***ECHO LAKE CALENDAR***

**MARCH**

Thurs., 3/12 Group Pictures Day  CANCELLED
Wed., 3/18  Early Release Day, 1:50 PM
3/30-4/3  Book Fair Week

**APRIL**

Wed., 4/1  Early Release Day, 1:50 PM
Thurs., 4/2  Open House, 6:00-8:00 PM

THANK YOU ECHO LAKE SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS!

Each year in March, we celebrate our Education Support Professionals. These individuals are key to a successful school community and our support for all students.

Here’s a look at our support staff and their roles:

**Mrs. Cowgill & Mrs. Lauch**– We are very thankful for our front office staff. Their support is critical to a successful day for student, parents, and staff.

**Nurse Amy & Nurse Kathy**– It is wonderful to have experts caring for our students’ daily medical needs, supporting parent questions, and helping to ensure a healthy school environment. Thank you to our nurses!

**Mrs. Kessinger, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wall, Mr. Taylor** are responsible for a little bit of everything around Echo Lake. Rain or shine, they spend time each day supervising students at recess or at crossing guard posts. They also provide support for our office, lunchroom, Title and ELL programs, and teachers in a variety of important ways.

**Mrs. Cruz** is our library technology specialist. Mrs. Cruz supports our library program, helps with school technology, and runs our Summer Library.

**Mrs. Treperinas and Ms. Gonzalez** support our school community in their role as Family Advocates. Our Family Advocates assist families and students, facilitate parent programs like Cafecitos and Natural Leaders, run recess clubs, and serve as an important resource with students one-on-one and provide extra support for teachers.

**Mrs. King, Mrs. Yousuf, Mrs. Moldskred** – We appreciate their efforts to feed our hungry students during breakfast and lunch.

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Mr. Culver & Mr. Ohiri provide custodial support for Echo Lake. Mr. Culver works through the day while Mr. Ohiri closes and cleans the building each night.

Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Schwab support our students in small group interventions, working with students one-on-one and provide extra support for teachers.

Mrs. Ulland, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wall, Mr. Taylor are at their crossing guard posts each day to ensure student safety.

Mrs. Williams, Ms. Yoon, Mrs. Blanchette, Mrs. Strain, Mr. Smadi, Ms. Neubauer, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. DeBoard work closely with our students in Ms. Claus, Mr. Bond and Mrs. Burke’s classrooms providing small group instruction and interventions.

Please join me in thanking these wonderful individuals for their commitment to our community.

Thank you!

Mr. Lohman

**ENROLLMENT INFO FOR 2020-2021 (HOT PINK SHEET)**

Hot pink colored enrollment forms for the 2020-21 school year were handed out by teachers during conferences to all families with 1st-4th students currently enrolled at Echo Lake. If you did not complete the form during your student’s conference, you may pick one up from the office and fill it out. We need this form so we know if your child is planning on returning to our school in the fall or not.

All students need to complete the hot pink sheet to confirm their enrollment status for the next academic year 2020-21, no later than Friday, March 27th.

If you have any questions, please contact our registrar, Mary Lauch, directly at (206) 393-4338

**IMPORTANT INFO TO NOTE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

The first day of school for the 2020-21 school year will be **Wednesday, September 2nd (before Labor Day)**. Students who do not attend the first four days of the school year must be withdrawn and this makes it difficult for class placements, please plan your family vacations accordingly.

**MONDAY, JUNE 8TH IS A SNOW MAKE UP DAY**

Monday, June 8th is now a regular school day. It was previously a non-student, staff work day. It is now a Snow Make Up day. Students are expected to attend.

Yearbook order forms were sent home on Wednesday, March 4th. **The deadline to turn in a yearbook order is Friday, March 20th.** Please note that the yearbook company sends us very few extra yearbooks, so students need to pre-order a yearbook in order to be guaranteed getting one. Please use one order form for each student.
THE DEAN'S EAGLE VISION

Hello Echo Lake Families,

This is Dean Atencio sharing some important information and successes so far.

Our focus on school attendance continues here at Echo Lake Elementary. We will be promoting attendance in the classrooms and our Attendance Hero Club. In March we will start our second Attendance Month Challenge. Our first Attendance Challenge was won by the 6th Grade in the fall. Please help our students by promoting the importance of being in school on time everyday.

Our Emergency Response Program got off to a great start in 2020 with performing our first Shelter-In-Place Drill of the year and our second Lockdown Drill. We are very proud of our students for their responsible and safe behavior. For March we will be performing a Fire Drill and a follow up email will follow. If you have any questions about our Emergency Response Drills please don’t hesitate to contact me.

