

## Take precautions to help prevent H1N1 (Swine) flu

Public Health-Seattle and King County reports that H1N1 Influenza (swine flu) cases in schools are expected to increase and peak by the end of October. Without proper precautions, this flu spreads easily from person to person. We all need to be informed and know how to limit the spread of H1N1, and we need your help.

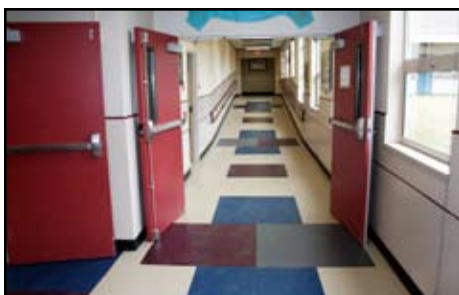
The District is working with our school nurses and Public Health to monitor flu conditions and take appropriate actions. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available using the District Web site, [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org), e-mails and school newsletters.

**We are asking our families to be the first line of defense for preventing the spread of flu.**

Please don't send your children to school with a suggestion to 'just see how it goes' when they have any sign of illness. Keep them home that day and for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (medicines containing Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

## Summer capital projects near completion

Many of the summer capital projects in the District are now complete. The new field takes shape at Syre (right), including the synthetic turf cutouts. Field upgrades were also made at Lake Forest Park and Highland Terrace. The fields will be closed this year while the new grass matures. Brookside (lower right), Kellogg and Parkwood have new exterior paint. Echo Lake (below) and Briarcrest have all new carpeting and floor coverings. The projects were funded by the bond issue approved by District voters in 2006.



Teachers will be a second line of defense and send students who appear ill for assessment to the health office.

Children at school with flu symptoms will be sent home. Students who are ill at school may be kept in a separate waiting area and may be given a mask to wear to prevent the spread of germs.

**Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms may include:**

- Fever (a temperature of 100 degrees F/ 37.8 C or greater as measured by a thermometer) or signs of fever (chills, feeling very warm, having a flushed appearance or sweating)
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Body aches
- Headache
- Feeling very tired

**Here are a few things our families can do to help:**

- Teach frequent hand-washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner, especially after coughing or sneezing.



## New school absence codes in use

Public Health has requested school districts begin using standardized health reasons for student absences. Please use the following codes when reporting your child absent:

- HA: Asthma - Wheezing, Short of Breath
- HD: Dental Condition/Appointment
- HF: Cold or Flu - Fever, Body Aches, Sore Throat
- HH: Headache
- HI: Injury/Accident
- HM: Medical Appointment
- HO: Other Health Condition
- HR: Rash - Red Spots, Fever, Chills
- HS: Stomach Symptom - Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea

• Teach children not to share personal items like drinks, food or utensils, and to use a tissue over their nose and mouth for coughs and sneezes, not their hands. They should avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth—germs spread this way.

- Update your contact and emergency contact numbers at your child's school.
- Make a plan to pick up a sick child promptly.

• Parents are advised to pre-arrange for childcare in case your child becomes ill and is unable to attend school.

We are committed to working with our families in every way to ensure our students stay healthy and that schools remain open and operating as usual. We will be teaching students about proper hand washing, good hygiene, sending sick students home promptly and following health department guidance on cleaning our schools. Together we can help keep everyone in our schools safe and healthy.

## Superintendent's Message:

# Remembering Bill Stevenson

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

The Shoreline School District lost a community treasure this summer. As an educator I consider myself very fortunate to have worked for Dr. Bill Stevenson in 1973 when I was hired as a beginning teacher in Shoreline – and I consider myself even more fortunate to call Bill my friend in more recent years. Undoubtedly, Shoreline has lost one of the most significant figures in our district's history. This kind, gentle and humble man was a true gift to our educational community and his influence cannot be overestimated.

Those of us with deep roots in the District know that it is impossible to separate the reputation of the Shoreline School District from the 20 years of Bill Stevenson's leadership as superintendent. During his tenure from 1962 to 1982 the Shoreline District became one of the State's premier educational communities. It was about this time that families began to move to Shoreline and Lake Forest Park specifically for the schools, a tradition that continues today.

In retrospect, Bill's tenure as superintendent reflected the "best of times" and the "worst of times" in education. His first decade of service was filled with increasing enrollment, opening schools and adequate financial resources.

The second decade, by comparison, was challenged by declining enrollment, school closures and a devastating double levy loss.

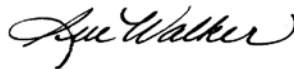
But, through it all, Bill remained committed to our community, its children and the District's reputation for excellence. As superintendent, Bill Stevenson set an extremely high standard for those of us who have followed him.

On behalf of the Shoreline educational community, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to and recognition of Dr. Bill Stevenson and his entire family for their contributions to the lives of so many children and families in the communities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park and beyond.

In the words of another, "Each of us can look back upon someone who made a great difference in our lives, someone whose wisdom or simple acts of caring made an impression upon us. In all likelihood, it was someone who sought no recognition for their deed other than the joy of knowing that, by their hand, another's life had been made better."

For many of us, this person is Bill Stevenson – a man who embodied the "Shoreline family spirit."

Sincerely,



## District Web site upgraded with new features

If you opened your Web browser recently to [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org), you saw an entirely redesigned Shoreline Schools Web site.

The site was designed by Brent Degenhardt of the Instructional Technology department, with content from the Public Information Office.

Some new features to make note of:

- A search function for the entire site.
- Language translation.
- The Web calendar has been greatly enhanced to easily view all the posted events at once.
- The redesigned Web site has been tested to work with most Safari, Firefox and Internet Explorer browsers.
- New Staff Contact Information page.
- RSS feed of District Headlines.

We will continue to refine the site over the coming weeks, including a number

of departmental sites. Please take a look and let us know if you have questions or suggestions.

## Bus count dates are 9/28-10/2

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 bus services provided to students.

This year's count will take place Monday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Oct. 2. Shoreline students are encouraged to ride the bus to school daily during the count period. For more information about the bus count period, contact the Shoreline Schools transportation department at 206-361-4275.

## Shoreline Schools Calendar

**Sept. 21** • School Board Committee of the Whole meeting, 4:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

**Sept. 25** • Shorewood vs. Shorecrest football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

**Sept. 28** • Shoreline PTA Council meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

**Sept. 29** • 5th grade music first lesson night, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center Auditorium

**Oct. 5** • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

**Oct. 9** • No School, staff work day; Shoreline Children's Center open

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

**Oct. 14** • Early Release, grades ADK-6, parent conferences

**Oct. 15** • Early Release, grades ADK-6, parent conferences

**Oct. 16** • Early Release, grades ADK-6, parent conferences

**Oct. 16** • Shorecrest homecoming football game, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

**Oct. 19** • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

**Look for your 2009-10 Shoreline wall calendar coming in the mail soon!**

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