



District receives 12 state Achievement Awards

Seven Shoreline District schools are 2014 Washington Achievement Award winners.

These recipients are the highest performing schools in the state based on three years of academic information as reported in the Washington Achievement Index.

Lake Forest Park is the only school in the state to receive an award in all five categories available to elementary schools-- Overall Excellence, High Progress, Reading Growth, Math Growth and English Language Acquisition.

"Honoring successful schools is one of the most important things we do," State Supt. Randy Dorn said. "We know schools are doing great work and are getting better at serving all students every day. These awards celebrate both achievement and growth."

Shoreline Schools were recognized as top performers in these categories:



Lake Forest Park accepts one of its five Washington Achievement Awards from State Supt. Randy Dorn.

Overall Excellence: (awarded to the top 5 percent of all Washington schools): Lake Forest Park

High Progress: Briarcrest, Cascade K-8, Lake Forest Park, Parkwood, Syre

Reading Growth: Brookside, Cascade K-8, Lake Forest Park

Math Growth: Highland Terrace, Lake Forest Park

English Language Acquisition: Lake Forest Park

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Superintendent's Message:

Planning for our District's future

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

As I complete my first year as your superintendent, I want to take this opportunity again to thank our community for the warm welcome you have given me.

Last summer, I crafted an entry plan titled "Hitting the Ground Listening and Learning" and I am grateful to the hundreds of people who contributed to the entry plan process. Our community has been generous with its time, insights and honesty.

The process involved asking four questions of individuals and groups.

► **What should I (Superintendent Miner) know about Shoreline Public Schools and the Shoreline and Lake Forest Park communities?**

► **What should be preserved in the Shoreline Public Schools?**

► **What are the key issues facing our school system which need attention?**

► **How can I be most helpful in my role as superintendent?**

Participants used index cards to provide their input on the four questions. When it came time for the analysis portion of the process, the cards were organized into groups that included staff, students and community.



Rebecca Miner

More than two dozen themes emerged from the group processes and individual interviews.

The completed entry plan document is posted on our Web site at shorelineschools.org. Together with information about growth patterns and facilities, this information will be used to shape what we are calling "Future Shoreline."

As a part of that data, Dr. Les Kendrick recently completed a new demographic study of our district to help us project enrollment for the next 15 years.

True to Kendrick's predictions in the last demographic study nine years ago, enrollment declined from 2006 to 2012 and then has increased in the past two years.

One of the most important drivers in making enrollment projections is the birth trend. The number of births has been trending up and this year's cohort for entering kindergarten is 615. The entering kindergarten class of 2018 is projected to be 657.

Similar to the last two years, Shoreline will most likely continue to grow at a slightly faster rate than the overall King County K-12 population over the next four to five years. Between 2020 and 2030 the District is expected to grow at about the same rate as the King County K-12 population. As a general rule, enrollment forecasts beyond five to six years are less reliable than those that cover a shorter period of time.

Seattle is seeing growth it hasn't seen since the early '90s. Business is booming and the unemployment rate is well below the national average. As a result, Kendrick believes our district may grow faster than predicted in his "medium" forecast.

On July 15 at 5 p.m. the School Board will hear a presentation on our facilities during a study session. The information provided in that study will help us plan for our future needs into the next decade. The public is welcome to attend.

Throughout the summer, the District will have a presence at a number of events. I look forward to attending the Shoreline Farmer's Market on July 25, Celebrate Shoreline on Aug. 15 and the Lake Forest Park Farmer's Market on Aug. 30. I hope you will stop by to say hello.

Have a wonderful summer,



Shoreline Classic Car Show July 19



The 6th Annual Shoreline Classic Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19 at Meridian Park School. This is a Seafair-sanctioned event produced by Meridian Park PTSA and the Greenwood Knights Car Club. The show will be hosted by Lance Lambert and features Blackjack Kerouac opening for legendary Seattle rock band Jr. Cadillac. Admission is free.

Both high schools honored in national rankings

Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools have been recognized for student achievement in two recent national rankings.

Shorecrest has been awarded a silver medal for the fourth consecutive year in U.S. News and World Report's 2015 ranking of the Best High Schools. U.S. News awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals to the top-performing schools in the nation.

Shorecrest is ranked 14th in Washington by U.S. News out of 458 high schools in the state, and 739th in America out of more than 29,000 high schools. Last year Shorecrest ranked 19th in the state.



Shorewood is ranked 25th in the state in the 2015 rankings of America's Most Challenging High Schools by The Washington Post.

Both rankings heavily weight school performance in AP (Advance Placement) courses. Shoreline Schools offers 19 AP courses to students this year.

America's Most Challenging High Schools ranks schools through an index formula that's a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates.

To create the 2015 Best High Schools rankings, U.S. News worked with RTI International, a North Carolina-based research firm. High schools were evaluated in three stages.

First, U.S. News looked at overall student performance on state-required tests. Then it factored in how effectively schools educated their low-income and minority students. Finally, schools were assessed on how well they prepared students for college.

High schools that made it through this analysis were then eligible to be ranked nationally, in terms of college readiness. U.S. News determines the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work by analyzing student success in Advanced Placement (AP) which includes college-level courses.

