What’s cooking in Central Kitchen? Here’s a hint: EVERYTHING!

School safety plans, protocols and resources

Team Pronto gears up for robotics competitions

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Superintendent’s Message  Future Shoreline

With spring just around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to update you on a few changes to how our facilities will be utilized next year. We are also beginning our discussion of “Future Shoreline” and the need to plan for continued student population growth as well as implementation of Initiative 1351, the Washington Class Size Reduction Measure.

Because our elementary schools are currently at an average of 95 percent of their capacity, we have had to control enrollment this year by not accepting new students in grades K-6 who reside outside our boundaries. At the current time, I anticipate that this restriction will remain in effect for the 2016-17 school year. The District will reevaluate enrollment capacity prior to the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. At that time, siblings of current students with non-resident boundary exceptions will be given priority if space becomes available.

Even with this change in enrollment practice, there is a continued need for additional classroom space due to both growth within our District boundaries as well as our desire to have more classrooms in order to implement smaller class sizes.

As a result of those needs, this fall, Cascade K-8 Community School and its 215 students will move from its current location at Meridian Park Elementary to the Aldercrest Elementary Campus. They will share that location with our Home Education Exchange (HEE) program, which will be moving from the North City Elementary Campus. This move provides Cascade K-8 and HEE the room they need to function and grow. Over the next year, North City will be refurbished to provide additional classroom space in the District. Because of the need for that additional space, the District was unable to renew the lease of tenants at both Aldercrest and North City. Those tenants include preschools, which had been renting space from the District for many years, and provide a valuable service to our community’s youngest learners and their families. Because of difficulty the preschools have had in finding alternative spaces to rent, Shoreline Public Schools has agreed to provide rental space at the Shoreline Center for one year while they search for a new home.

This spring, committees in the District will continue to explore and develop plans for future use of facilities. I hope you will follow our website and read The Flagship for updates. By the end of June, a facilities recommendation will be made to the Board. That recommendation will set a course for our future actions, including the use of the refurbished North City Campus.

I look forward with anticipation and excitement to finding ways to meet the needs of our students and families in the near and more distant future. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to provide feedback as we look toward the future together.

Regards,

Rebecca Miner
Superintendent

Shoreline Public Schools Calendar Dates

For complete listings of District events, visit our online calendar at shoreline.tandiemical.com

March
12: Shoreline Math Olympiad at Shoreline Community College, all day
13: Daylight Savings Time
14: Support Person of the Year Reception, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Ctr.
14: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Ctr.
14-18: Support Staff Appreciation Week
28: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Ctr.
28-4: Spring Break
31: Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Spring Event breakfast and luncheon fundraiser; visit shorelinesfoundation.org to register

April
4: No School – Staff Work Day
7: Shoreline PTA Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Shoreline Ctr.
7-9: Shorewood spring play “Grease,” 7:30 p.m.
10: Shorewood spring play “Grease,” 3 p.m.
11: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Ctr.
11-15: Shoreline PTA Appreciation Week
14-16: Shorewood spring play “Grease,” 7:30 p.m.
17: Shorewood spring play “Grease,” 3 p.m.
18-22: No School – Spring Break
25-29: Administrative Professionals Week

Community input sought on potential change to school calendar

The community is invited to join us to learn about and provide input regarding a potential change to the 2016-17 school calendar being considered to support the professional development needs of our staff. The District will consider adopting early release days in lieu of no school days to provide time for professional development. The meetings (listed below) will be identical in format and participants will be invited to ask questions and share feedback at each meeting. You are welcome to choose a date/time that best fits your schedule, regardless of your affiliation with any particular school.

A Frequently Asked Questions document pertaining to this topic will be provided on the District’s website and the same survey completed at the meetings will be available online. Responses from all surveys will be included in the overall review of input prior to the development of a final recommendation that will be sent to the Board of Directors for consideration.

