

PTA Council Holiday Baskets drive provides food, toys, teen gifts

The Shoreline PTA Council, the Shoreline Fire Department, and new partner Hopelink, are joining together to support families with children in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park who need assistance during the holiday season.

The 2010 Shoreline PTA Council's "Holiday Baskets Food, Toys, Teen Gifts" drive will run Dec. 6 to 17. Donations of food, toys or teen gifts may be dropped off at any Shoreline District school building.

Monetary donations may be made payable to Shoreline PTA Council, note Holiday Baskets-Food or Holiday Baskets-Teen Gifts, and mailed to Shoreline PTA Council, P.O. Box 55784, Shoreline, WA 98155-5784.

Toy donations may also be made at any Shoreline Fire Station. The Fire Department will sponsor a donation drive at the Shoreline Fred Meyer on Saturday, Dec. 4.

For information on how you can help a family or support the Holiday Baskets drive, visit www.shorelinepta.com and click on "Holiday Baskets."



Volunteers box up the generous donations to the Holiday Baskets drive during the event last year. Distribution and boxing of donations will be held Dec. 18 at Kellogg Middle School.

Proceeds from a Dec. 3 Italian Dinner Fundraiser by Victor Chung, a Shorecrest High School senior project, will go towards Holiday Baskets food gift cards. Information and ticket order forms for the fundraiser can be found on the Shoreline PTA Council Web site.

If this year finds you and your family in need, please contact your Shoreline School District school nurse, family advocate or Hopelink, 206-440-7300.

Kellogg principal selected for regional honor

Lori Longo, principal of Kellogg Middle School in Shoreline, has been selected as the Kingco North Regional Distinguished Principal of the Year by the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals, which includes the Shoreline, Northshore and Lake Washington School Districts.



Lori Longo

Regional nominees are advanced for consideration as Washington Principal of the Year.

Longo has been principal at Kellogg for 10 years and during that time the school has increased test scores, established a set of building and classroom interventions to improve student learning, including a tutorial period each day to provide targeted assistance to struggling learners.

The school is regarded as a national leader in the implementation and integration of technology in the classroom.

Kellogg was previously honored with the 2009 Washington Achievement Award by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Intel and Scholastic School of Distinction Award in 2006.

Are you ready for winter weather?

Shoreline Schools participate in the SchoolReport.org Public Schools Emergency Communications System Web site to help notify families of a school closure or delayed start due to adverse weather conditions or other emergency situations.

SchoolReport.org conveys the information to television and radio stations for broadcast. If you would like to receive an email notification alert to your computer, mobile phone or pager, visit <http://www.schoolreport.org/>

The District will also post the information on our District Web site at www.shorelineschools.org, individual school sites and on the Shoreline Education Access Channel 26 (Comcast) or 36 (Frontier).

HiCap testing registration still available

Parents of students in grades 2 to 5 who are enrolled in Shoreline Schools but are not currently being served by the Highly Capable program have the opportunity to be tested in February 2011.

Parents interested in nominating their child to be assessed for program eligibility may self-register online at the Highly Capable Program Web site, http://www.shorelineschools.org/programs/highly_capable/registration/. If you have any questions, please contact Trudy Wright in the Highly Capable Program office at 206-393-4771.

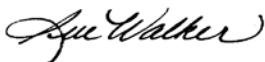
Deadline for grades 2 to 5 students to sign up for testing is Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. The testing will be held Feb. 5 and 12; students must attend both days.

Superintendent's Message:

Study under way of District food services

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,
Changes are on the menu in the Food Services Department of the Shoreline Schools! I am pleased to introduce you to **Lia Robinson**, a nutrition consultant and dietitian working with the District on a variety of projects related to food and nutrition services. I have asked Lia to share her goals and work plan with you below. We are delighted to have a person with Lia's background and expertise working directly with our educational community in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



In 2006 I took an early retirement from my position as director of nutrition services for the Moreno Valley Unified School District in Southern California where I had worked for 18 of my 30 years in school food service. For many years it has been our dream to relocate to this beautiful part of the world and now we are living that dream.

From October 2006 to June 2010 I

worked as a School Meal Initiative contractor for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. During this time I was responsible for doing the nutritional analysis of school menus for as many



Lia Robinson

as 80 districts across the state. Due to budget restraints, my contract was one of many that were eliminated. However, thanks to one of my new contacts at OSPI, I learned that Shoreline was looking for a nutrition services consultant to assist them with a number of food service projects. Following my interview and visit, I felt a definite sense of administrative and community support for food services and was thrilled to learn that I was the successful candidate.

Basically I will be working on three specific areas during this school year. The first and most pressing is the transition from the current base cooking kitchens into the new state-of-the-art central kitchen being completed at the District warehouse facility in Hamlin Park.

This includes providing a proposed staffing model for the central kitchen and satellite kitchens, reviewing and updating job descriptions, analyzing menu complexity for production and transport feasibility, and assisting with additional challenges that may surface during this transition.

A second goal is to build and maintain effective communication between Food Services, District leaders and parent groups. Plans include:

- active participation in the PTA Council's Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle committee;
- educating parents on what we are currently doing in Food Services, for example including nutritional data on printed menus and department web site;
- writing "Food for Thought" articles for PTA newsletters addressing nutrition concerns and issues;
- soliciting parent involvement with student taste-testing of new recipes or food products; promoting the healthy food choices offered at school;
- and encouraging a positive, collaborative approach to create healthier school environments through nutrition, physical activity and wellness education.

Marketing is our third goal. We are currently reviewing and providing input on the preliminary kitchen design plans for both modernized Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools.

Additional plans include:

- recommending new menu items and recipe development, creating nutrition facts to display at the point of sale;
- giving consideration to meal bundling on selected entrees to promote efficiency and reduce wait times for students;
- evaluating the cafeterias for possible improvements, assessing lunch periods to ensure that children have adequate time to eat their lunch;
- and observing meal presentation and making recommendations for improvement if needed.

To accomplish these goals, I plan to be at the District an average of one day per week for site issues and work from my home office for planning, research and follow up. I am thankful for this opportunity and look forward to additional program improvements throughout the year.

Shoreline Schools Calendar

November

18-20 • Shorewood musical "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m.

18-21 • Shorecrest play "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

20 • Community Flu Shot Clinic at Parkwood, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

24 • Early Release, grades K-12; first trimester ends

25-26 • Thanksgiving Break

29 • No School, Staff Work Day

29 • Shoreline PTA Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

December

4 • Shorewood Drill and Dance Competition, 1 p.m.

4 • Candy Cane Dash 5K run/walk, 9 a.m., Shoreline Stadium

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

6 • Shoreline PTA Council Holiday Baskets drive begins

14 • Combined 6th grade band and orchestra concert at Third Place Commons, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

20-31 • No School, Winter Break; classes resume Jan. 3, 2011

For more events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

Update is published regularly during the school year by the Shoreline Public Schools, 18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA 98155, www.shorelineschools.org. Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit: http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php.

Board of Directors:

David Wilson, President
Maren Norton, Vice President
Debi Ehrlichman
Mike Jacobs
Dick Potter

Superintendent: Sue Walker

Public Information Officer: Craig Degginger

Keep your family healthy this winter.

Get your **free** flu vaccine!

**Saturday, Nov. 20
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Parkwood Elementary School
Gymnasium
1815 N. 155th
Shoreline, WA 98133

Interpreters available



- * **Flu vaccines are the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from flu.**
- * **Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated against the flu.**
- * **You will not be asked for proof of health insurance or citizenship.**

*Limited doses of infant, pork-free and preservative-free vaccine available.
For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu.*