We are looking to launch our WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) Program. This is an innovative father-figure involvement and educational initiative designed to: a) provide positive role models for our Echo Lake students, b) provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying, and c) assist in the classroom and reinforce to students that education is important.

Who can be a WATCH D.O.G.? WATCH D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures to our students that volunteer for at least one half day block of time during the school year. Participants are welcomed to participate as often as possible. We understand that taking time to come and volunteer is not easy for everyone, but the benefits are very impactful on the success of the students.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH THE BACKGROUND CHECK FORM. A LINK FOR THE FORM IS LOCATED WITHIN THE GOOGLE FORM.

https://forms.gle/QxcjF3TRpVHzXAFz5

We will start to put together our WATCH D.O.G.S. team and schedule as we get replies.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Jaime Atencio, Dean of Students
(206) 393-1266
jaime.atencio@shorelineschools.org

ECHO LAKE BOOK FAIR
MARCH 30TH-APRIL 3RD, 2020

Dear Echo Lake Families,

The Echo Lake Scholastic Book Fair is coming. The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to put books into your children’s hands and is a fundraiser for the Echo Lake library. Echo Lake will use 25% of net sales to purchase new books.

This year’s Book Fair begins Monday, March 30th at 8:30 AM, and ends Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 PM.

The PTA is generously donating $5.00 in Book Fair credit to every student to purchase a book. Students will be able to access these funds during their scheduled library time, or during the Open House on Thursday, April 2nd.

The Book Fair hours for this year are:
- Monday-Wednesday, March 30th-April 1st, 8:30-4:00
- Thursday, April 2nd, 8:30-4 and 6-8:30 (Open House Night)
- Friday, April 3rd, 8:30-12:00

The Scholastic Book Fair is a labor-intensive event. Numerous volunteers are needed to support the setup, daily cashiering, and break down of the Book Fair. There are many, many opportunities to volunteer.

Please sign up for times that work for you: https://signup.com/go/FriRftE or you may contact me directly.

Thank you,
Jean Bolivar
jean.bolivar@shorelineschools.org
GREEN THUMB CLUB

There are already signs of spring in the Native Plant Garden! Now we are looking for 4th grade students to join the 5th and 6th grade students who help with weeding, pruning shrubs and plants, and planting new plants. They will meet once a week during lunch recess, beginning on March 18-20.

If your son or daughter would like to help he/she can get a permission form from his/her teacher or in the office. Signed forms must be returned to the office by March 13th.

We would like parent help too! If you are willing to come work with the Green Thumb Club students as they learn to how use the tools and take care of the plants, we would greatly appreciate it.

For more information about the Green Thumb Club or to volunteer to help please call Donna Franklin (206-542-2329).

There are already leaves and flowers on our Indian Plum shrub!
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER BULLETIN BOARD

Did you know that there is a “Family Resource Center” bulletin board right near the main office entrance here at school? Next time you are at school take a look at the information that is available to parents/students. The information on the bulletin board is updated regularly and parents/families will have access to all of the current resources and information that they may need throughout the year. In addition, there is a monthly event calendar on the bulletin board so that parents know about all upcoming events here at Echo Lake throughout the year.

¿Sabía que hay un tablón de anuncios del "Centro de Recursos para Padres" justo cerca de la entrada principal de la oficina aquí en la escuela? La próxima vez que esté en la escuela, eche un mirada a la información que está disponible para las familias/estudiantes. La información en el tablón de anuncios se actualiza regularmente y las familias/estudiantes tendrán acceso a todos los recursos e información actuales que pueden necesitar durante el año. Además, hay un calendario mensual de eventos en el tablón de anuncios para que familias sepan sobre todos los próximos eventos aquí en Echo Lake durante todo el año.

The following is a list of resources available to families year round who are experiencing financial difficulties and may be in need of short term assistance, please contact one of the Family Advocates if you have any questions or need additional assistance:

2-1-1  Offers coordinated services ranging from financial assistance, food and clothing, utility and rent assistance, referrals to many local resources. Simply call 2-1-1 and you will be given an intake interview and resource referrals.

Hopelink  Hopelink offers emergency services, food bank, clothing bank, utility assistance, baby corner (diapers, formula, etc . . ). 206-440-7600 or www.hopelink.org

Shoreline Community Cares 206 496 3116. They can offer $100-200 for rent or utilities, they may also have gift cards to local groceries stores.

