

Kellogg Middle School to receive State Achievement Award

Kellogg Middle School in Shoreline is among 174 schools statewide receiving Washington Achievement Awards for 2009, presented by the State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Only 19 middle and junior high schools in the state are to be honored for overall excellence, and Kellogg is one of just two to receive a special recognition award for Language Arts (reading and writing combined). The award is for schools whose two-year average of test scores put them in the top five percent.

The schools will be recognized at celebrations around the state on May 5.

Staff at Kellogg have used a number of interventions to increase student achievement. These include student learning plans for those not meeting state standards, math support and team tutorial classes, before-school writing and math intervention classes, "Homework Lunch" to complete missing assignments and the after-school "Hang Time" tutoring program.



Kellogg students work on a group project in English class.

Teachers and support staff are committed to student growth and development in reading and writing. By monitoring student progress, they match curriculum with student needs. Students are screened at least two times per year using a building-wide reading assessment to ensure appropriate class placement.

As a result, Kellogg has posted significant gains in test scores the past two years. In reading, 90 percent of 8th graders passed the WASL in 2008-09, an increase of 11 percent from the previous year. Eighth graders passing the Math WASL increased 10 percent.

Secondary Summer School registration under way

Registration is open for the Shoreline School District's 2010 Secondary Summer School program for grades 7-12, July 6 to 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Shorewood High School.

Course offerings include math classes for students to either retrieve credit or to jump ahead in their math placement; special program courses for Einstein/Kellogg/Room Nine students who will enter Shorecrest or Shorewood in the fall; a reading support class; classes for English Language Learner (ELL) students; and Online Credit Recovery Courses for students who need to recover credits towards graduation.

Scholarships and bus transportation are available.

For information, call the Summer School Office at 206-393-6832, or visit the Summer School Web page at www.shorelineschools.org. The elementary summer school program is by invitation only, based on District assessments.

Save The Date:

Embrace
Shoreline
Schools
May 15

9 a.m. to 12 noon



Please join with your friends and neighbors for a Saturday morning of beautifying our school grounds. For more information, visit www.embraceshorelineschools.org

Hip Hop Scots are tops in U.S.

Shorecrest High School captured its second straight state title in Hip Hop and was also first in Show at the WIAA State Dance and Drill Championships held March 26 and 27 in the Yakima SunDome.

Earlier in March, Shorecrest took home three first-place trophies, including best overall, at the Champion Tour National Dance/Drill Team Competition held in New York City. Shorecrest won first-place awards for small hip hop team, medium hip hop team, and best overall in the hip hop category.



Superintendent's Message:

Focus on student learning at April inservice day

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

The April 2 non-student day provided an opportunity for Shoreline's certificated teaching staff to come together and focus on student learning.

The program was intended to further the exciting Professional Learning Community (PLC) and Response to Intervention (RtI) work that has been going on in the District and our schools during the past year. The funding for the day came from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus funding. It was truly wonderful to see the enthusiasm and the passion around our collaborative work in the District to improve student learning.

The PLC work this year has been focused on student work, student progress and interventions where needed. RtI is a tiered intervention system that responds to individual student needs and is designed to meet the needs of all students, regardless of the label, background or skills they bring with them to school.

RtI is an assessment and intervention process for systemically monitoring student progress and making decisions about the need for instructional modifications or increasingly intensified services using progress monitoring. Special Education is definitely a component of this work, but RtI applies to all students.

By defining and refining our core instruction and interventions system, we will be able to further ensure all student needs will be met.

District RtI coordinator Lisa Gonzalez Scott, RtI coaches, building and instruction administrators along with Student Services Director Amy Vujovich, worked very hard to prepare this inservice for our staff. These individuals have done an outstanding job of guiding our important work together this year.

Our guest presenter for the April 2 work was Dr. Steve Hirsch, a school psychologist in the East Valley School District in Spokane. He is also the coordinator of the WSU-EWU School Psychology program, and a technical assistance contractor with OSPI for special education and RtI.

This work has become Dr. Hirsch's passion and he has visited and presented to districts all over Washington State in an attempt to increase educator's awareness of the values of RtI.

Feedback from staff on the day's activities has been extremely positive. It is rare that we have the opportunity to come together in this way to listen, share and learn from one another.

This event reminded all of us just what an exceptional professional learning community we have in Shoreline.

Sincerely,



K-6 'Being A Writer' curriculum available for review April 26-May 7 at Shoreline Center

The Shoreline School District is in the process of piloting a new writing program for students in kindergarten through grade six.

Being a Writer is a year-long writing curriculum which focuses on the craft of writing, the conventions of writing and building a writing community. *Being a Writer* is aligned with our district writing philosophy statement and the materials are a strong complement to Shoreline's K-6 Writing Scope and Sequence. *Being a Writer* brings together the latest research in teaching writing in a logical, easy-to-follow program.

Fifteen teachers in grades kindergarten through six at Highland Terrace

Elementary and Parkwood Elementary are piloting the *Being a Writer* curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year.

Parents and community members have the opportunity to review the *Being a Writer* curriculum April 26 through May 7 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Monday, May 3 the curriculum will be on display until 7 p.m. The materials will be available in the Instruction Department at the Shoreline Center.

If the *Being a Writer* curriculum is adopted, materials and training will be provided for the 2010-2011 school year, with the expectation that all teachers will implement the program by the second year of the adoption.

Shoreline Schools Calendar

April 2010

12 • School Board Committee of the Whole meeting, 4:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

13 • High School Proficiency Math Exam

15 • High School Proficiency Science Exam

19-23 • No school, Spring Break; child care available at Shoreline Children's Center

20 • Registration begins for Shoreline Children's Center summer programs

26 • Shoreline PTA Council Recognition Event, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

26 • Elementary Jazz Factory concert at Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park, 7 p.m.

30 • Shorecrest/Shorewood boys soccer live on Channel 26/36, 7 p.m.

May 3 • Teacher of the Year reception honoring Joneen Richards of Einstein, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Center lobby

May 3 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

May 15 • Embrace Shoreline Schools beautification event, 9 a.m. to noon at all schools

For more events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

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