



# Flagship

A Report to the Community

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## New Central Kitchen opens to serve District

The Shoreline School District's Food Service Program has relocated to its gleaming new Central Kitchen at the Warehouse building in Hamlin Park. The state-of-the-art facility was funded by the 2006 bond issue approved by District voters and replaces the existing facilities at Shoreline Center and Shorecrest High School.

Having one central kitchen facility will provide for more efficient preparation and delivery of an estimated 4,000 meals a day to Shoreline students, according to Kathy Walker, program manager of Food Services.

"We will have standardized recipes to provide product consistency, more efficient meal delivery, the ability to offer a greater menu variety, and greater control of food safety and food costs," Walker said.

Assisting in the transition is Lia Robinson, a food service consultant with more than 30 years experience in public school nutrition programs. The District is also collaborating with the Shoreline PTA Council Healthy Lifestyle committee, soliciting parent involvement with student taste-testing of new recipes or food products and promoting the healthy food choices offered at school.

Additional plans for the food service program include recommending new menu



These commercial ovens are an integral component of the new Shoreline Central Kitchen.

items and recipe development, displaying nutrition facts at schools and on the Web, giving consideration to meal bundling on selected entrees to promote efficiency and reduce wait times for students, and evaluating school cafeterias for possible improvements.

All school meals are analyzed for nutritional content (calories, cholesterol, sodium, fiber, iron, calcium, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, fat and saturated fat) to ensure

that they meet the recommended USDA nutritional standards for breakfast and lunch. More than 27 percent of our District students are approved for free/reduced price meals.

"We are pleased with the new kitchen and welcome community input and suggestions as to what they would like to see for menu offerings, to assist with student taste testing of new products, and to advocate for wellness," Walker said.

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*Superintendent's Message:*

# Graduation rates on the rise

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

In the 2010-2011 Board/Superintendent/District Priorities, one of the commitments made related to our annual work plan was the creation of a District Accountability Report. The goal of this report was to allow our community to track the Shoreline School District's progress, changes and trends over time. The report needed to reflect the most current data at the time it becomes available, and not just be an annual publication with outdated information. Last month our new Accountability Report went live on our Web site, [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org).



Sue Walker

We would like to take this opportunity to share a couple of pieces of information that you will find in the Report. We hope you will spend a little time and find other interesting facts that you might not know about our students, our educational programs and our business operations.

First, the Shoreline School District is pleased to report that our graduation rates for the Class of 2010 are the highest in recent memory. They are also significantly higher than the state average for all school districts. The on-time graduation rate for Shoreline students is now up to 90.9 percent and our extended graduation rate is 96.1 percent. The on-time rate includes students who graduate in four years, while the extended rate includes students who took longer than four years to graduate.

Considering that the state average has most recently been in the mid-70 percent range, we are incredibly proud of this Shoreline graduation data. We credit the successes that these numbers represent

to the many efforts of our exceptional staff, including teachers, paraeducators, support staff and administrators. These staff members have worked tirelessly to provide extended learning opportunities and additional support for those students who need strategic interventions to achieve the high academic standards demanded by Shoreline.

We also credit the extended learning resources provided through the voter initiated I-728/student achievement funding, suspended by our legislature. It is a serious concern to us that the specific funding most responsible for offering extended learning opportunities is no longer available. If this support is to be provided, it will have to come from another source within the budget.

Another set of data from the report that we would like to draw your attention to is the general fund expenditures for the past five years in the table below. This data reflects the fact that despite local and state budget cuts, including the loss of all I-728 funding, we have been able to protect the classroom. During this time, the District has actually increased the percentage of the general fund expenditures that are in the Teaching and Teaching Support category. Shoreline is committed to continuing this effort as we face additional reductions in state K-12 funding. Our students and their classrooms are our first priority.

As always, we would like to express our appreciation to our entire community for your support of the Shoreline Schools. We invite you to take a look at the Shoreline Schools of 2011 through the Accountability Report. You will see that this is a wonderful place to live, work and go to school!