More information is available by calling Deputy Superintendent Marla Miller at 206.393.4366 or via email at marla.miller@shorelineschools.org.

Thank you for your interest in Shoreline Public Schools and this important exploration of a significant change to the school calendar in support of staff and student learning!

Community Forum Dates

Wednesday, March 9 – 7:00 pm at Shoreline High School Theater
*Interpretation Services Available

Wednesday, March 10 – 10:00 am at Shoreline Center Shoreline Room
*Interpretation Services Available

Wednesday, March 23 – 4:00 pm at Shorecrest High School
*Interpretation Services Available

March 23 – 7:00 pm at Shorecrest High School Theater
*Interpretation Services and Child Care Available

*Interpretation services will be available in the following languages: Spanish, Amharic, Tigrinya, Korean and Vietnamese.

Date of Shoreline STEM Festival Moved to May 14

The date for the Shoreline Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Festival has been changed from April 30 to May 14 at Shoreline Community College.

Visit: http://shorelinesstem.org for more information and registration instructions.
Did you know that most of the over 675,000 meals served throughout Shoreline Public Schools each year are cooked in the same kitchen?

Located at Hamlin Park, Central Kitchen has been preparing and delivering nutritious meals to the District’s students and staff since construction of the centralized kitchen facility was completed in 2010.

Quality control, efficiency and food safety are just a few benefits of having a centralized kitchen facility, explains Jessica Finger, director of food and nutrition services. With features such as roll-in ovens, steam jacket kettles, tilt skillets, mixers and ample cold and dry storage, Central Kitchen is able to produce meals in bulk, saving time and money.

“It’s much more efficient to make a 1500 batch of something in our large baker ovens than having small batches made at each school and cooked in small ovens,” said Finger. A registered dietitian nutritionist, Finger points out this also helps keep the nutritional value, look and taste of meals consistent from school to school. She also notes they are better able to ensure food safety by having complex meals and those involving raw meat, dairy or eggs prepared under the direction of an executive chef.

A typical day at Central Kitchen begins while most of us are still sound asleep. Central Kitchen Manager Jim Newton begins the day at 2:30 a.m., with the rest of the kitchen staff not too far behind.

Newton, a graduate of Shorewood High School who has studied at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley and Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, has previously been a kitchen manager at Boeing and executive chef at the Seattle Golf Club, University Women’s Club and Sunset Club. He joined the District in 2014, but has been familiar with the District’s food program for much longer. His mother, Linda Newton, was a kitchen manager at Shorecrest High School, before retiring in 2013 after a 25-year career with Shoreline Public Schools.

“i enjoy the challenge of operating and managing our Central Kitchen,” said Newton. As the hub for ordering, receiving, preparing and delivering breakfasts and lunches for each school in the District, there are plenty of challenges that Newton and the kitchen staff are faced with, such as ordering enough food without having any go to waste.

“We ensure that we are responsible with our purchases and preparation through constant communication with the schools’ food service staff and diligent inventory management,” said Newton. “The schools’ staff can fine tune the next day’s needs daily and inform Central Kitchen of changes to projected meal counts, allowing us to adjust what is sent out.”

While most meal items are prepared at Central Kitchen, a few are still cooked in school kitchens.

“Some foods that will not hold well are cooked on-site at each school. For example, grilled cheese sandwiches are cooked at the schools so they are crisp and appealing at lunch time,” said Finger.

What’s the most popular food served in Shoreline Public Schools? Turkey and gravy, according to Finger. “On turkey and gravy day, we make more than 1,200 servings in one batch. That’s a lot of food!”

Central Kitchen staff prepare thousands of meals each school day.
The safety of students, staff and community is a paramount concern to Shoreline Public Schools. A number of resources are in place to support a safe and respectful learning environment throughout the District, explained Chuck Goodwin, safety and emergency preparedness coordinator. “Each school has a safety plan and drills for various types of emergency situations throughout the year,” said Goodwin. All schools are required to conduct nine drills every year: three fire, three lockdown, one shelter-in-place, one safety-related and one that utilizes the Rapid Responder software program used by schools and law enforcement in response to crisis situations.

