

Hundreds gather to weed, mulch and prune during Embrace Shoreline Schools Day

At right, handshakes for a job well-done at Einstein Middle School; bottom, PTA Council leaders brought flowers to the work sites; and below, it's all smiles at the post-cleanup celebration barbeque at Meridian Park.



Next design outreach meeting is June 4

The public is invited to a third high school design community outreach meeting on Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the libraries at Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools.

The architects will present further refined schematic plans for each school.

For more information, visit the Shorecrest and Shorewood design team pages on the District Web site, www.shorelineschools.org.

Registration open for secondary summer school

Registration is open for the Shoreline School District's 2009 Secondary Summer School program for grades 7-12, July 7 to 31, 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, including a Summer Transition Enrichment Program (STEP) for Kellogg and Einstein students who will enter high school in the fall; a reading support class; classes for English Language Learner (ELL) students; and Online Credit Recovery Courses, using the Apex Learning curriculum, for students

who need to recover credits towards graduation.

Also offered is an Advanced College Application Program (ACAP) class for students to receive individualized assistance in selecting and applying to college; inside advice on the admission process; and help researching and soliciting scholarships and financial aid.

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.

Participation in the elementary summer school program is by invitation only.

Spring break moved to later date in 2010

Following a recent survey of parents and staff, the District and the Shoreline Education Association (SEA) have agreed to move spring break to a later date in 2010.

With the change in state assessment testing dates, it was no longer necessary to schedule spring break so early in the spring. Now it will be scheduled halfway between mid-winter break and the end of the school year. Nearly 90 percent of District families and staff surveyed supported this change.

Here are the key dates for the 2009-10 school year:

First day of school: Sept. 2
(please note this is *before* Labor Day)

Labor Day: Sept. 7

Veterans Day: Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 26-27

Winter Break: Dec. 19-Jan. 3

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan. 18

Mid-Winter Break: Feb. 15-19

Spring Break: April 19-23

Memorial Day: May 31

The remainder of the calendar (non-student days, parent conferences, etc.) are subject to bargaining between the District and SEA and will be announced when that process is concluded.

Superintendent's Message:

Staff reductions follow state budget cuts

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

Last week 29 of our valued members (equivalent to 21 full-time positions) in the Shoreline family received letters that formally non-renew their contracts with the Shoreline School District for 2009-10. I personally delivered six of those letters and know first-hand that there are real people, with amazing professional and personal skills, whose lives are negatively impacted by this required reduction in our work force (RIF). We all deeply regret that this action was necessary.

The reduction of more than \$3.5 million in Shoreline's state funding for 2009-2010, in combination with our declining enrollment, make it necessary for the District to reduce its staffing. We are very frustrated because the 2009-2010 school year was to be the first year in a long time that the District would be able to spend all of our revenue on programs and staff. Our reserve account was finally restored this year.

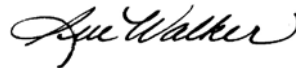
When faced with a need to reduce staffing numbers, the District hoped that the resignations, leaves and retirements at the end of the year would accommodate the downsizing required. This was unfortunately not the case in Shoreline. In

fact, our attrition rate this year was abnormally low with only a few staff providing notice that they did not intend to return. A few districts around us, although reducing the number of staff members for 2009-2010, have been able to avoid a RIF with natural attrition.

Another difference between Shoreline and some other districts is that provisional (first and second year continuing) contracts under the Shoreline collective bargaining agreement must also receive a formal RIF notice. Without this difference, Shoreline would likely have been able to avoid all RIF notices, but still would have lost valued certificated staff.

Whatever the reasons, the District is sincerely distressed by the need to reduce its staff. The determination of those certificated staff to be retained was made on the basis of certification/endorsement, and seniority, in that order, according to the collective bargaining agreement with our teachers union. We hope over time to be able to offer our qualified staff who have been negatively impacted in this situation an opportunity to return.

Sincerely,



Registration open for Back to School event Aug. 29

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. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Ridgecrest Elementary, 16516 10th Ave. N.E.

Donations of backpacks and school supplies are still 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 24 or by appointment by calling Jenny Brown at 206-546-9239. After June 24 go to www.shorelinepta.com to check on



Back to School Consortium members collected backpacks and school supplies at the Embrace Shoreline Schools event.

summer drop-off times.

Back to School Consortium members include: City of Lake Forest Park; City of Shoreline; Embrace Shoreline Schools; Hopelink; Shoreline Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council; Shoreline School District and the Readiness to Learn Program; The Center for Human Services; The Vineyard; Turning Point and YMCA.

Shoreline Schools Calendar May/June 2009

May 25 • No School, Memorial Day holiday

June 1 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center; preceded by District Retirement Celebration at 6 p.m. honoring Millie Dearing of Highland Terrace, Jan Laskelle of Meridian Park and Pat Reid of Echo Lake

June 4 • High School Design Community Outreach meetings, 7 p.m., Shorecrest and Shorewood libraries

June 8 • No School, Staff Work Day; child care available at Shoreline Children's Center

June 9 • Entries due for Shoreline Junior Art Show, 3 to 5:30 p.m., Cromwell Room, Shoreline Center

June 14 • Graduation ceremonies: Shorewood 2 p.m., Shorecrest 6 p.m., Everett Events Center

June 15 • School Board Committee of the Whole meeting, 4:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

June 22 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

June 22-23 • Make-up days for December snow

June 24 • Early release, last day of school for grades K-11

For a complete District calendar, visit www.shorelineschools.org

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