North Help-Line (serves zip code 98133) 206-365-8043  Walk-ins: Tues, Wed, Thurs -10:00 am – 1:30 pm May help with payment up to $200 for rental assistance or move in expense, Also offers utility assistance and food bank.  Requirement: Photo ID, proof of address, proof of income. shut-off notice, over 18 yrs of age.

The Works  “The Works” provides free, gently used clothing in all sizes for students from Head Start through High School. Hours are 6:30 - 8:00 pm every Wednesday. “The Works” is located at 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155! Enter the north parking lot off of 1st Avenue NE (just south of the tennis courts). Once in the parking lot, drive straight until you have to turn right. Then as you continue straight ahead, you’ll see our blue door and the sign for The WORKS.

Salvation Army 206-783-1226 (call on a Thursday to make an appointment for the following week)  M-F 9am–12 ; 1-4 pm. Federal funding dictates what assistance might be – changes each month.

DSHS (Department of Social and Human Services)
877-501-2233 Community Services: Washingtonconnection.org  Offers assistance to individuals receiving TANF or other assistance, could provide assistance for individuals who are between jobs.

For questions or help accessing any of the above resources please contact one of the Echo Lake Family Advocates, Thelma Treperinas or Erica Gonzalez, at (206) 393-4331.
Hello Families!
As the school year quickly progresses we wanted to be sure that all families have information about some resources for summer camps and activities. Camps and other activities can fill up very quickly and registration for many of these are open or may begin very soon. We will update this list as new information comes in, so be sure to check the school newsletter or the Family Resource bulletin board near the main office. If you have any questions about the information listed, please call the Family Advocate office.

Thelma Treperinas
Erica Gonzalez
Echo Lake Family Advocates
(206) 393-4331

Camps/Activities:

**YMCA** – Offers many programs such as YMCA summer camps, swim lessons, child care, parent-child programs, etc . . . scholarships are available. Classes fill up very quickly and registration for summer has begun. For more information and camp choices contact [http://ykids.seattleymca.org/dale-turner-family-ymca/summer-camps](http://ykids.seattleymca.org/dale-turner-family-ymca/summer-camps) or the Dale Turner Family YMCA at (206) 363-0446

**Shoreline Parks and Recreation:** A scholarship fund provides qualified residents with up to $200.00 scholarship toward week-long camps. Browse programs online and download scholarship application [http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services) or for more information you can register over the phone at (206)801-2600 or in person at Spartan Rec. Center (202 NE 185th St, Shoreline). Registration starts on March 10, 2020.

**Shoreline Children’s Center - Summer Camps:** Registration for Summer 2020 summer camps opens on March 25, 2020. For timelines and more information call 206-393-4350 or [https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/6274](https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/6274)

**Pacific Science Center:** The Science Center offers a “Family Access Membership” to families with limited income and resources. The membership includes two adults and their children ages 3-18 years and the membership is for one year. The cost is $19.00 for families with limited income. Families can call to sign up at 206-443-2924 or you can sign up in person at your first visit. The Pacific Science Center is located at 200 Second Ave N, Seattle 98109. No proof of income is required.
If you make less than $66,000, United Way of King County will help you prepare and file your taxes for free. From January 13 through April 18, 2020, we’ll have free tax experts at 33 locations, ready to help you maximize your refund. No appointment is needed.

If you don’t need in-person tax help, simply visit MyFreeTaxes.com where you can quickly and easily file your taxes online for free.

What to bring
- Social Security card/ITIN letters for everyone on the return REQUIRED
- Photo ID REQUIRED
- All tax statements (W-2 form, 1099 form, SSA-1099 form, etc.) REQUIRED
- Health insurance form 1095-A REQUIRED
- Bank account number and routing number (recommended)
- A copy of last year’s tax return (recommended)

Note: If you are filing with your spouse, you both must be present to e-file.

Be counted in the upcoming 2020 Census!
Every tax site has information on the Census and how you can complete your questionnaire. Tax site locations will have computers and volunteers available to help you fill out your Census questionnaire when it becomes available in March and April.

LEARN MORE TODAY:
FreeTaxExperts.org OR CALL 211
Echo Lake has a lost and found area in the hallway by the lunchroom. It has a large collection of coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, and lunchboxes. Please remind your child to look there for lost items, or you may stop in to check for things yourself. Items are much more likely to be returned to your child if they are clearly marked with your child's name.

Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, in eluding the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit: http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_9.php
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:

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

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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

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Principal/Designee Signature: ____________________ Date: _______________