



BROOKSIDE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Calendar

October

- 10-9/11 Half-Day 11:45 dismissal for conferences
- 10-12 Half-Day 11:45 dismissal for teacher Evaluation Implementation
- 10-13 No School Staff Work Day
- 10-19 Walk-a-Thon 1:30-3
- 10-20 PTA Parent's Night Out 6-9:30
- 10-30 Picture Make-up 1:50-2:50

November

- 11-3 Sock Hop
- 11-6/8 Vision Screening
- 11-8 3/4th gr. Veteran's Concert 7:00pm
- 11-9 No School - Staff Work Day
- 11-10 No School - Veteran's Day
- 11-13 Reflections Reception @ 3rd.PI.
- 11-15 Family Engineering Night 6-8
- 11-22 Early Dismissal 11:45
- 11-23/24 No School Thanksgiving



Music4Life

Please consider donating musical instruments for students in need. www.music4life.org

Label your student's outerwear

Please put your student's name on a label inside of your child's coat, sweater, sweatshirt etc. You would not believe how many items are donated to the WORKS from Brookside each year.....

OPT-OUT

If you are **not** interested in your student being in the school yearbook, school newsletters, school videos, classroom webpages, social media, or local news, please stop by the school office and pick up a FERPA OPT-OUT Form. If you do **not** want your student to be in the PTA student directory and/or receive mailings regarding membership, meetings, events and school activities, please fill out the same form. The form is also available in Spanish.

The Works

The WORKS is a free clothing room for children in the Shoreline School District. At the WORKS, children and teens can pick out high quality, clean, gently used clothing. This program is intended to support families experiencing circumstances that make it challenging to clothe their children for school.

The WORKS is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. It is located in the middle portable at North City Elementary, 810 NE 190th St. Shoreline 98155.

Throughout the year, donations can be brought to the WORKS on Wednesday evenings or left in the cabinet outside of the PTA office at Brookside.

Engineering Night

Brookside Engineering Night is coming Nov. 15th from 6:00-8:00pm. Please collect toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls, and send them to school with your child. There will be a collection bag in their classrooms, as well as a collection box in the front lobby. Thank you!



Five ways parents can improve their children's listening skills

Teachers agree that the ability to listen is one of the most important skills children need in order to be success in school.

Here are five ways to help your child strengthen her listening skills:

- **Be a good model.** When your child is telling you something, stop what you're doing. Give her your full attention Some parents find it easier to sit down so that their child's eyes are at their own eye level.
- **Have family members** take turns telling about their day. Then have each person draw a name and repeat something that happened to the person whose name they drew.
- **Play Simon Says.** This will teach your child to listen very carefully and to follow directions exactly.
- **Practice reflective listening.** When you say something, ask your child to paraphrase what you said. When your child asks a question, repeat her question and then respond.
- **Stop and ask questions** during story time. When you get to an exciting part of the book, ask, "What do you think will happen next?"

Source: *The Parent Institute October 2017*

Breakfast at School

Breakfast is served daily from 8:45-9:05 am in the cafeteria. The cost is \$1.75. There is no cost for students on the free/reduced lunch program. Lunch cards can be used for payment. Menus are available on-line. Come into the cafeteria as soon as you get off the bus if you want to eat breakfast with us....

Absent or late to School?

Please contact the office if your child is going to be absent from or late to school. Our attendance secretary is required to contact the family when a student is absent. This ensures the safety of your child. If your child is absent or tardy, we must speak to/receive an e-mail or note from a parent or guardian with the reason for the absence or tardy. Please call the office at 206.393.4140 or e-mail BKS.attendance@shorelineschools.org
Thanks for your help in securing your child's safety.

Math Olympiad

Brookside Math Olympiad (for grades 4-6) practice sessions will start on October 31st. Look for sign up forms in your child's Boomerang.

Our city-wide math competition, Shoreline Math Olympiad (on Sat. March 10, 2018), is **recruiting new planning team members** to take the torch from long time volunteers who have stepped down. Positions that still need to be filled are:

Awards chair, Awards assistant, Concessions assistant, Data entry assistant, Facilities co-chair, Proctor co-chair, Procurement chair, Procurement co-chair, Scoring room co-chair, Volunteer chair, Volunteer assistant, and Webmaster/Publicity. We are looking for at least one representative from Brookside. **Please contact** Lisa McDonald at lisa_mcd@comcast.net if you are interested in making Saturday, March 10, 2018 possible for over 700 students in Shoreline.



New Attendance Procedures

The Shoreline School District has changed the attendance recording practice. In recent years, Washington State has requested accurate data on chronic absenteeism. In the past, we have only reported absences and tardies (late arrivals, regardless of the time of arrival.) The school day is now broken into two parts - period 1 & 2. Students arriving before 10:45 will be tardy; 10:46 or after will be considered absent for period 1. The magic cutoff for period 2 is 1:55 for late arrivals and early dismissals.

Preview Sexual Health Curriculum

Parents and guardians are invited to learn about the goals of the sexual health education program and preview the instructional materials during the following public review: Oct. 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center.



Holiday Baskets provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide either for their children.

Holiday Baskets Food & Gifts Distribution to Families
Saturday, December 9th, 2017
11:30am - 4:30pm
Kellogg Middle School

**For Families needing assistance with
Winter break food & Holiday gifts,
registration begins October 2nd.**

There are two ways to register!

- Register online at: www.eventbrite.com In the “Search for events” field enter Holiday Baskets.
- Fill out a registration form and give it to your school Family Advocate. Forms are available in their offices and at www.shorelinepta.org *Holiday Baskets, To Register.*

Deadline for Registration is November 8th.

For more information go to: www.shorelinepta.org and click on Holiday Baskets.

Members of the Holiday Baskets partnership: The Shoreline PTA Council, the Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, the City of Shoreline, & Dale Turner Family YMCA.