The Rapid Responder software program is another resource used by schools to prepare and respond to emergency situations. The program acts as an information hub for school and law enforcement officials to use in response to numerous types of situations, allowing access to school floor plans, utility locations, evacuation routes, incident command sites and much more.

In addition to a district-wide emergency preparedness committee that meets quarterly with local police and fire officials, each school has a committee that meets monthly to review and address safety-related concerns. “Meeting regularly in our building and district-level teams allows us to continually review and update plans to include up-to-date strategies and best practices,” said Goodwin.

One of the new nationally recommended best practices that Shoreline Public Schools will be training staff on in the coming months is the Run, Hide, Fight protocol. Jointly recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Department of Education, Department of Justice and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the protocol moves beyond the traditional lockdown model to provide comprehensive preparedness in the event of an intruder situation.

While the word “fight” is in the name of this nationally recognized and recommended emergency preparedness model, staff are given this option as a response when faced with imminent life-threatening danger. Students will not be trained or asked to subdue an intruder.

Another resource that is available community-wide is the SafeSchools Alert tip system. Anyone can submit tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any other school safety tip using text, email, phone or web. Tips may be submitted with your contact information or anonymously. Tips submitted through the system will be forwarded to school officials to be investigated. For emergencies, please dial 911.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school safety or emergency preparedness, please contact Safety and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Chuck Goodwin at chuck.goodwin@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4237.

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Report it!

SafeSchools Alert is our district’s tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

4 EASY WAYS

| http://1261.aler1.us |
| 1261@aler1.us |
| 206.317.5768 |
| Text your tips to 206.317.5768 |

REPORT TIPS ON:

• Bullying
• Intimidation
• Harassment
• Weapons
• Drugs
• Other

Shorecrest High School recently had new artwork installed in its Commons. “Wonders” by Portland artist Suzanne Lee is part of the Washington Art Commission’s Art in Public Places Program (AIPP). The Washington State Legislature established AIPP in 1974 to acquire artwork for K-12 public schools, colleges, universities, and state agencies, funded by ½ of 1 percent of the state’s portion of construction costs. Shorecrest’s “Wonders” is now one of more than 4,500 artworks the State Art Collection sits where people study, work and live.

A team representing Shorecrest, the District, and the City of Shoreline met over many months to develop artistic goals, review the work of dozens of artists, interview finalists and ultimately select Ms. Lee to create the special piece to become a part of the new school. The artistic goals articulated by the team, prior to the selection of an artist or a concept, included: draw people in, something that will stretch, something that will last, something you can look at multiple times and see different things, appeal to a broad audience of students, staff and community.

“Wonders is a metaphor for personal growth and transformation, reflecting the energy and potential of youth,” said Lee. “Like a drop of water on a still pond, our thoughts radiate out into the universe offering infinite possibilities.”

Students, staff and community members are invited to a reception to dedicate the artwork and recognize artist Suzanne Lee on Thursday, March 24 at 3 p.m. at Shorecrest High School (15343 25th Ave. NE).

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Saturday March 12, 2016
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Shoreline Public Schools recently began producing a new video series showcasing school programs and projects. Shoreline Schools Spotlight takes an inside look at some of the unique and innovative learning opportunities and enrichment activities happening across the District, explained Curtis Campbell, public information officer.

“Our schools have a lot to showcase,” said Campbell. “We plan to regularly use video to help tell our story and feature what makes our schools such a great place to learn and grow.”

The Shoreline Schools Spotlight videos can be found online at vimeo.com/shorelineschools and on Comcast Channel 26 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The first two episodes of the series feature an enrichment program at Einstein Middle School that merges literature with music and an after-school program at Kellogg Middle School supported through community collaboration.

