



# Meridian Park Messenger

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## Principal Message from Amy:

Hello to our Meridian Park families,

Everyday, I am in awe of the accomplishments that our students have made during this school year. Our Meridian Park students are fantastic and they show off how wonderful MP is because of their hard work both in the classroom and through their participation in extra-curricular events.

Here are a few highlights of some of our student accomplishments over the past month or so (there are so many more!):

- One of our 5th graders won a national essay contest on Civil Rights through our online Kidbiz 3000 curriculum.
- One of our 2nd graders won a State PTSA Reflections "Award of Excellence" for his photography entry. (a great accomplishment - only 1,700 entries made it to the next level out of 17,000 entries!)
- Our Math Olympiad and Chess Club participants have soared to new heights earning championships and winning tournaments/ competitions all over! There are too many to name individually!
- Our 4th – 6th graders have worked so hard on creating beautiful pieces of artwork with our community art docents.

I am so proud of all of our students and the wonderful gifts they bring to our school. They amaze me each day.

We have a busy month ahead of us at Meridian Park with lots going on...

- **April 15-May 1:** WASL Testing for 3rd – 6th graders
- **April 17:** MP PTSA Founders Day Celebration (evening)
- **May 3:** "Embrace Shoreline Schools" – community volunteering all around Shoreline Schools (9-12pm)
- **May 6th and 8th:** Kindergarten tours
- **May 9th:** Highly Capable Program tours
- **May 15th:** MP Arts Festival (evening)
- **May 16th:** Peter and the Wolf Assembly: 9:25am – K-3 grade & 10:15: 4-6th grade
- **May 19th:** Band/Orchestra Concert (evening)
- **May 22nd:** Tentative meeting at MP with Superintendent, Sue Walker
- **June 18th:** Moving on ceremony for 6th graders: 9:30 - 11:00am (for our 6th graders)

**Tamyra Clark-Hoogstrate** is the 5th grade winner of the KidBiz3000 Civil Rights Essay Contest. In this contest, students were asked to pick a leader of the civil rights movement. They were asked to describe why this person was important. They were also asked to include what he or she did to make their lives better. Tamyra received a MP3 player as a reward for her wonderful entry. KidBiz3000 is a program through Achieve 3000 The Power of One. ([www.achieve3000.com](http://www.achieve3000.com))



## Yearbooks are now on sale!

Yearbooks are \$4 if purchased by March 28th. After that the price will be \$16. If you do not have one of the order forms that were sent home, please just put the student's name, grade, and teacher or homeroom number on a piece of paper and send with payment to the Meridian Park Office. Please send check or correct cash amount because we are unable to make change in the office. Checks should be written to the Meridian Park PTSA.

## The MP Community Service Club is selling Belts!

Starting March 25th. Every Tuesday Morning from 8:45-9:10 in the Library entryway right outside the school office.

Priced from \$12 - \$30

Each belt is hand-crafted by a member of the MP Community Service Club.

All profits will be donated to Children's Charities.

# WASL

April 14 – May 2 Grades 3-6  
Please limit out-of-school time during this important three week period.

Here is a new district WASL resource page to please share with teachers and parents:  
<http://learn.shorelineschools.org/spec/wasl/index.php>

A complete WASL schedule on back.

## Speak Out About Out of School Programs Available

Parents are invited to speak out about out of school programs available for your children. Shoreline/LFP parents please join a one time focus group and voice your opinions about what activities are available for your 5-18 year-old children when they are not in school.

Help educate our community and legislators about your family's needs. Sponsored by the City of Shoreline with funding from Schools Out Washington. Refreshments and a gift card for participants.

To sign up for a focus group contact Beth Green 206-579-2626 or [brosegreen@yahoo.com](mailto:brosegreen@yahoo.com).



Girl Scout Troop #2682 is hosting a "Locks of Love" event on Tuesday, June 3rd at Shorecrest High School from 4pm to 6pm in the cafeteria. Micaela Brooksbank, Cadette, is running the project and hoping to get 100 donations of hair. Hair should be 10 inches or longer. So start the summer with a new cute hair cut and help children with cancer receive hair pieces during their treatment. For more information on how you can help or get involved call or email Troop Leader: Amanda Horman 206.362.2217 or [turtlefamily4@hotmail.com](mailto:turtlefamily4@hotmail.com)

## Shorelake Soccer Club

Shorelake Soccer Club will be hosting our annual Open House on April 16 from 7pm to 9pm in Shoreline room at Shoreline Community Center, 18560 1st Ave N.E. Register for 2008 season at [www.shorelake.org](http://www.shorelake.org) From April 1st to June 1st at current fees. After June 1, fees will increase. Returning players must register by June 1 to be placed on last year's team. U5 thru U9 \$60.00 U10 thru U19 \$85.00

## Shoreline Math Olympiad Results

Shoreline Math Olympiad is a math competition open to all Shoreline students (public, private or home-schooled) in 4th-8th grades. This year, over 500 Shoreline students participated! Students compete individually on two three-question mental math tests and on two fifteen-question tests. They compete in teams of three or four on two seven-question tests. We sent 46 students to the competition on Saturday, March 8, and as you can see, they represented Meridian Park very well! We are so proud of all of you!

