## Calendar

**June**

- 6/16  Patrol at Wild Waves
- 6/21  Kindergarten Orientation @ 9:30
- 6/21  Field Day 1:00-2:30 pm
- 6/22  Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony @ 6:30 pm
- 6/23  **EARLY RELEASE** 11:15 am
  Last Day of School

**Next School Year** *

- Sept. 6  First Day of School
- Sept. 13 School Picture Day
- Dec. 20 - Jan 2 Winter Break
- Feb 19 - Feb 23 Mid-winter Break
- Apr 16 - Apr 20 Spring Break
- June 22  Last Day Of School

*Pending approval by SEA and School Board

## Message from the Principal

**Dear BC Families,**

Oh my goodness, what a year it has been! I cannot believe we are down to our final two weeks of school; it has truly flown by. I find myself especially thinking of our sixth graders, many of whom have been with us since kindergarten, as well as our later additions. They have so much to look forward to at Kellogg; I am sure that they also may be feeling a little nervous, and a lot of excitement. I know they will do so well there, and hope that they remember to come back and visit us from time to time.

I am very excited to share that we are going to participate in a ‘graduate walk’ featuring the Shorecrest High School Seniors. They have been invited to parade through Kellogg Middle School and Briarcrest this Thursday afternoon; the seniors will leave Shorecrest, walk over to Kellogg, and then come to us at Briarcrest. We will have our students lining our entry, walkway, and hallways, to high five and cheer on our seniors. It will also be a wonderful opportunity for our staff to see our former Bulldogs as they complete their K-12 journey, and wish them well on their next steps. Families are welcome to come and join us - we expect them to reach our school right around 1:30, and I figure it will take about 15 minutes for them to get all the way through.

Thank for all for your help and support this year. I would like to especially thank Sara Sokolowski and Jessie Lobkovich for all of their organization and work as our PTA President and Vice-President, and the many PTA members who put in so many hours to provide opportunities and enrichment for our students. I truly appreciate all of our WatchDOGS, field trip volunteers, art docents, PTA Board Members, classroom helpers, and everyone else who give their time and talents to our school. You truly make Briarcrest a better place for us all.

Finally, we get to bid a very fond Happy Retirement to three of our staff members - Faith Burgher, Pam Pouley, and Louise Beard. Faith and Pam have been incredible supporters of our children and families in the office, classrooms, cafeteria, playground, and crossing areas for a combined 44 years, while Louise Beard has loved teaching her students here throughout her career at Briarcrest. They will be dearly missed; we wish them sunshine and happiness all summer long, and hope they come to visit us whenever they could use a Briarcrest pick-me-up. It has been an honor to work with them.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break! Keep those kids reading!!!

Jonathan Nessan
Principal | Briarcrest Elementary School

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**Lost & Found**

The Lost & Found is OVERFLOWING!!!
Please take the time to stop by or have your child look for their lost jackets, sweaters, etc. Items left after the last day of school will be donated.
**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

**Immunization Requirements 2017-18**

Washington state law requires that all children up to the age of 21 be fully immunized on or before the first day of school. Shoreline requires that students must have proof of immunization or an approved Certificate of Exemption by the 30th calendar day after the first day of attendance. If no proof/waiver by the 30th day after the first day of attendance at school, the student may not continue to attend school until documents are received. For students who start on Sept 6th, this means Oct 6th is the last day they can attend without being in compliance.

This means the school MUST have on file:
- A Certificate of Immunization form, OR
- A Certificate of Exemption Form** exempting the student from these requirements for medical, philosophical or religious reasons.

**Requirement for Certificate of Exemption** **:
- The Certificate of Exemption form for newly enrolled students and current students who have new immunization requirements must include a physician’s signature for those wishing to exempt for medical or philosophical reasons. A proof of membership in a religious group that does not allow a healthcare practitioner to provide medical treatment to a child is required for those claiming a religious exemption.

**Meds: Year End and Year Start**

If you child as any nonprescription medication or other items in the Health Office, **parents** must pick them up the last week of school or they will be destroyed. Prescribed medications including Epipens and inhalers will also need to picked up by a **parent** the last day of school. Any medications left in the building after 12:30 pm, June 23 will be destroyed. No medications will be sent home with students. Also, if your child is in need of these medications next fall, please bring the completed Permission to Administer Medications at School form and Life Threatening Condition paperwork signed by both the parent and licensed health care provider to the office by August.

**5th Grade Immunizations**

One dose of the Tdap booster vaccine is required for next year’s 6th graders if they are 11 years or older. Please make an appointment with your health care provider NOW if your child has not had the immunization so he/she will be able to attend school in the fall.

**HI-CAP TESTING**

**Highly Capable Summer Testing for Students Not Tested During the 16-17 School Year:**

For those students currently in grades 1 -11 who have not participated in any testing during the 16-17 school year, the registration window is now open! The window will close on July 7th, 2017. If you are interested in this opportunity, **you must register for testing**, please visit our website at: [https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2516](https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2516).

**Highly Capable Summer New & Moved In Testing:**

For those students who are currently in grades 1 – 11, new to the district as of January 1st, 2017, and are registered to attend a Shoreline Public Schools school for the 17 – 18 school year, the registration window is now open! Students who moved into the district from January 1st, 2017 to July 7th, 2017 are eligible to register for this. The window will close on July 7th, 2017. If you are interested in this opportunity, **you must register for testing**, please visit our website at: [https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2516](https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2516).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Highly Capable Office by phone at 206-393-4771 or e-mail at [spencer.glushak@shorelineschools.org](mailto:spencer.glushak@shorelineschools.org).

**Hi Cap Summer Meet-up at Paramount Park – July 22**

For all families in the Shoreline Highly Capable program: if you would like to meet and connect with other Hi Cap families this summer, join us on Saturday, July 22, at Paramount Park from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Bring your kids to the park for some sunshine and outdoor time, and look for us in bright green t-shirts. We hope to see you! Contact Missy Liu at [Missy.m.liu@gmail.com](mailto:Missy.m.liu@gmail.com) or Michelle Han [yoplait@gmail.com](mailto:yoplait@gmail.com) with questions. (**Please note: This is an informal gathering of interested Hi Cap families, and is not a sponsored event by the Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group**)

**Volunteers Needed for Field Day!**

Field day will be on Wednesday June 21st from 1-2:30. I am looking for 60 volunteers to help run stations for this all school event. Please contact Allison Bui if you can volunteer for this end of year celebration. [allison.bui@shorelineschools.org](mailto:allison.bui@shorelineschools.org).