

2010-11 calendar dates approved

The 2010-11 District calendar has been approved by the Shoreline Education Association and the Shoreline School Board.

Sept. 1: First Day of School

Sept. 6: No School, Labor Day

Oct. 8: No School, Staff Work Day

Oct. 13-15: Elementary Parent Conferences

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29: No School, Staff Work Day

Dec. 20-31 Winter Break

Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 18-21: Elementary Parent Conferences

Jan. 28: No School, Staff Work Day

Feb. 21-25: Mid-Winter Break

March 18: No School, Staff Work Day

April 1: No School, Staff Work Day

April 18-22: Spring Break

May 9: No School, Staff Work Day

May 30: Memorial Day

June 6: No School, Staff Work Day

June 17: Last Day of School

The 2010-11 Wall Calendar will be mailed to families in August.

Thank you for embracing our Shoreline Schools



THANK YOU to the dozens of volunteers from throughout Shoreline and Lake Forest Park who helped beautify our school grounds during Embrace Shoreline Schools on May 15. Your efforts are much appreciated and the schools look wonderful.

District adopts technology plan changes

The Shoreline School Board has approved a 2010-2011 technology plan for the District that makes changes to the existing one-to-one laptop program. The plan provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and pilot emerging technologies for instructional use in the classroom, in addition to a slightly different laptop model in middle school.

The District surveyed secondary parents, staff and students to receive their opinions about the use of technology in April, and the Board discussed options at four meetings in April and early May. The plan for 2010-11 includes:

- For grades 9 to 12, the current one-to-one take-home laptop program remains in place for next year.

- For grades 7 and 8, the District is purchasing 600 new MacBooks for middle

school use on mobile carts (approximately one laptop for every two students) and providing students with a USB drive for transferring data between home and school. Plans are under way to make the older iBooks available for home-based check-out for students without computer access at home. The district is exploring Web-based calendar and classroom organizing tools for access from any Internet-connected computer.

- The District will also pilot new computer tools, such as iPads and other emerging technologies, in the classroom during the year.

The changes to the laptop program are driven in part by the fact that roughly 1,400 five-year-old iBooks in the middle schools will not be serviceable after this year. The cost to replace the expiring iBooks, currently in use in grades 7 and 8, is estimated to be approximately \$1.4 million.

Although District voters passed a four-year, \$12 million technology levy in February, those funds will not begin to become available until the spring of 2011, making only \$1.5 million available in the 2010-2011 school year. The District may not use remaining 2006 bond funds to replace existing computers.

Phone 393 for Shoreline Schools

Beginning July 19, all Shoreline School District phone numbers will switch to 393 prefixes. The last four digits for all Shoreline Schools phones will remain the same.

For example, the main District switchboard, 367-6111, will become 393-6111. FAX machines and voice mail will also use the 393 prefix.

Why the change?

- The District is changing phone providers in July.
- Less confusion for staff and the public—the District currently has five different prefixes.
- Most District classroom phones already have the 393 prefix.

The existing phone numbers will work for a period of time following the transition to 393, with a recording giving out the new number. But please remember to use 393 rather than the current phone number beginning July 19.

Children's Center summer programs begin June 21

There are still places available for the Shoreline Children's Center summer programs between June 21 and Aug. 27. To register, 206-393-4256 or visit www.shorelineschools.org.

Superintendent's Message:

Staffing process for 2010-11 under way

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

The end of the school year provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our educational community in a variety of ways. It is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of our students, to celebrate the commencement of our graduates, and to recognize the contributions of our retiring staff. Our end-of-year celebrations, performances and events are a source of pride for all of us and remind us what is special about Shoreline.

As we plan for 2010-2011, the staffing process is well under way. Based upon current and projected enrollment, certificated and classified staff are being allocated to each school. These allocations are preliminary and will need to be adjusted as the school year begins, dependent upon the actual enrollment at each site. As always, some staff movement between schools will occur.

Principals will be meeting with classroom teachers to determine the best use of the certificated staffing allocation and personnel provided at each grade level. Possible split/level classroom configurations will also be identified early in the process and shared with teachers whenever possible.


The District understands the interest in minimizing unexpected situations in the fall for students, staff and parents. Although we will make sincere efforts to limit last-minute changes, we unfortunately will not be able to eliminate them. Initial teacher and student assignments are tentative and

reassignments might be required in September after school has begun and actual enrollment can be verified. These changes, however, will be done as early as possible, to provide minimal disruption.

Thank you for your continued support of Shoreline Schools. Our community's passage of the bond and levies this year have allowed the District to maintain an exceptional level of student and classroom support, while moving forward with the designs and construction planning for our two new high schools and other facility improvements.

This is an exciting time for Shoreline and we are truly grateful for our supportive and committed community. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,



Peer model preschool available at Meridian Park

The Early Childhood Education Program at Meridian Park is continuing to grow the Peer Model Program. The program is child-centered and benefits both students who are typically developing and developmentally delayed. In this rich learning environment, students learn about individual differences while building their self-esteem. Classes are taught by Shoreline School District certificated staff. The preschool runs through the school year on Tuesdays through Fridays. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Marla Schriefer at 206-393-4250.

Registration open for Back to School Consortium event

The annual Shoreline Back to School event provides school supplies, hair cuts, and clothing assistance to Shoreline School District families with a low income and/or circumstances that make it challenging to adequately prepare their children for school.

To register for the event, visit www.btconsortium.org, or call the info line at 206-393-4916.

This year's event takes place Saturday, Aug. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at a new location, the North City building at 816 N.E. 190th St., Shoreline.

Donations of backpacks and school



supplies are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Center for Human Services, 17018 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clothing donations can be dropped off at The WORKS, North City Portables, Wednesday evenings through June 16 or by appointment by calling Jenny Brown at 206-546-9239. After June 16 go to www.shorelinepta.com for summer drop-off times.

Shoreline Schools Calendar

June 13 • Graduation ceremonies at Comcast Arena in Everett: Shorecrest 2 p.m., Shorewood 6 p.m.

14 • School Board committee of the whole meeting, 4:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

18 • Early Release, Last Day of School for grades K-11

21 • Children's Center Summer Program begins

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

26-27 • Shoreline Arts Festival, Shoreline Center; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

July 6 • Summer School begins

19 • School Board regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

30 • Summer School ends

Aug. 9 • School offices open

21 • Celebrate Shoreline parade and festival

23 • School Board regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

28 • Back to School Consortium event at North City, 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Sept. 1 • First Day of School

For more events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

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