant from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and was nominated for 2012 Washington State Teacher of the Year.

Greg DiMaio, Rich Maden and John Martin, 2011 Shoreline Support Persons of the Year

The District warehouse/courier team of Greg DiMaio, Rich Maden and John Martin — three employees with nearly a combined 100 years of service — shared the honor as 2011 Shoreline Schools Support Persons of the Year.

Greg DiMaio has worked for the District since 1974. He carries the intra-District mail, media resources, computers and other items with a level of reliability that is truly remarkable.

Warehouse team member John Martin has worked for Shoreline since 1978 and Rich Maden since 1985.

“It is their ‘can do’ attitude that makes it so nice to work with them. That attitude, day after day, year after year, has made them an invaluable resource to Shoreline Schools,” their nomination said.

The trio were honored at a reception and each received a grant from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation.

Shoreline Schools Calendar
For a complete list of events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

July 2011

23 • 4 on the Floor Basketball Tournament to benefit the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation, 9 a.m., Shoreline Center
27 • School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
31 • Meridian Park Elementary School Classic Car Show

August 2011

20 • Celebrate Shoreline parade, 12 noon and festival following at Ridgecrest Elementary School
22 • School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
27 • Back to School Consortium Event, 1 to 4 p.m., North City building
29 • School Board Meeting and public hearing on 2011-12 budget, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

September 2011

10 • Shorecrest High School 50th Anniversary Celebration, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
12 • First day of 2011-12 school year
23 • Shorecrest vs. Shorewood football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium