Dear Echo Lake Families,

As we near Thanksgiving, I want to let you know how thankful I am for your collaboration and support this fall. We know that all of our families, students, and staff have been adversely impacted by the pandemic and the challenges of remote learning. I am proud of the way we have come together as a school community to support each other. Although this Thanksgiving break will be a lot different for most of us, I hope that all of you are able to find quality time with your family.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lohman

**Echo Lake’s School Improvement Process**

Each year, all schools work through a process to review data, identify areas of success and opportunity, and develop areas of school-wide focus. Those plans are then presented and approved by the School Board. The Echo Lake staff has identified our vision and goals and we want to make sure and share these with our community.

**Vision:** Echo Lake is a vibrant, diverse, and engaged community that inspires shared leadership, character and kindness. We promote collaborative learning focused on growth and are committed to success for all students.
Echo Lake School Improvement Goals for 2020-2021

Teaching & Learning
- Improve student engagement in learning throughout the different phases of instruction this year. Continue work to close the achievement gap for our students furthest from educational justice.

Leadership & Organization
- Develop systems for building collective efficacy through sharing ideas and collaborating to make teaching and learning visible.

Professional Learning
- Provide targeted PD plans that support improving student engagement while continuing our learning focus on issues of race and equity. Work to improve our collective ability to engage in courageous conversations centered on issues of race.

Culture and Community
- Leverage culturally responsive instruction and practices to support student and family engagement.

Echo Lake Calendar

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Library News

Library Checkout will be weekly beginning in December.
Starting in December, you will be able to check out books every week. Requests must be submitted by Sunday for pickup the following Tuesday or Thursday. Here is the updated calendar. You can find the request form, links to the library catalog, and images of the new books in the library on the library website. Please contact Mrs. Bolivar if you need different pickup times.

Library Lessons
Each week your child will find a new library activity in the Library Seesaw space. These activities feature books nominated for state awards. The winner will be chosen by children across Washington State. Please encourage your child to watch the videos of these books.

Currently lessons for kindergarten through third grade feature nominees for the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award. Lessons for fourth through fifth graders feature nominees for the Towner Informational Book award. All of the nominees are available for checkout from the Echo Lake Library. More information about these awards is available on the library website.

Resources in Classlink
Shoreline School District provides many wonderful databases. My favorite is PebbleGo. You access PebbleGo in the Reading & Writing folder.

Click on any database that interests you to read (or have read to you) articles and enjoy the fantastic photographs.
At this time the Family Advocates would like to be sure that all families have access to and information about the many resources available in the community to help support families. These resources include support for food, clothing, utilities, other basic needs, scholarships and many other things. Here is a list of the most recent and updated information on resources for families. [https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/2084](https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/2084) If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact one of the Family Advocates.

In addition to the above resources, we wanted to highlight a few of those resources that might be especially helpful during this time.

- **North Help Line (food support)** Families are invited to join them for distribution during the Thanksgiving holiday. Hours of operation normally are Wednesday & Saturday 10a-1p and Thursday evenings 4:30-6:30p, however during the Thanksgiving week they will have distribution Tuesday 11/24 4:30p - 6:30p and Wednesday 11/25 10a-1p.

  They will offer frozen turkeys to households of 3 or more. For smaller families they will be offering whole chickens. They will also have some traditional Thanksgiving foods to accompany. No registration is needed, but you MUST wear a face covering.

  [https://www.northhelpline.org](https://www.northhelpline.org)

- **Hunger Intervention Program and the City of Shoreline.** Free take-home meals. For more information, click here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uSfZJ-Swj_xHFA2NvlAlPpENrmiFeuPk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uSfZJ-Swj_xHFA2NvlAlPpENrmiFeuPk/view)

- **Free / Reduced Meal Applications** - At this time all meals are free for all students until the end of the school year (June 2021), however, it is still important for families to submit applications for free / reduced meals. Here are the reasons why:

  - Students may be eligible for other assistance based on approval of the meal benefit.

  - A second round of pandemic EBT benefits is also being considered.

  - It helps the school too :)

Please consider filling out this form so you don’t have to worry about doing it later. Here are instructions on how to fill it out online:

En este momento, las Defensoras de la Familia les gustaría asegurarse de que todas las familias tengan acceso e información sobre los muchos recursos disponibles en la comunidad para ayudar a apoyar a las familias. Estos recursos incluyen apoyo para alimentos, ropa, servicios públicos, otras necesidades básicas, becas y muchas otras cosas. Aquí hay una lista de la información más reciente y actualizada sobre recursos para familias. https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/2084 Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita información adicional, comuníquese con una de las Defensoras de la Familia.

Además de los recursos anteriores, queríamos destacar algunos de esos recursos que podrían ser especialmente útiles durante este tiempo.

- **North Help Line (apoyo alimentario)** Se invita a las familias a unirse a ellos para distribuir durante las vacaciones de Gracias. El horario de atención es normalmente los miércoles y sábados de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. Y los jueves por la noche de 4:30 a 6:30 p.m., sin embargo durante la semana de Gracias tendrán distribución el martes 24 de noviembre de 4:30 p.m. A 6:30 p.m.