Shoreline Public Schools is currently accepting substitute applications in the areas listed below. All interested individuals can submit an application online through the Human Resources webpage at schools.shorelineschools.org or by calling the Human Resources Department at 206.393.4772.

**Substitute Positions**
- **Teacher- Regular**: $135/day
- **Teacher- Senior**: $145/day
- **Bus Driver**: $19.73-21.70/hour
- **Children's Center- Lead**: $15.60/hour
- **Children's Center- Assistant**: $12.81/hour
- **Secretarial/Technician**: $14.52/hour
- **General Paraeducator**: $12.81/hour
- **Special Programs Paraeducator**: $13.58/hour
- **Student Supervisor**: $11.18/hour
- **Mobility Assistant**: $9.47/hour
- **Security Monitor/Behavior Technician**: $16.09/hour
- **Nurse**: $22.95/hour
- **Food Service**: $11.64/hour
- **Custodial**: $18.55/hour

Apply online at www.shorelineschools.org

*This piece of paper also conveniently folds to fit in an envelope for mailing to any alumni you may know who are doing cool things or visiting interesting places.*
Spring is in the air and so are the sounds of grinders and drills as the smell of solder wafts through the air in Wesley Proudlove’s robotics class at Shorewood High School. Shoreline’s Team Pronto is busy gearing up for their upcoming robotics competitions in March and April.

Since early January, the 59 Shorewood and Shorecrest students who make up this year’s Team Pronto have been hard at work designing and building two robots. One of the robots will be entered into multiple competitions in March and April, while the other will be used for application practice, explained Proudlove.

“We have six weeks to complete building robots for the purpose of competing in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition,” said Proudlove.

The students and staff spend hours each day after class and Saturdays to build and practice for the competitions. “They have put in thousands of hours in total build time getting ready for the craziness of competition,” said Proudlove. “It’s pretty incredible!”

Team Pronto was formed in December 2008 when four sophomores from Shorewood High School asked Proudlove to help them start a robotics team. “I have had the honor to be the team’s head mentor and advisor since that fateful day,” said Proudlove.

Team Pronto has mentors that work with the students to give them a sneak peak into what will await them in industry after high school. Mentors come from Boeing, Microsoft, University of Washington, Shoreline Community College, Department of Transportation, Shoreline Public Schools and other partners.

Team Pronto has a history of past members going on to very successful academic and professional careers. Past team members have attended or are currently attending colleges and universities all over the country and as far away as Germany. “Past members’ careers are not always based around robotics, but I am sure the skills they acquired here as members of the team have helped in their career success no matter the career they choose,” said Proudlove.

This year Team Pronto will be competing in events at Glacier Peak High School on March 12-13 and at Mount Vernon High School March 19-20. If the team is ranked in the top 64 of over 300 teams, they will then compete at the district event held in Portland, OR on April 6-9.

All FIRST Robotics Competition events are free and open to the public. The events are a mix of high-energy sport and high-level creative thinking. “The students who compete in these events are our world’s future, so please come on by one of the events and see the great things our youth are doing,” said Proudlove.
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Here are a few of the popular stories recently posted on our social media timelines

Echo Lake students go on an “Expedition”

Students at Echo Lake Elementary recently got to experience one of Google’s newest products, Google Expedition. The technology allows students to take “virtual field trips” without leaving their classroom. Students can immerse themselves in far away lands or experience what it would be like to stand on the moon by using a smartphone and Google Cardboard viewer. Learn more about the program at: https://www.google.com/edu/expeditions.

Shorecrest Technology Student Association hosts an Elementary STEM Day

The Shorecrest Technology Student Association recently held an Elementary STEM Day. The high school students led the younger students through a variety of activities related to science, technology, engineering and math. The event was a great opportunity for the high school STEM students to showcase and reinforce their own learning through teaching and for the younger students to become more familiar with STEM through hands-on activities.

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