



Meridian Park Messenger

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A message from Principal Jessee

Happy new year to all of you!

I hope that your winter break was peaceful and relaxing. Things are already in full swing around Meridian Park. Staff members are busy planning lots of new endeavors and educational experiences for our students here. For example, many of our teachers have been busy writing grants to the Shoreline Foundation and our MP PTSA so that these new projects can begin. Here is a highlight of the many new things happening around here thanks to these grants:

- Numerous art docents will be in our K-6 classroom leading various art projects with our students
- We will have a student/family activity called "Bilingual Books and Breakfast" in our library for the families of our English Language learners
- We are planning for a "Youth Awareness Disability Assembly" in February that will raise student awareness around our similarities and differences
- We will be doing improvements around MP to make our school more family friendly, including improving our lobby space and signage
- We are purchasing more literature for our pre-k through 6th grade classrooms (and library!) to enhance our science & social studies curriculum and chapter book collections.

Additionally, our staff members are working hard on achieving our school goals in the area of reading, math, climate and community (including emergency preparedness). We will spend more quality time together as a staff group on our non-student day on February 4th.

I look forward to continuing my journey as a first year principal and appreciate all of the parent, student and staff support I have received this past school year. We are on the right track with our school goals and are so thankful to have the opportunity to teach and serve your children. They fill our days with joy! Here's to 2008 - I know it will be a great year!

Amp Jessee
Principal

Call to Musicians: Shoreline Arts Festival

Shoreline, WA – The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council seeks performers for the 18th annual Shoreline Arts Festival to be held June 28 and 29, 2007. Performer application can be found on our website at [www.Shorelinearts.net](http://www.shorelinearts.net) <<http://www.shorelinearts.net/>> . Deadline is January 15th.

New Book!

Shore to Shore and Line to Line: A History of the Shoreline School District

The 320-page, 240-photo publication chronicles 60 years of the district's history and includes summaries of programs and activities as well as every school, past and present. This would be an excellent choice for many on your gift lists who may have attended Shoreline schools or in some way been a part of the Shoreline School District. Copies are now available in the Superintendent's Office or at the Museum for a donation of \$30 (or more if you so desire).



Shorewood Pre-K - Now Enrolling for 2nd Semester

We offer a FREE, fun and educational preschool program as part of our Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Our class is taught by an Early Childhood Educator, with several high school student teachers. Our Pre-K class is designed for 3 1/2 through 5 year olds. This class meets on Wed. and Fri. from 10:20-11:45 at Shorewood High School. For more information or registration, call or email the Preschool Coordinator, at michelle.johnston@shorelineschools.org or 206-393-6875.

School Calendar

No School on January 21st

Observance of Martin Luther King Day

Winter Band Concert January 31st

7:00 p.m. 5th & 6th grade

No School on February 4th

Staff workday

Kindergarten Registration January 28th

For 2008-09 school year

No School Mid Winter Break
February 15th – 19th



Weather alert!

With our diverse weather conditions, we will never know what the day will bring. Students will go outside during recess for the majority of the time, with few exceptions. Please dress your child with layers including a warm jacket to keep them well prepared for whatever the conditions will be.

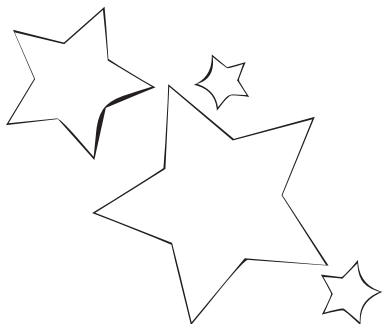


Winter Band Concert

5th & 6th grades
January 31st 7:00

Are you thinking about middle school already?

We will be hosting a parent information night for all of our parents of 5th and 6th graders!



Come enjoy a short meeting to:

- Meet the principal of Einstein middle school, Stephanie Clark
- Learn about the transition from elementary to middle school
- Ask questions about student life at middle school

**January 31st
6pm – 6:45pm**

We will hold this meeting in the library

* please join us right before the winter concert on Thursday, January 31st) the informational night will begin at 6:00 pm and end by 6:45 pm so that you can take your seats for the concert!

***students can help the band/orchestra teachers and help prepare for the concert while you are meeting from 6 – 6:45