For more information, visit usnews.com/education/best-high-schools and apps.washingtonpost.com/local/highschoolchallenge.

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Shoreline Scholars offers full-tuition scholarships

Shoreline Scholars, the two-year, full-tuition scholarship program at Shoreline Community College, is underway.

The Shoreline Scholars program for 2015 is for residents of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park who will be graduating from high school this spring. Home schooled students are also eligible to apply.

Shoreline Scholars will receive up to a full tuition scholarship for two years in any field of study, including university transfer or professional/technical programs.

Shoreline Community College President Cheryl Roberts said the Shoreline Scholars program is designed to meet the needs of the community.



"We know that there are many students in our district who are studying hard and getting good grades, but, for a variety of reasons wouldn't otherwise be able to attend college," Roberts said. "The Shoreline Scholars program is designed to come alongside those students to provide them with the confidence they need, and the college and community are there to help them

achieve their educational goals."

The college is using existing financial-aid capabilities to provide 50 scholarships. The Shoreline Community College Foundation is funding another five scholarships. Harley O'Neil, a Shoreline resident and owner of Spin Alley who also serves on the foundation board, is personally funding one more scholarship.

Scholarship applications will be accepted until they are all pledged to incoming students.

"We're already planning for next year," Roberts said. "We are committed to helping students achieve their dreams through the Shoreline Scholars program."

Spring teams excel in state events

Shorecrest and Shorewood student athletes capped off a very successful spring sports season with outstanding performances in state tournaments.

- ▶ Shorecrest girls first in 2A state track
- ▶ Four state 2A titles for Shorecrest junior Wurrie Njadoe (100 and 200 meters, long jump and high jump)
- ▶ Katherine Taylor of Shorecrest first in state 2A javelin
- ▶ Shorecrest boys first in 2A state tennis
- ▶ Nick North and Daniel Wacker of Shorecrest win state 2A title in boys doubles
- ▶ Shorecrest first in state 1A/2A Hip Hop
- ▶ Shorewood second in 3A state baseball
- ▶ Shorewood second in WIAA 3A Scholastic Cup combining year-long athletic and academic performance
- ▶ Shorecrest third in 2A state boys soccer
- ▶ Shorewood boys 5th in 3A state boys track



The Shorecrest High School girls track team won the state 2A championship in Tacoma.



From left, Shoreline Holiday Baskets team members Mary Mehlert, Jenny Farnam, Margie Jorgensen and City of Shoreline Community Services Manager Rob Beem.

Holiday Baskets team honored for community service

The Shoreline Holiday Baskets team received a Community Recognition Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators at its annual luncheon held at Emerald Downs. Each year the Shoreline School District nominates a community group or individual to receive this recognition.

A tradition for 30 years, the Holiday Baskets team of 150 community volunteers served more than 500 Shoreline School District families in 2014, providing needed food, toys and teen gifts support during the holiday season. The Shoreline PTA Council, along with community partners from the Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, Shoreline Rotary, the City of Shoreline, and Dale Turner Family YMCA, collected food, toys



and teen gifts for distribution at a community-wide event Dec. 12 at Kellogg Middle School.

Each school in the District was assigned a food item for collection and brought their donations to the site on the Friday afternoon before Winter Break.

Volunteers sorted the items into boxes for distribution to families the next day. Families were able to shop the toy and teen gift rooms as well. The Holiday Baskets team has established a community effort that truly reflects the message that giving begins with our own.



Register now for Back to School event; donations of supplies needed

Registration is now open for the annual Shoreline Back to School event which provides school supplies, hair cuts, and clothing assistance to Shoreline School District families with low incomes and/or circumstances that make it challenging to adequately prepare their children for school.

The event will be held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 at the North City building, 816 N.E. 190th, Shoreline.

Donations of backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, socks and underwear are needed. Look for donation boxes throughout Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.

Financial donations are also welcome and can be sent to the Center for Human Services, 17018 15th Ave. N.E., Shoreline, WA 98155.

To register, volunteer or view a list of needed items, visit the Web site: www.btsconsortium.org or call the information line at 206-393-4916. Registration closes Aug. 21.

In 2014, more than 1,000 students received needed school supplies and clothing at the Back to School event.

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Einstein student wins national PTA Reflections award for photography

Athena Pentcholov, an eighth grader at Einstein Middle School, has been awarded a National PTA Reflections Award of Excellence for Photography for an inspiring series of photographs showing herself during stages of treatment for cancer and subsequent recovery.

The theme of the 2014-2015 National PTA Reflections Arts Program was "The World Would Be a Better Place If..."

Athena titled her photographs, "The World Would Be a Better Place If There Was A Cure."

She was diagnosed with cancer as a student at Meridian Park, underwent intensive treatment, including a bone marrow transplant, and is doing well.

Athena's work has now been honored at the school, district, state and national levels. The



Athena Pentcholov's photo collage of herself going through cancer treatment.

national winners will have their art displayed on the National PTA Web site and at the U.S. Department of Education beginning in January.

