



HI-CAP NEWS



Shoreline Highly Capable Newsletter

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A Review of 2017- 2018

2017-2018 has been a year of many changes to services and identification processes. This year was the first year that highly capable services were available in all neighborhood schools and that students who qualified in a single area (Literacy or Math) were eligible to receive services. This year we also began screening all 2nd grade students for highly capable eligibility, focused on better identifying students who are also English language learners, formed a committee to review our services in grades 7-12, and created an Advisory Committee to provide input and feedback on our program and services. The By the Numbers section below attempts to capture some highlights from these important improvements.

Hi-Cap by the Numbers

- 1322 Kindergarten and 2nd grade students screened
- 197 students participated in Walk to Math at neighborhood schools
- 105 students served in a single area (ELA or Math)
- 225 2nd graders participated in full-battery hi-cap testing
- 45 2nd graders qualified for hi-cap services
- Increased the number of at-risk students identified for hi-cap
- 15 English language learner students placed on our new hi-cap "watch list"
- Over 210 elementary teachers received professional development on the characteristics and need of highly capable students
- 12 parents and students served on hi-cap committees

K-6 News

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten enrichment program is nearing the end for the 2017-2018 school year. Fifty-four students from across the district participated in our weekly program held at Meridian Park Elementary and Ridgecrest Elementary. Students participated in:

- Opinion writing
- Growth mindset activities that involved reflection, writing, and goal setting.
- Using word problems and math games to learn, practice, and explain our thinking about the relationship between addition and subtraction (fact families), place value, comparing numbers, and double digit addition and subtraction with regrouping.

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Any child age 18 or under can join us for free meals at these locations:

Weekdays - June 27 through August 24, 2018
(Closed July 4 & 5)

Meridian Park Elementary School

17077 Meridian Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Breakfast: 8am to 8:30am
Lunch: 11:30am to Noon

Weekdays - July 9 through August 3, 2018

Echo Lake Elementary School Shorewood High School

19345 Wallingford Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Lunch: 10:50am to 11:30am

17300 Fremont Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Lunch: 11:30am to Noon

More information:
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Did you know?

- Highly Capable students are often “whole-to-part” learners who grasp the underlying concepts or principles first and then fill in the details.
- There are approximately 3.2 million students served in gifted/highly capable programs in U.S. public schools.
- In addition to heightened cognitive abilities, many gifted children have heightened abilities to respond to sensory or emotional stimuli. If this sounds like your student, check out [Dabrowski's 5 Overexcitabilities](#).

Sources: National Association for Gifted Children; [SENG.org](#)



Community Engagement

Hi-Cap Advisory Committee

The Shoreline HiCap Advisory Committee comprised of Shoreline parents, administrators, and teachers has formed and begun to meet. This is an exciting opportunity for ongoing collaboration between district staff and our families to:

- Learn together about gifted learners
- Provide feedback on the implementation of our Hi-Cap program
- Plan district community events
- Provide information for Hi-Cap newsletters

Thus far the Advisory has identified areas of mutual interest for our collaborative efforts.

- Community Survey
- Reflect on changes to the 1-5 program
- Review and provide input on selection process

Fun Sites to Explore

Our digital world makes learning new and exciting each and every day! There is a plethora of websites that offer students videos, challenges, and learning activities. Listed below are a few that you want to be sure to check out with your student. Games, quizzes and fact sheets take kids on a journey through time.

Storybird: Simple tools help kids build books in minutes. Storybird's art will inspire and surprise children as they write. Readers will encourage your child along the way.

National Geographic for Kids: educational and fun, check out Animal Jam, a favorite with kids.

From the publishers of TIME magazine, **TIME for Kids** is loaded with interesting articles, photos, and videos. Politics, the environment, entertainment, sports, and health are just some of the topics covered. TIME for Kids isn't as interactive as most of the other website on this list of educational websites for kids, but the site does tackle subjects that are in the news now while being written for an audience of children.

Resources for families and teachers of Gifted Children

We have provided a range of resources for families and teachers of highly capable students.

Articles:

[The desire to be flawless: helping students cope with perfectionism](#)

Organizations:

[Washington Association of Educators of the Talented and Gifted](#)
[The Gifted Child Society](#)

Books and Resources

[Royal Fireworks Press](#)
[Hoagies' Gifted Education Page](#)

Blogs/Twitter:

[@gifted_guru](#)
[The Prufrock Blog](#)



ANNOUNCING 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Shoreline School District has published the tentatively set calendar. There are two significant changes to make note of: Partial Release Wednesdays and the Earlier start to the school year.

Please click [here](#) for more information.