Sincerely,

General Fund Expenditures	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Teaching & Teaching Support	69.8%	68.7%	69.7%	70.8%	70.5%
Food Services	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%
Pupil Transportation	3.4%	3.8%	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%
Utilities/Plant/IT/Other	11.7%	13.2%	12.8%	12.2%	12.6%
Administration (Schools/Dist. Office)	13.4%	12.1%	11.7%	11.4%	11.6%



The Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Board of Trustees invites you to be a part of Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Event March 31, 2011



Join with us, along with District parents and fellow community members, for this very special fund raising event. **Share** in our students' successes first hand through their performances and presentations. **Show** your support along with others who care about the quality of education in our District.

Breakfast 7-8:30 or Lunch 12-1:30  
 The Shoreline Room  
 18560 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
 \$50 per seat/\$400 per table of 8  
**RSVP By March 17**  
 SPSF office at 206-393-4107  
 or  
 Make a reservation online:  
[www.shorelinefoundation.org](http://www.shorelinefoundation.org)

## Agreement reached to preserve Aldercrest open space

For decades, residents of the Ballinger neighborhood and the surrounding areas have enjoyed using the open space at the Shoreline School District's Aldercrest Annex property located at 2545 N.E. 200th St. in Shoreline for sporting and leisure activities. A proposal put forward by the Aldercrest Annex Task Force would allow residents to continue to enjoy open space there even if the District sells the property for future development.

Representatives from the Shoreline School Board, Shoreline City Council, Ballinger Neighborhood Association and Friends of Aldercrest made up the Task Force membership. The proposed rezone would require any future developer to dedicate six to seven acres of the 16-acre property to the city for park space in exchange for an increase in the density allowed on the northern portion of the property.

Originally the site of Kellogg Middle School, the Shoreline School Board voted to surplus the Aldercrest Annex property in 2008. The District wishes to sell the property and use the proceeds to create an endowment for Shoreline schools.



## Shorewood receives Heroes in the Classroom MVP Award



Shorewood High School Principal Bill Dunbar, center, accepts a \$10,000 Symetra Financial Heroes in the Classroom MVP Award. During the Seattle Seahawks regular season, 11 Shoreline School District teachers were honored as Symetra Financial Heroes in the Classroom for their outstanding instructional and leadership skills. The Shorewood award will be used to help students better understand the complexities of geometry through three-dimensional modeling.



## 21 teachers earn National Board Certifications

Twenty-one Shoreline School District teachers have received their certifications from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Shoreline now has a total of 56 board-certified teachers currently working in the District, including those pictured above from Shorewood, left, and Shorecrest.

The national certification process takes a minimum of 18 months. Teachers must demonstrate in their four-part portfolio a deep understanding and application of the national standards that are in place for their field of teaching. A national panel of peers then assesses the portfolio. Teachers



also take a six-part examination in their content area.

The teachers, subject areas and schools are: **Peggy Aguilar**, Spanish, Shorewood High School; **Linda Cobb**, Family & Consumer Science, Shorecrest High School; **Nate Courtney**, Social Studies, Kellogg Middle School; **Rebecca Drury**, Science, Room Nine Community School; **Amanda Findley**, Special Education, Parkwood Elementary.

**Lisa Gastaldi**, Counselor, Shorecrest; **Suzanne Hibbert**, Spanish, Shorewood; **Jenny Hillger**, Library Media, Meridian Park Elementary; **Marie Hurtado**, Counselor, Kellogg; **Tracy Johnson**, Math, Shorewood; **Dana Knox**, English, Shorewood; **Cathy Haskins**, Math, Einstein Middle School.

**Rob Mann**, Math, Shorecrest; **Sarah McFarlane**, Social Studies, Shorewood; **Christina Nelson**, Special Education, Einstein; **Megan Nandi**, fifth grade, Brookside Elementary; **Toni Nyman**, English, Shorecrest; **Janet Paden**, sixth grade, Brookside; **Cathy Petersen**, English, Kellogg; **Donna Reynolds**, Family & Consumer Science, Kellogg and Shorecrest; **Pam Richards**, Counselor, Shorewood.