Annually, thousands of students will reflect on a common theme and create original works of art in the categories of dance

choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

Experts in the visual, literary and performing arts review national PTA Reflections submissions. The theme for the 2015-16 school year is "Let Your Imagination Fly."

Shorecrest senior honored at state art show

Shorecrest High School senior Laura Mentele was honored at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) 42nd annual Superintendent's High School Art Show in Olympia.

The show, co-sponsored by OSPI and the Washington Art Education Association (WAEA), celebrated the high school artists whose work was selected for statewide competition as regional winners in their Educational Service District (ESD) shows across the state this spring.

Mentele received the WAEA Tribute Award for her artwork

"Pushing It All Away."

"The piece symbolizes thoughts and feelings--that's what is written on the skin," Mentele said. "It's about pushing away thoughts and feelings I don't want and becoming better and stronger."

Laura plans to study art at Central Washington University.

Her teacher at Shorecrest is Laura King.



Laura Mentele's "Pushing It All Away" won a statewide high school arts award.

Teacher of the Year: Faye Rasmussen

Faye Rasmussen, special education teacher at Parkwood Elementary, has been selected as the 2015 Shoreline School District Teacher of the Year.

Faye has worked in the District for 32 years, all but three at Parkwood, where she teaches students in grades 2 to 4 with moderate to severe disabilities.

Parkwood's "blending" program is considered a model for progressive, anti-bias, inclusive education. Faye's self-contained students spend a portion of every day with their general education peers, building friendships, knowledge, community and shared visions for the future.

"The collective culture of our school is one of acceptance and inclusion, and Faye's blending work serves as its foundation," said Parkwood Principal Ann Torres. "She is truly exceptional in every way."



Faye Rasmussen

"Faye's students might communicate verbally, non-verbally, in a language other than English, or all of the above," her nomination read in part. "They

may walk with their legs or travel in wheelchairs, be compliant or regularly exhibit 'unexpected behaviors.' It doesn't matter to Faye. Her students are her heart, and she works to truly challenge every student to achieve their highest potential. She expects greatness from her students, and they deliver."

Faye was raised in Shoreline and graduated from Shoreline High School, Shoreline Community College and Seattle Pacific University.

She received a professional development grant from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and becomes the District's nominee for Washington Teacher of the Year.

The Shoreline Schools Teacher of the Year is selected by a committee of teachers, administrators and parents from nominations received from throughout the District.

Support Person of the Year: Gary Eneberg

Gary Eneberg, nurse at Briarcrest Elementary School, has been selected as the 2015 Shoreline Schools Support Person of the Year.

"He is gifted in his position and meticulous in his work," his nomination read in part. "Each day he cares for our students who get bumped and bruised, are feeling sick, requiring medications, or needing some emotional support. Gary carefully tracks the immunization status of 480 students. He also gives back to the nursing profession by hosting nursing students throughout the year."

Gary has been the nurse at Briarcrest since 1996. Shoreline is believed to be the only district in the state with full-time nurses during the student day.

Each year he spends a week at 6th grade camp, teaches anti-bullying lessons in classrooms and teams with the school's family advocate.

"For many students and families, Nurse Gary is a true touchstone in the school. He is always there with a smile, kind word and dry socks for a child who steps in too big of a puddle.



Third from left, 2015 Support Person of the Year Gary Eneberg with the members of the Shoreline School Board.

Gary helps families feel at ease when there is a medical concern and his compassion provides a true sense of care. Gary sees the best in everyone that he interacts with, and is an excellent representative of the school and District."

The Support Person of the Year award has been made annually since 1998. The recipient also receives a professional development grant from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation.

2015-16 District calendar finalized

The 2015-16 Shoreline Schools calendar has been approved by the School Board and the Shoreline Education Association.

Here are the key dates:

Sept. 9: First Day of School
Nov. 11: Veterans Day
Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Winter Break
Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 15: Presidents Day
Feb. 16-19: Mid-Winter Break
April 18-22: Spring Break
May 30: Memorial Day
June 24: Scheduled last day of school

The District wall calendar will be mailed to families in August and available to the community at Celebrate Shoreline and at Shoreline Center.

Join us for summer at the Shoreline Children's Center



Registration for summer programs at the Shoreline Children's Center is still available. We have a fun-filled recreational program planned with weekly themes continuing through Sept. 3. For information call 206-393-4256 or visit schools.shorelineschools.org/childrenscenter.

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Shoreline Schools Calendar

For complete listings of District events, subscribe to the online Tandem calendar at shoreline.tandemcal.com

JULY 2015

- 2-3 • District offices at Shoreline Center closed
- 6 • Elementary, Secondary Summer School begins
- 15 • School Board meeting, 5 p.m., Shoreline Center
- 19 • Shoreline Classic Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Meridian Park School
- 25 • See us at the Shoreline Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AUGUST 2015

- 4 • Primary Election Day, please remember to vote
- 15 • Celebrate Shoreline Festival at Cromwell Park: Get your 2015-16 wall calendar at the Shoreline Schools booth, 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- 21 • Registration deadline for Back to School event
- 24 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
- 29 • Back to School event, 12:30 to 4 p.m., North City Learning Center
- 30 • See us at the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 9 • First Day of School for 2015-16