

Busy series of capital projects nearly completed

While Shoreline students were away for the summer, an ambitious series of projects were undertaken around the District. These projects are part of the \$149.5 million bond issue approved by Shoreline School District voters in February 2006.

This summer's projects included:

- Upgrade of portable classrooms used for band and orchestra programs and the extended-day program with new restroom-equipped, pre-fabricated buildings at eight elementary school sites — Briarcrest, Brookside, Echo Lake, Highland Terrace, Lake Forest Park, Parkwood, Ridgecrest and Syre.

- New synthetic turf fields and all-weather tracks at Kellogg and Einstein Middle Schools, replacing heavily-used grass fields and older cinder tracks.

- Installation of additional playground structures at Briarcrest and Ridgecrest, in collaboration with fund-raising efforts at both schools.

- Playground drainage improvements at Echo Lake and Syre.

- Installation of new multi-purpose gym/cafeteria floors at Ridgecrest, Lake Forest Park and Syre.



Additional playground equipment has been installed at Ridgecrest and Briarcrest.

- Installation of new roofs on portions of Shorecrest and Shorewood to ensure a dry environment for the next five years until renovation or replacement of those facilities is approved. Kellogg also received a major roofing upgrade.
- Fire alarm upgrades at Highland Terrace and Parkwood.

Work has been completed on Phase I planning for modernization/replacement of both Shorecrest and Shorewood. Architects working on these projects presented reports to the school board in September.

The next step in the process will be to create conceptual designs for each building prior to a bond issue anticipated in February 2010.



New modular buildings are in place at eight elementary sites, housing the extended-day program and band and orchestra.



Kellogg, above, and Einstein Middle Schools have beautiful new synthetic turf fields. Work will be completed on all-weather tracks around the fields this month.



New building leaders for 08-09

From left to right are Linda Butler, Lake Forest Park interim principal; Cinco Delgado, Ridgecrest principal; Jonathan Nesson, Briarcrest principal; Paul Shanahan, Echo Lake co-principal; and Trinh Pham, Room Nine Community School program manager.

Bus count period is Sept. 29-Oct. 3

More than 50 percent of the funding for transporting Shoreline School District students comes in the form of an annual allocation from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The District's allocation is determined by a five-consecutive-day count of the regular services provided to students.

During the data collection period, each time a student boards a bus in the morning or during the school day, he or she is counted and the stop location is reported to OSPI using global positioning.

This year's count will take place Monday, Sept. 29 through Friday, Oct. 3. Shoreline students are encouraged to ride the bus daily during the count period.

For more information about the bus count period, contact the Shoreline Schools transportation department at 361-4275.

Superintendent's Message:

Building a strong educational community with supportive partners

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

It is with pride that we welcome all of you back to the 2008-09 school year!

In July the Shoreline community was recognized by *Seattle Magazine* as the best neighborhood of 110 urban and suburban communities. The reasons given for the ranking were many, but most notable was the excellence of our schools. One factor not mentioned, but undoubtedly responsible for the recognition, is the unwavering community support of our schools and the generosity of our citizens.

The annual Back-to-School event was held by the Shoreline Back-to-School Consortium on Aug. 23 at Ridgecrest Elementary. The event is sponsored by the Center for Human Services; City of Lake Forest Park; City of Shoreline; Shoreline Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council; Shoreline School District and the Readiness to Learn Program; YMCA, Turning Point; and The Vineyard.



More than 600 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to families at the Shoreline Back-to-School event.

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The event supported nearly 300 Shoreline families in need with not only 660 backpacks filled with school supplies, but clothing assistance from The Works of the Shoreline PTA Council, haircuts by James Alan Salon, food prepared by the Lake Forest Park Rotary and a resource fair. As a result of this collective effort, many of our students were well-prepared to return to school and excited to begin a new year.

The Opening Day Celebration for returning school district teachers and staff on Aug. 26 included a wonderful continental breakfast provided by the efforts and generosity of the Shoreline Breakfast Rotary Club, the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and Shoreline Top Foods. By all accounts, the morning was filled with a sense of pride in our community, mutual appreciation and an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues. Our staff was extremely appreciative.

The United Way Day of Caring on Sept. 12 found volunteers once again from Microsoft and other companies working on a series of outdoor projects at the Shoreline Children's Center. They built a community garden, completed a new gateway, and planted trees and flowers. The City of Shoreline provided financial



Volunteers from Microsoft build a community garden at the Shoreline Children's Center during the United Way Day of Caring event.

support of the projects at the Children's Center.

On the same day, volunteers from Microsoft were participating in a math carnival and reading marathon with students at Meridian Park Elementary, while volunteers from AT&T worked on landscaping projects. Volunteers from Nordstrom worked at Briarcrest doing similar activities during the day.

The second Embrace Shoreline Schools Day was held across the District on Sept. 27. The event is a joint effort between local churches, the school district, neighborhood associations, community members and the PTA to beautify our Shoreline schools by weeding, planting and landscaping the grounds.

During the first event in May, dozens of volunteers gathered on a rainy Saturday at the district's nine elementary schools and two middle schools to weed, mulch and clean up the grounds.

On behalf of the Shoreline School District, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the volunteers and organizations that have invested time and resources in support of our schools, students and staff. Great communities are at the foundation of great schools. Nowhere is that more evident than in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.

With gratitude,

Sue Walker

Shoreline Schools Calendar

Oct. 6: School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

Oct. 9-10: No school, staff work day; child care available at Shoreline Children's Center

Oct. 17: Shorewood homecoming football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

Oct. 20: School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

Oct. 24: Shorecrest homecoming football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

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