

Echo Lake News

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ECHO LAKE CALENDAR

JANUARY

Wed., 1/15 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**
 Thurs., 1/16 PTA Skate Night, 6:00 PM
 Mon. 1/20 **NO SCHOOL**-MLK, Jr. Day
 Thurs., 1/23 Internet Safety, 6:30 PM
 Sat. 1/25 Kinderfest, SLC, 10:00-Noon
 Fri., 1/31 **SCHOOL TODAY**
 Snow Make Up Day

FEBRUARY

Tues., 2/4 PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Wed., 2/5 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**
 Thurs., 2/6 PTA Movie Night
 Wed., 2/12 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**
 Mon., 2/17 **NO SCHOOL**-Presidents' Day
 2/18-2/21 **NO SCHOOL**-Midwinter Break
 Thurs., 2/27 PTA Science Night



KINDERFEST 2020

Saturday, January 25, 2020

10:00 AM-Noon

Shoreline Center, Shoreline Room
18560 1st Ave NE

Kinderfest 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, Tigrinya, and Korean 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 Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center). Please note that food will not be allowed in the childcare room due to possible allergies.

Kindergarten registration will begin on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020** at your neighborhood school. Registration is not on a first-come, first-served basis. All students registered by the close of business on February 28th will be put in a drawing to fill Kindergarten spaces available at their neighborhood school. Incoming kindergarten students who have a sibling at their neighborhood school will be given priority placement (at their neighborhood school) if registered prior to the close of business on February 28th. Those registering after February 28th will be added to their neighborhood school's waitlist as they register.

In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, your child must be five (5) years old by August 31, 2020 and reside in the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

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

If you have additional **Kinderfest related** questions, please contact Trinitee King at trinitee.king@shorelineschools.org or (206) 393-4365.





“GIRLS ON THE RUN” **ECHO LAKE, SPRING 2020**

“Girls on the Run” is coming to Echo Lake this Spring! “Girls on the Run” is a girl empowerment program that teaches girls important life skills while creatively integrating running and walking. This program is 10 weeks long and is for 3rd-5th grade students that identify as female. The program culminates in a celebratory, non-competitive 5K (3.1 miles) in May.

“Girls on the Run” is for every girl. The curriculum includes adaptations for girls with sensory, intellectual and physical disabilities. “Girls on the Run” also provides unlimited scholarships and running shoes and sports hijab for any girl in need. More information about financial aid can be found here: <https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/Program-Registration> You will be able to communicate your financial aid needs and request shoes or hijab for your girl within the online registration form.

Girl Registration opens January 10th, 2020. The team size is 8-15 girls and a random lottery will be used to select the 15 girls for the team if more than 15 girls apply between January 10th-24th. The last day to sign up, if spots are still available, is March 9th, 2020.

Here are details for Echo Lake’s GOTR team:

- SEASON DATES: March 3rd-May 19th, 2020
- DAYS/TIMES: Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00
- Questions/information: Thelma Treperinas (Echo Lake Family Advocate) (206) 393-4331 or thelma.treperinas@shorelineschools.org
- END OF SEASON 5K EVENT: Sunday, May 17th @ Renton Memorial Stadium

“Girls on the Run” Coaching Opportunity

Are you interested in helping to coach the “Girls on the Run” program at Echo Lake? We are looking for 1-2 more coaches for this program. If you are interested and would like more information check out the “Girls on the Run” website at <https://www.gotrpugetsound.org> or call Thelma Treperinas, Echo Lake Family Advocate, at (206) 393-4331 or thelma.treperinas@shorelineschools.org

“HEART AND SOLE” PROGRAM **ECHO LAKE, SPRING 2020**

The “Heart and Sole” program is an extension of the “Girls on the Run” program for 6th-8th grade girls. This program will be offered at Echo Lake this year for 10 weeks in the spring. The sessions will go from March 3rd-May 19th. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. The team size is 8-15 girls and this team will meet separately from the “Girls on the Run” team even though the class times are the same. The season will conclude with the “Girls on the Run” 5K race on May 17th, 2020.

Registration for “Heart and Sole” opens on January 10, 2020. You can register at www.girlsrun.org/program-registration Questions? Contact Thelma Treperinas, Echo Lake Family Advocate, (206) 393-4331 or thelma.treperinas@shorelineschools.org

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS



Echo Lake Elementary has partnered with two local churches (Shoreline Free Methodist and Berean Bible Church) to provide free, kid-friendly food bags for weekends and school breaks. This program is intended to assist families with need by

providing some kid-friendly food for the weekends and school breaks. A small bag of food and snacks are given to families each Thursday afternoon. For more details or to sign up to receive the weekend bags, please contact the Family Advocate, Thelma Treperinas, at 206-393-4331, or thelma.treperinas@shorelineschools.org

PTA HAPPENINGS AT ECHO LAKE

Here are a few things coming up that our PTA would like parents to know about:

- PTA Skate Night-Thursdays, January 16th, 6-8 PM at Lynwood Bowl and Skate
- PTA Movie Night-Thursdays, February 6th here in the Echo Lake Gym. Vote on your pick for the movie on our PTA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/echolakeparentsshoreline/?ref=share>
- Science Night-Thursdays, February 27th. If you are interested in volunteering or helping out, please contact this year's coordinator, Brian Shirts, at bhshirts@gmail.com
- Sign up to bring treats to our beloved Echo Lake staff! PTA sponsors treats once a week to show them how much our families appreciate them. Big or little, anything is appreciated. Sign up at this link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F054DAEAD2FA0FA7-wonderfull>

SNO-KING SCHOOL RETIREES GRANTS

Sno-King School Retirees gave grants up to \$250 to the following teachers:

Allan Rand plans to use his grant to help fund a field trip for 5th graders.

