



BROOKSIDE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Calendar

January

- 1-24 5th Gr. Band/Orchestra Concert 7:00pm
- 1-27 Kinderfest 10:00-12 SLCenter
- 1-29 No School - Staff Work Day

February

- 2-10 Pancake Breakfast 9-11am
- 2-15 PTA Mtg. 7:00 music rm.
- 2-15 Kelarnival @ Kellogg MS 6-8pm
- 2-16 Report Cards go home
- 2-19/23 No School Mid-Winter Break

Kinderfest

Mark your calendar for Saturday, **January 27, 2018**... 2018-19 Kinderfest. 10:00am-12:00pm in the Shoreline Room of the Shoreline Center. It is a great opportunity for families to hear and learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District such as: Food Services, Transportation, Nurses, ELL/ Special Services, Highly-Capable Program, and PTA. Each elementary school in the Shoreline School District will be there for a meet and greet and to answer questions. Spanish, Amharic, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese interpreters will be available.

Limited, no-cost childcare will be available on-site for children over 2 years old who are potty-trained (sponsored by the Shoreline Children's Center). Please note that food will not be allowed in the childcare room due to possible allergies.

Kindergarten registration will begin on Friday, February 2, 2018 at your neighborhood school. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, your child must be five years old by August 31, 2018 and reside in the city of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

For more information on registration please visit the Enrollment page on our website: www.shorelineschools.org

Share the Warmth

Is your child getting a new coat and gloves this winter? What are you doing with their outgrown items? Brookside is having a Share the Warmth Winter Coat, Hat, Scarf and Gloves Drive benefiting THE WORKS. We will be collecting clean and gently used winter outerwear items now through Jan. 26th. A donation box is by the school office. Let's help keep all the children in our district warm this winter.



5th Grade Parent Bakers

Thank you to the following parents who provided the staff with a yummy holiday luncheon last month: Annthea Vining, Lindsay Burke, Patti Sindelar, Jaya Krishnan, Krichelle Groth, Sylvia Beer, Cara Debley, Aimee Miner, Heidi Coffee, Karen Resquer Burnham, Leslie Eck, Alexandra Davis, Tabatha Romero, Xandra Esko, Jeff Lance, Carrie Wandler, Rema Assaf, Patty Chin, Karin Olson, Monique Ehrhart, Alison Haven, Myrna Habermann, Hanna Mazur, Lara Poole, Martha Dimmers, Vanessa Whorley, Mary Stephenson, Sarah Wright, Vera Hammond, Deanna Watson, and Matondo Masukidi.



Important Information to Note for the 2018-19 School Year

The first day of school for the 2018-19 school year will be **Wednesday, August 29th (before Labor Day)**. Students who do not attend the first four days of the school year must be withdrawn and this makes it difficult for class placements, **so please plan your family vacations accordingly**...ALSO..the last day of school will be **June 14, 2019!!** Whoot! Whoot!

Research disapproves these five common myths about learning

Research shows that while people often believe they understand what “effective learning” looks like, they’re frequently mistaken.

Here are five common myths about learning, along with the research-based facts:

- **Myth #1:** Everyone has a specific learning style. *Fact:* Kids learn in all kinds of ways. In one situation, they may do better *hearing* new material. But in another? *Seeing* examples could be the key.
- **Myth #2:** You’re either born smart or you’re not. *Fact:* Children’s IQs and abilities can increase over time - especially when they’re given access to books and learning opportunities.
- **Myth #3:** Long study sessions are the best way to prepare for a quiz or test. *Fact:* Kids retain facts much better if the information is spread out over time. Studying a little each day is much more effective than trying to digest everything in one sitting.
- **Myth #4:** Reading material over and over is the best way to learn it. *Fact:* It’s more effective for students to restate key ideas in their own words.
- **Myth #5:** Right-brained students learn differently than left-brained ones. *Fact:* There’s no evidence that being left-brained (favoring logic and math) or right-brained (favoring art and emotions) has an impact on learning. Actually, there’s no proof that one side of the brain even dominates at all.

Source: A. Kamenetz, “You Probably Believe Some Learning Myths: Take Our Quiz to Find Out,” NPR, npr.org/2011/01/11/132888888/learning-myths.



E-Flyers

Looking for educational and recreational opportunities and events in our area? Visit www.shorelineschools.org to see a list of flyers submitted by local non-profit groups. At the district web site, click community and then e-flyers.

Boxtops for Education

Don’t forget to clip and save your “Boxtops for Education”. Last year Brookside received over \$1,000 which we used for field trips and assemblies. We just received a check for **\$463.00!!** Keep up the good work!

Please note that we are **no longer collecting Campbell Labels for Education** as the company has discontinued the program.



Check it Out!

For great snack ideas go to www.shorelineschools.org then click Departments, Food Service & Nutrition, Nutrition & Wellness Resource Library.

The Salmon are Hatching

Come by and check out the fish tank and see how the fish cycle is progressing. Remember to observe quietly and do not tap on the tank.



From the Health Office

You may be facing the question, “Is my child too sick for school?” Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms (which may indicate that your child is contagious):

- * Fever (above 100 degrees F)
- * Diarrhea
- * Vomiting

Students should be symptom free, without the use of over the counter medications, for 24 hours before returning to school. Thanks for your help....



Shoreline Highly Capable Testing Registration is Opening Soon!

Registration for Highly Capable (HiCap) Program Assessment will open to all Shoreline students January 16 - February 9, 2018.

