SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HI-CAP NEWS

Shoreline Highly Capable Newsletter

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Kicking off 2018

The staff of the Shoreline School District Highly Capable Program is pleased to launch the inaugural issue of our newsletter. The newsletter will serve various audiences including, families, teachers, administrators and all others with an interest in the Highly Capable Program and the students served.

The Hi-Cap newsletter will come out three times a year. In this newsletter we aspire to achieve multiple goals: First, this newsletter will provide information about Highly Capable services and upcoming events. Second, we hope that this newsletter will provide you with valuable information about the learning experiences in which students from across our district are participating. Last, we will be providing online resources, articles, and books that will support both families of Highly Capable children and staff members working with Highly Capable students.
Program Information

- **Program Goals**
  - Provide appropriate challenge to promote growth and learning
  - Provide students with opportunities to explore topics more deeply and through different ways of thinking
  - Allow highly capable students opportunities to access true academic and intellectual peers

- **Goals for 2017-2018**
  - Implement services for students who qualify in a single area (literacy or math) and students who elect to receive services in neighborhood schools
    - Walk to Math
    - Literacy Enrichment
  - Support schools in implementing the move of Highly Capable assessments to neighborhood schools
  - Continue to address issues of equity in our identification and service practices

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**Did you know?**

- Gifted children want to learn for learning’s sake rather than learning a specific concept.
- Over 60% of the gifted population is introverted compared to 30% of the general population.
- Gifted students might be twice exceptional, being identified as both highly capable and having special needs.

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**K-6 News**

**Kindergarten:**
Kindergarten screening and full battery testing is complete. Families of students will be notified by the end of January. Hiring and planning is currently underway for a Kindergarten enrichment program slated to begin in early March.

**Spring Assessment:**
The spring assessment window will soon be opening. During this window all second graders in the district will be screened. This window is also the time when any family in the district can elect to have their student participate in highly capable testing. See the [website](#) for additional information.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

**Gifted Education Day in Olympia**

Gifted Ed Day is a designated day for families and their students to advocate for Highly Capable services in Olympia. It is an excellent opportunity to:

- meet our legislators observe government at work
- connect with Hi Cap families from neighboring districts
- understand the issues that impact Highly Capable services in our state today
Community Engagement

Shoreline is committed to collaborating with our community. You are valued members to our collaborative team supporting Hi-Cap students. Therefore, we have identified a number of ways in which you can engage and work with the district.

**Hi-Cap Secondary Program Review Committee**

We have received our “charge” from the superintendent and have formed a committee comprised of teachers, family members, administrators and students. The committee has begun its work by reviewing our current program and learning about the specific needs of highly capable students. We will continue to study best practices in Highly Capable education and models utilized in other districts. We will then draft proposals and collect feedback. The committee intends to present final recommendations to the Superintendent and School Board in early spring. You can find the Superintendent’s Charge [here](#).

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**Hi-Cap Advisory Committee**

The Shoreline HiCap Advisory Committee will be a new way for Shoreline parents, administrators, and teachers 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

We are accepting applications for the committee with the goal of starting in the winter of 2018. We plan to meet 3-4 times per year.

If you are a Shoreline public school parent or staff member interested in serving on this committee please go to this online form and submit your name for consideration.

Click on the link to submit your name: [HiCap Advisory Interest Form](#)
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.

Kids can set off on a learning adventure when they walk through ancient history, world history and histories of specific countries on the **BBC History for Kids.**

**Cool Math** calls itself "an amusement park of math and more." Children can play online math games that help them with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, money and more. Cool Math is geared toward ages 13 and up, but sister site CoolMath4Kids.com is appropriate for ages 3 through 12. CoolMath-Games.com includes math games for preschoolers.

**MakeMeGenius.com** is filled with videos that cover a variety of subjects, such as physics for kids, photosynthesis, the nervous system, solar system and electricity. All of the videos are kid-friendly and will keep even your youngest children interested from start to finish.

One visit to **Fun Brain** and you'll want to bookmark it for your kids. Math, reading, online books and learning games are just some of the site’s many treats. Fun Brain caters to preschoolers through 8th graders.

Why coding? Everyone should learn computational thinking and become fluent in the language of the computer. **Code.org** offers a number of interesting and engaging coding opportunities.
Resources for families and teachers of Gifted Children

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

Articles:
13 Powerful Phrases Proven to Help and Anxious Child Calm Down

Organizations:
National Association for Gifted Children
Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted

Books and Resources
Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students
Gifted Child Today

Blogs:
About.com Gifted Children
Parenting Gifted Kids

Secondary Corner
The UW Academy:
The UW Academy is an early university admission opportunity for 10th grade students in Washington State. Every year, a small cohort of up to thirty-five academically advanced and highly motivated students are admitted to the UW Academy. Students apply to the program during their 10th grade year, and if accepted, withdraw from high school at the end of 10th grade to enroll as freshmen at the University of Washington.

Dates:
Application Assistance Workshop for students:
January 15, 2018

Visit Days for Academy applicants:
Jan. 17, 24, 26, 31 and Feb. 2 and 7

See the website for additional information