In the spring of 1944, when the Shoreline School District was officially formed, a contest was held to give the new district a proper name. Fifth grader Marilyn Buckner submitted the winning suggestion. She said that since the district would stretch from Puget Sound to Lake Washington, and from the Seattle city limits to the King-Snohomish County line, that is “shore to shore and line to line,” the new district should be called “Shoreline.”