Link to Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/Tud6Z1031cd3Ti0R2>

Please Note: This registration is open to all students EXCEPT 2nd graders. All Shoreline 2nd graders will be screened for the highly capable program at the end of February and do not need to register for testing.

The deadline for registration is 4:30pm on Friday, February 9, 2018

Location: Testing will occur in your student's regular school

Testing Dates: Testing will occur over 2 days during the weeks of March 12-23

Students must attend both days of testing to be eligible for the HiCap program.

You will be contacted after registration with the specific date and time for testing.

If you have any questions or have difficulty registering online, please contact the Highly Capable Program office at 206-393-4771 or by e-mail at

highlycapable@shorelineschools.org.

Free Tax Help!

If you make less than \$66,000, United Way of King County will help you prepare and file your taxes for free. Now through April 19, 2018, they will have free tax experts at 30 locations, ready to help you maximize your refund. No appointment is needed.

If you don't need in-person tax help, simply visit MyFreeTaxes.com where you can quickly and easily file your taxes online for free.

What to bring:

- Social Security card/ITIN letters for everyone on the return
- Photo ID
- All tax statements (W-2 form, 1099 form etc)
- Health insurance forms 1095-A, 1095-B, or 1095-c
- Bank account number and routing number
- A copy of last year's tax return

Note: If you are filing with your spouse, you both must be present to e-file.

Shoreline Hopelink
17837 Aurora Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133
Mon: 5-9 p.m
Wed: 3-9 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Shoreline Goodwill
14500 15th Ave NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
Mon: 5-9 p.m
Wed: 5-9 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Shoreline Community College
PUB (9000) Building
16101 Greenwood Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133
Tues: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wed: 3-9 p.m.



GREAT NEWS! Starting in February Brookside students will start composting food waste, napkins, lunch bags and paper boats in our lunchrooms. This will help keep trash out of landfills and turn our compostables into usable soil! Brookside is leading our school district by being one of the few schools to compost at lunchtime. THANK YOU to Principal Simard, Chase (our fine janitor), Karen Jaworski (our awesome lunch monitor), Missy Liu (our head parent volunteer) and students from Mrs. Hansen's class for helping to make this successful!

Also as a Level 1 King County Green School, we encourage families to reduce your waste too. Next time you have old markers (any type is ok) or ink cartridges, recycling them in the boxes in our school lobby. And if you haven't already, you can help reduce our school waste by packing waste free lunches. Pack food that you know your child will eat. Use a reusable container, silverware and water bottle. Buy snacks in bulk and pack them in reusable containers. Every step we take makes a difference!



Math Olympiad

The 20th annual **Shoreline Math Olympiad** will be at **Shoreline Community College** on **Saturday, March 10th**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:30 p.m. This event is open to all 4th - 8th grade students who live and or go to school in Shoreline or Lake Forest Park. Our Brookside Math Olympiad Coordinators -Mrs. Tanaka and Ms. Sauriol - will organize students into teams of four. Students will take two mental math and individual tests, and two team problem solving tests. Your child does NOT need to be in the weekly practice sessions to participate. If interested in competing, please contact Mrs. Tanaka at bess.tanaka@shorelineschools.org by February 9th. ***Your child is welcome to join the remaining practice sessions:***

4th - Tuesday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

5th - Wednesday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

6th - Thursday 8:00-9:00 a.m.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Upcoming Election & Lobby Days

With the start of the new legislative session, there are three important dates coming up when Brookside families can have a voice in helping our school, district, and state continue to provide outstanding and fully-funded education for all students and fully support our staff, teachers, programs, technology, and facilities.

Mark these on your calendars, share with your friends, and get involved - every vote and every voice will make a difference!

January 29th - WA State PTA Lobby Day in Olympia

Looking for a way to introduce your kids to being active and engaged citizens? Join other Brookside and WA state families going to Olympia to meet with legislators about WSPTA-supported issues and let them know what is important to you!

The 5 Priorities for the WSPTA this year are:

- Social Emotional Learning
- Ample Fund Basic Education
- Closing the Opportunity Gap
- Standards for Para-Educators
- Breakfast After the Bell

It's a great way to help support actions that will help our students and schools while getting to know your legislators and learning about the legislative process! The legislators love meeting with and hearing from constituents. All kids are welcome and encouraged to join.

If you are interested in going, contact Brookside's Legislative Chair Sara Betnel at sarabetnel@gmail.com who is coordinating a group trip going down together.

January 29th - February 4th - WA State PTA Advocacy Week

If you are unable to go to Olympia on January 29th, but still would like to have a voice in this year's legislative process, sign up for Voter Voice with the WSPTA or follow WSPTA on Facebook and get updates with a new Priority topic and ways to take action every day during Advocacy Week.

February 8th - Gifted Education Day in Olympia

Join Brookside and other WA State Families in Olympia to advocate for highly capable services sponsored by the Northwest Gifted Child Association (NWGCA), Washington Association of Educators of the Talented and Gifted (WAETAG), and the Washington Coalition for Gifted Education (WCGE).

To join, contact shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com

February 13th - Shoreline Schools Levy Election

Vote in the special election with two Shoreline schools replacement levies on the ballot. Information about the levies can be found on the Shoreline School District website or at the public information sessions being held by the District Wed, Jan 24 at 10am, Thurs, Jan 25 at 7pm, or Tues, Feb 6 at 7pm at Shoreline Center.

Every vote will matter. Please be sure to return your ballot by February 13th.