Joe Wack's grant will fund the purchase of books for his classroom library. The books feature a more inclusive group of characters and situation and will hopefully allow his students to see themselves in the characters and encourage their reading.

Thank you Sno-King School Retirees!

THANK YOU

KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



King County Housing Authority will be accepting applications for potential placement on its Section 8 waiting list starting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020

through Tuesday, February 25, 2020. To be eligible for the waitlist lottery you must apply at kcha.org/lottery. Applying is free. Applications will be chosen randomly when the application period ends. If selected, you will be placed on the waitlist for rental assistance through Section 8 housing. If you would like more information or need help with your application please contact the Echo Lake Family Advocate office at (206) 393-4331.



SAVE THE DATE! **INTERNET SAFETY FAMILY NIGHT**

Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Echo Lake Gym

Echo Lake will be hosting Stefanie Thomas to present about internet safety, cyberbullying, social media safety, and online gaming. Stefanie Thomas is an internet safety expert who has worked with law enforcement for the past 9 years regarding the exploitation of children online. She uses this experience to educate parents and children about internet safety and has reached over 30,000 in the greater Seattle area. There will be a question and answer session to follow the presentation. This presentation is FREE and open to 4th, 5th, 6th grade students and families. Please come learn about internet safety and how to keep your student and family safe online!



FROM OUR FAMILY ADVOCATES

The holiday and giving season is behind us, but the need still exists and is very real for many families. If you would like to help out Echo Lake families and students who continue to need assistance please consider these opportunities to give:

- Consider making a donation to our “Angel Fund”. All Shoreline schools have “Angel Fund” accounts to help balance overdrawn food accounts for students. This is a fund that Family Advocates at each school can use to pay off meal balances for families in need. Many times children will get breakfast or lunch before a family has been approved for free or reduced meals. Sometimes an unexpected event occurs and a family may be low on funds. Other times families qualify for reduced meals but don’t have extra funds to cover the cost. We use “Angel Funds” for the families who need it the most. You can donate over the phone by calling Food Services at 206-393-4209, or drop off a check at the Echo Lake Main Office. Make the check payable to Echo Lake School and include a notation that it is for the “Angel Fund”.
- You may wish to purchase a gift card or two at a local grocery store, gas station, Fred Meyer, VISA card, etc...If you would like to donate a gift card(s) please bring the purchased card(s) to the main office at school. Your donation will be given to the Family Advocates to distribute to families as needed throughout the year.

Thank you for considering these opportunities. If you are a family in need of assistance and/or resources, please call the Family Advocate office at Echo Lake at 206-393-4331. We are here to assist you.

Family Advocates:

Erica Gonzalez

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Thelma Treperinas

thelma.treperinas@shorelineschools.org

OPT OUT FORM

If you are not interested in your student being in the school yearbook, school newsletters, school videos, classroom webpages, or social media, 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, meeting events and school activities, please fill out the same form.

Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit:
http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php



BREAKING NEWS! **FRIDAY, JAN. 31ST and MONDAY** **JUNE 8TH ARE NOW REGULAR** **SCHOOL DAYS**

Friday, January 31st and Monday, June 8th are now regular school days. They were previously non-student, staff work days. They are now a Snow Make Up days. Students are expected to attend.



**ECHO LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR PLANNED ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED**

Use this form when your child will have a planned absence that does **NOT** fall into the situations shown at the end of this form. You can find the complete Shoreline School District Attendance Policy (3122) on the district website.

PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED

Please send this form to our registrar, Mary Lauch, at least 14 school days prior to your planned absence. You can drop it off in our main office or email it to us at: mary.lauch@shorelineschools.org

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Date(s) of Absence: _____ Reason for Absence: _____

Best Phone/Email Contact: _____

Describe your plans to maintain the student's academic skills:

Make-up assignments may not be provided in advance. The teacher may require some work to be completed upon the student's return.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Student

You do **NOT** need to use this form for these situations:

1. Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program.
2. Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental or optometry).
3. Family emergency, including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family.
4. Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction.
5. Absence directly related to the student's homeless status.
6. Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action. (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion).

For Office Use Only

Teacher feedback:

Student is achieving at or above grade level? Yes No

Teacher Signature

Date

Other Considerations (if any):

Administrative Decision: Excused Unexcused

Principal/Designee Signature

Date