  Ofrecerán pavos congelados a hogares de 3 o más personas. Para familias más pequeñas ofrecerán pollos enteros. También tendrán algunos alimentos tradicionales de Dia de Gracias para acompañar. No es necesario registrarse, pero NECESITA usar una cubierta bucal/máscara.

  https://www.northhelpline.org

- **Programa de intervención contra el hambre y la ciudad de Shoreline. Comida para llevar (gratis).** Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uSFZJ-Swj_xHFA2NvIAIPpENrmiFeuPk/view

- **3) Solicitudes de comidas gratuitas / reducidas**: En este momento, todas las comidas son gratuitas para todos los estudiantes hasta el final del año escolar (junio de 2021), sin embargo, todavía es importante que las familias presenten solicitudes para comidas gratis / reducidas. Estas son las razones por las cuales:

  - Los estudiantes pueden ser elegibles para otra asistencia según la aprobación del beneficio de comida.

  - También se está considerando una segunda ronda de beneficios de EBT pandémica.

  - También ayuda a la escuela :)

Así que por favor considere llenar este formulario para no tener que preocuparse por hacerlo más tarde. Aquí hay instrucciones sobre cómo llenarlo en línea:
Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund
The Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund provides a One-time direct payment of $ 1,000 (up to $ 3,000 per household). Eligibility includes: WA resident; be at least 18 years old; have been significantly affected by the pandemic (such as losing your job, being infected with the virus, or caring for a family member who was infected); You are not eligible for federal stimulus dollars or unemployment insurance money due to your immigration status. Application and required documentation. For assistance, email https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org or call 1-844-724-3737 (Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 9 PM). Deadline to apply is December 6, 2020

El Fondo de Ayuda para Inmigrantes COVID-19 de Washington proporciona un pago directo único de $ 1,000 (hasta $ 3,000 por hogar). La elegibilidad incluye: residente de WA; tener al menos 18 años; ha sido afectado significativamente por la pandemia (como perder su trabajo, estar infectado con el virus o cuidar a un miembro de la familia que estaba infectado); No es elegible para recibir dólares de estímulo federal o dinero del seguro de desempleo debido a su estado migratorio. Aplicación y documentación requerida. Para obtener ayuda, envíe un correo electrónico a https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org o llame al 1-844-724-3737 (de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 9 p.m.). La fecha límite para postularse es el 6 de diciembre de 2020
The annual Student Information Update form is now available to be updated online, as well as the Military, Residency Verification, and Food Service Applications. This must be done for each child. Family Access letters were sent home with your log in and password information. If you did not receive, please contact the office at (206) 393-4338.
PE Equipment Lending Bin

Would your child benefit from borrowing a ball to use for PE lessons? During school hours (9-3:30pm), a bin of pre-sanitized PE equipment will be left out for students to come and borrow. Please only take items you need, use for PE lessons, and return when finished. Equipment supplies will be changed out periodically to reflect current PE lessons. If you are not able to come during school hours, or have questions, please contact Mrs. Hoover by email: allison.hoover@shorelineschools.org

Home Tech Help

Remember the school district has a Home Tech Help Page where you can find Zoom and Chrome book troubleshooting tips. You can also find a home tech support request form. We encourage you to submit any tech support needs there. Our amazing IT technicians are closely monitoring tech tickets and will respond quickly. Home Tech Support Request Form: https://www.shorelineschools.org/hometechhelp
Highly Capable Screening for 2020-2021

This school year, screening for entry into Highly Capable will look a bit different, see information on each grade-level below:

- All Kindergarten students will be screened this school year. More information about this soon.
- All first grade students will be screened using currently available assessment data. Students who meet the screening threshold will be invited for further assessment. Families of students in first grade that qualify for further assessment will be notified of this in early November.
- Students in grades 2-5 will be screened using current assessment data if their family registers using the form in the link you see below. The registration deadline is December 11 at 4:00 p.m. Students in these grades will only be screened if their family registers: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL1BHY_P8druzVBDOrMcxyBXV-6ux_wTiWp-YL9N9TnH2u4g/viewform
- Students who pass the screening step will be provided the opportunity to have further assessment to qualify for Highly Capable services. This second testing will be done remotely during the school day in January.
- There is no appeal process for the screening or second round testing.
GIFT CARD and DONATION DRIVE
November 1st – November 30th, 2020

TO DONATE:
Scan this QR code
OR go to this link:
https://tinyurl.com/DonateHB2020

If you prefer to donate actual gift cards ($25 preferred), these are needed most:
Fred Meyer, Amazon, Safeway, QFC,
Target, Amazon, Old Navy / Gap,
Walmart, Game Stop, H & M

DONATIONS AND GIFT CARDS WILL GO TOWARD HOLIDAY FOOD AND GIFT SUPPORT FOR SHORELINE STUDENTS and THEIR FAMILIES

For gift card pick-up/drop-off arrangements contact
HolidayBaskets@ShorelinePTA.org
or drop off cards at the lock box at THE WORKS at the Shoreline Center
(north side of the building) 18560 1st Ave NE