### 4th grade

First place: Kyle Gugger;  
 Fourth place: Nic Krasnoselsky and Christina Li;  
 Fifth place: Stephan Huchala and Connor Goldstick;  
 Sixth place: Wing-Yee Law and Sara Tieu;  
 Eighth place: Sarah Cornell-Maier, Jon Timbrook and Jamie Walker;  
 Ninth place: Emily Pacunski, Riley Teeters, Jacob Delaney, Henry Krider, Caleb Ren;  
 Tenth place: Nick Ositis and Timothy Goei.

### 5th grade

First place: Dylan Austin;  
 Fourth place: Nick Orlov;  
 Fifth place: Steffan Torgersen;  
 Sixth place: Josh Hickman;  
 Seventh place: Jessica Yuen;  
 Tenth place: David Yao;  
 Eleventh place: Teddy Timbrook and Josh Tarun.

### 6th grade

Second place: Wing-Sum Law and Spencer Froelick;  
 Fourth place: Ali Jackson, Bethany Li, and Olivia Humes;  
 Sixth place: Tommy Nelson, Mariah Edidin, and Zachary Mandelblatt;  
 Eighth place: John Ehni and Jeffrey Li;  
 Eleventh place: Maedot Yidenk.

### Team Competition results

#### 4th grade

Second place: Jacob Delaney, Henry Krider, Christina Li and Jon Timbrook;  
 Third place: Connor Goldstick, Sara Tieu and Jamie Walker;  
 Fourth place: Stephan Huchala, Wing-Yee Law, Caleb Ren and Daniel Wang;  
 Sixth place: Kyle Gugger, Nick Ositis and Emily Pacunski;  
 Seventh place: Sarah Cornell-Maier, Jafar Daniel, Shaina Flaherty and Nic Krasnoselsky;

#### 5th grade

First place: Dylan Austin, Nick Orlov, Steffan Torgersen and Jessica Yuen.  
 Fifth place: Zana Hertica, Josh Hickman, David Kao and Teddy Timbrook.

#### 6th grade:

First place: John Ehni, Spencer Froelick, Olivia Humes and Tommy Nelson;  
 Third place: Mariah Edidin, Jeffrey Li, Zach Mandelblatt and Maedot Yidenk;  
 Third place: Ali Jackson, Wing-Sum Law and Bethany Li.

## Dale Turner Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day

Join us on Saturday, April 12th, for Dale Turner Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day from 10am-2pm! The event will be held at Echo Lake Elementary (19345 Wallingford Ave. N). There will be demonstrations, games, make and take art, an inflatable obstacle course, a chance to win a free Dale Turner Family YMCA Family membership, and much more! It is a free community event that focuses on building healthy kids and communities. For more information please call the Shoreline /South County Family YMCA at (206)364-1700.



WASL	Tues. April 15	Wed. April 16	Thurs. April 17
9:30-12:30	Grade 3 Reading 1	Grade 3 Math 1	Grade 3 Reading 2
9:30-11:30	Grade 4 Reading 1	Grade 4 Writing 1 9:30-12:20 and 1:30-3:30	Grade 4 Reading 2
9:30-11:30	Grade 5 Math 1	Grade 5 Reading 1	Grade 5 Science 1
9:30-11:30	Grade 6 Reading 1	Grade 6 Reading 2	

WASL	Tues. April 22	Wed. April 23	Thurs. April 24
9:30-12:30	Grade 3 Math 2		Grade 3 Math 3
9:30-11:30	Grade 4 Math 1	Grade 4 Writing 2 9:30-12:20 and 1:30-3:30	Grade 4 Math 2
9:30-11:30	Grade 5 Reading 2	Grade 5 Science 2	Grade 5 Math 2

WASL	Tues. April 29	Wed. April 30	Thurs. May 1
9:30-11:30	Grade 4 Math 3		
9:30-11:30	Grade 5 Science 3		Grade 5 Math 3
9:30-11:30		Grade 6 Math 1	Grade 6 Math 2

## Shoreline Regional Chess Tournament

State Qualifier: Kindergarten – 8th grade

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Sponsored by Maplewood PCEP Chess Club

Location:

First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, 18354 Eighth Avenue NW, Shoreline, WA 98177-3546

Sections: G/25 (maximum one hour for each game) Six sections: Kindergarten, 1-3 (U900), 1-3 (Open) 4-6 (U900), 4-6 (Open), and 7-8 (Open).

Format:

Five round Swiss System, NWSRS Rated. Tournament will be computer paired, and all ties will be broken by computer administered tie-break systems.

Entry Info:

\$17 + \$1.75 (online convenience fee). No refunds. Pre-registration required – no on-site entries. Register at [www.chess4life.com](http://www.chess4life.com)