## May 14 is Embrace Shoreline Schools Day

The 4th annual Embrace Shoreline Schools Day will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at schools throughout the Shoreline School District. The event is a joint effort between the District, neighborhood associations, area churches, and the community to beautify our school grounds. All community members are invited to join in! Projects may include such tasks as gardening and maintenance, pruning, weeding, and other needs identified by the schools themselves. Please bring your own hand tools and gloves. For more information, visit [www.embraceshorelineschools.org](http://www.embraceshorelineschools.org).



# The Social Experiment makes national news

**H**ow long do you think you can last without social networks?

That was the question posed to students at Shorecrest and Shorewood High School in December. Video production teachers Trent Mitchell from Shorecrest and Marty Ballew from Shorewood, who brought the world the famous student-produced lip dub videos a year ago, challenged their students to give up their social networks for a week: no texting, online gaming, internet chat or Facebook. Phone calls were OK, but preferably on a land line.

More than 600 students took up the challenge. During the Social

Experiment week, Ballew and Mitchell's photography and video students produced documentaries about their experiences from a personal perspective.

Mitchell said that soon after the movie "The Social Network" came out, he chided his students for paying more attention to the cell phones in their hands than their classmates by their sides.

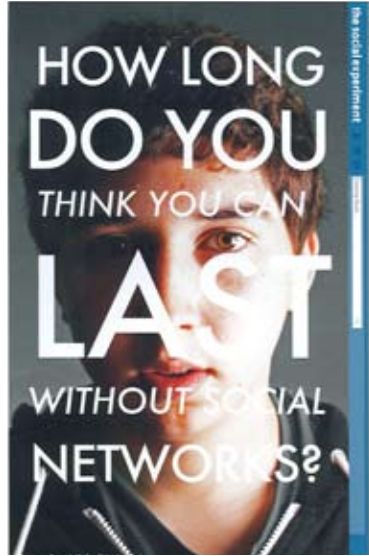
"I jokingly said, 'You guys couldn't go a week without social networks and texting,' Then one of my students said 'we should do that.' And about half the class

cheered and about half the class booted." Ultimately, the half of the class that

cheered won out and managed to convince not only classmates at their own school, but students at crosstown rival Shorewood, to participate in the experiment.

What the students and their teachers didn't expect was that the entire nation would be watching to see how they did. The Social Experiment attracted widespread attention from the media. *ABC World News Tonight* reporter Neal Karlinsky spent a full day at both schools, and anchor Diane Sawyer named the students and teachers of Shorecrest and Shorewood as its Persons of the Week on the Friday, Dec. 10 national broadcast. The students and their teachers also did interviews with CNN, MSNBC, three Seattle television stations and numerous radio stations. *The Seattle Times* did a front-page story in its Sunday, Dec. 12 edition and *The Herald* of Everett praised the students in an editorial.

"Having witnessed how student behavior, and human behavior, has evolved since the time that both Trent and I were in high school, things have changed dramatically in the life of a high school student and how they communicate with one another," said Ballew. "We want to encourage students to reflect on the impact of technology for better or for worse."



## Shoreline Schools Calendar

For a complete list of events, visit [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org)

### March 2011

7-11 • Support Staff Appreciation Week

7 and 21 • School Board Meetings, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

12 • District Math Olympiad at Shorecrest High School

18 • North Puget Sound Regional History Day at Shoreline Center

31 • Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Breakfast and Lunch Fundraiser

### April 2011

4 and 11 • School Board Meetings, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

11-15 • PTA Appreciation Week

18-22 • No School, Spring Break

### May 2011

5-8, 11-15 • Shorecrest musical "Les Miserables"

6-7, 12-14 • Shorewood play "Much Ado About Nothing"

9-13 • Teacher Appreciation Week

9 and 23 • School Board Meetings, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

14 • Embrace Shoreline Schools Day. Please join us for gardening/clean-up activities at all schools, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, go to [www.embraceshorelineschools.org](http://www.embraceshorelineschools.org).

30 • No School, Memorial Day

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