

# Echo Lake News

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## \*\*\*ECHO LAKE CALENDAR\*\*\*

### SEPTEMBER

Wed., 9/26 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**  
Fri., 9/28 Taproot Assembly, 9:30 AM  
Fri., 9/28 PTA Game Night, 6-8 PM

### OCTOBER

Tues., 10/2 PTA Meeting, 7 PM  
Wed., 10/3 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**  
Wed., 10/10 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**  
Tues., 10/9, Thurs., 10/11, Fri., 10/12-  
**Parent Teacher Conferences, 11:45 Dismissal**  
Wed., 10/17 **Early Release Day, 1:50 PM**



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent support is a key factor in successful student learning. Attending parent conferences is one way to demonstrate the importance of school and your concern about your child's learning. Conferences are an excellent opportunity for you to talk with your child's teacher about their progress and work together to create goals that help guide their learning for the year.

No one knows more about your child and no one has as much influence as you do. Your conference is a foundation for building a wonderful partnership between school and home.

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL (CONT.)

### **Steps to take before the conference:**

- Make sure you have scheduled a time.
- Ask your child how class is going.
- Write down your questions/concerns as well as your child's.

### **Start the conference right:**

- Be on time.
- Bring along questions.
- Take a notepad and a pen.

### **How to make the most of your conference:**

- Establish rapport with the teacher.
- Size up the social scene. Ask about the teacher's view of your child's friendships.
- Give the teacher relevant information about your child's home life and out-of-school interests.

### **Leave with an action plan:**

- Does the teacher have your email or is phoning a better way to stay in contact?
- Review any decisions that have been made and clarify who will be doing what.

### **What to do after the conference:**

- Pass on praise to your child, both yours and the teacher's.
- Follow up with your child on any concerns she/he expressed. Explain the action plan and who will be responsible for what. Get started on the plan.
- Contact the teacher in a few weeks to follow up on anything that was discussed in the conference and was part of the action plan. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or still need to sign up for a conference time.

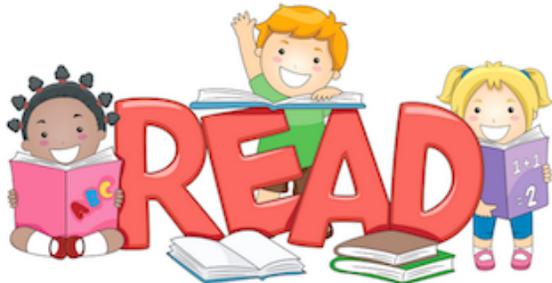
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# Parent-Teacher Conferences

## CONFERENCE WEEK SCHEDULE OCTOBER 8-12

**Mon., Oct 8**-No conferences, **3:30 Dismissal**  
**Tues., Oct 9**-Conferences, **11:45 Dismissal**  
**Wed., Oct 10**-No conferences, **1:50 Dismissal**  
**Thurs., Oct 11**-Conferences, **11:45 Dismissal**  
**Fri., Oct 12**-Conferences, **11:45 Dismissal**



## ECHO LAKE READ-A-THON "BOOKS ARE A TREASURE" **September 26-October 15**

The Echo Lake Elementary School Read-a-Thon goes from September 26th through October 15th. Enjoy reading (or being read to) and raise funds to benefit our school!! **Everybody** that participates will receive a prize, and special prizes will go to the top readers and the top fundraisers.

The classrooms that have the highest total minutes read or highest amount of funds raised will get a very special treat on prize day.

**Have fun reading!!**

## HEALTH CURRICULUM NIGHT

The Shoreline School District will be offering sexual health instruction in grades 4-12 as part of our comprehensive health education program. Included in this is the HIV/AIDS prevention in grades 5-12 that is mandated by state law.

Parents and guardians are invited to learn about the goals of this program and preview the instructional materials during the following public review:

**Date: October 16, 2018**

**Time: 6:30-7:30 PM**

**Location: Shoreline Room, Shoreline Learning Center, 18560 1st Ave NE**

You will be able to learn the program objectives, review the materials, identify resources, and ask questions. If you are unable to attend the public preview session, but want more information, please contact your child's school or teacher.

According to state law and district policy, a parent or legal guardian may excuse their child from participating in any, or all, classes related to sex education **after they have previewed the materials.** If you do not want your child to participate, you must notify the school in writing. You may complete and return the form, Student Participation in Health Education, available here <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/1349>, or write a letter requesting that your child be excluded.

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### **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM**

The National School Lunch Program is a federally funded program that assists in providing nutritionally balanced low-cost or free meals to students each day.

To qualify for the meals, **you must submit an application form (available in the main office). One form must be fully completed for each household, each school year.**

If your student received free/reduced meals last year and you want to continue receiving the meals, you must fill out a form for this school year. **A new application must be submitted and approved prior to October 10th, 2018 to avoid full-price charges on your student's account. Parents/guardians will be responsible for any accrued fees.** (Daily meal fees: Breakfast \$1.75, Lunch \$3.25)

Not sure if your household qualifies for free/reduced meals? Just submit an application and you will be notified of your eligibility.

### **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY** **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

Echo Lake's school picture day will be Thursday, October 18th. Order forms will be going home soon! Watch for them in your student's school mail.

## Join the Shoreline Special Needs PTSA!

\*Are you a student or family member with a child in the Shoreline School District with a 504 plan or IEP?

\*Are you an educator or community member who wants to support students with special needs?

\*The Shoreline Special needs PTSA covers all schools in the district through all grade levels.

Chapter and membership information at [www.shorelinespecialneedspta.org](http://www.shorelinespecialneedspta.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.

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