



Meridian Park Messenger

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Principal Message from Amy:

I can't believe that it is May already! Things are going strong at Meridian Park and we are busy! Last Saturday, I participated in the "Embrace Shoreline Schools" day of volunteering and we had a great crew of folks at our school. Our front flowerbeds look beautiful thanks to the work of our wonderful volunteers. Check out the Shoreline website to see a photo of our hardworking crew!

At this time of year, our teachers are busy teaching the regular curriculum while also filling the students' days with fun and engaging activities such as art docent projects, social studies hands-on activities, science experiments, field trips and more. We also have a lot of family and student events coming up in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars. We would love to see you at any of the following events.

- May 15th - MP Arts Festival (6-8pm) – includes a vocal concert from grades 1, 2, 3 and 5 along with art, jugglers, unicycling performances and more!
- May 16th - Peter and the Wolf Performance/ Assembly (9:25am and 10:15am)
- May 19th - Band/Orchestra Concert which includes a vocal music performance from 4th grade
- May 22 - Conversations with Sue Walker – 7pm (MP and RNCS)
- June 2nd and 3rd – Bike Rodeo from 9am-3pm at MP (for our district-wide special education students. Please note: the back parking lot will be closed to all traffic)
- June 6th – Field Day (1:30pm – 3:30pm)
- June 18th – 6th grade Moving on ceremony: 9:30 - 11:00am (in the cafeteria)

As the year winds down, I am working hard to finalize plans for teacher placements so we will have a sense of which teachers will be working at each grade level. Currently, in the general education K-6 program, we are able to staff for one all day Kindergarten, one morning Kindergarten, two first grades, three second grades, two third grades, two fourth grades, two fifth grades and two sixth grades. For district programs, we are tentatively staffing for five Highly Capable classrooms (2nd-5th) and two developmental Kindergarten classrooms. Stay tuned as I will know more in the next few weeks.

Enjoy this spring and the busy events going on at this time of year. I appreciate all of you so very much. I also want to say a big thank you to our wonderful, hardworking staff. We are so lucky to have such a talented group of educators here at Meridian Park.

Amy Jessee

FREE GENTLY USED SHOES (while supply lasts)

Children's and Adult's May 21, 2008

6:30-8:30 pm

Shoreline Center- Richmond Room



Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers that cleaned up the school grounds. They battled blackberries and pulled weeds. They hosed off the blacktop in the back where mud had seeped out onto it. The group was headed up by David Drummond and Bob Pacunski. They did an outstanding job and the effort is so very much appreciated.

Sports Physicals

The whole subject of sports physicals can be very confusing when you need them, how long they last and even what form to take to your doctor.

I will attempt to clarify these questions but if at the end you are still confused – call me and I'll be glad to answer your questions (For more information call 206-368 4730 ex# 2 for the nurse).

As students initially enter secondary schools, (middle and high school) sports physicals (officially known as "Secondary Student Health Report") are required to be able to try out and play in a sport after school. It is recommended that this doctor appointment be scheduled sometime after June 1 of the current year. The sports physical is good for 24 months based on the date of the actual physical exam by the health care practitioner. This completed Secondary Student Health Report" is required for entry into seventh and ninth grades in the Shoreline School District if the student is going to participate in after school sports. The left side of the form is completed by the parent/guardian and the right side is completed by your health care provider.

The entire sports form packet includes The "Secondary Student Health Report," Student Athletic Emergency Information (on half page yellow form), Parental Permission and Request for Waiver of Accident Plan Coverage (an orange form), and Middle School Athletic Training and Conduct Code forms. Fall sports usually start the first week of school so it is imperative that these forms be turned in that week if your student wishes to participate. Form packets can be picked up at anytime in the office at Einstein Middle School.

Joni Wishaar, RN, BSN MBA

All Day Kindergarten Openings

We have openings for all-day kindergarten at three sites in Shoreline: Lake Forest Park, Briarcrest, and Syre. Families should contact Cathy Allred (206) 361-4211 if they are interested.

Shoreline Arts Festival 2008

Call for Junior Artists

Visit our website at www.shorelinearts.net for an application, deadlines or additional information or call the Arts Council at (206) 417-4645.

Bike Rodeo on June 2nd and 3rd.

Rodeo will be held in back parking lot. Back lot will be closed to traffic all day.

SHHH, please!

Due to the shortage of space at Meridian Park, we often hold trainings in classrooms and the library. Please be respectful of the noise level when picking up students from after school activities. Thank you so much!

Students: Please remember – no “hanging out” in the classroom wing or inside hallways before school. Also, no “hanging out” in the hallways during recess! We have students learning all around the school and need to respect our quiet learning environment.



Walkathon

May 30th from 1:45pm - 3:10 pm

Calling all parent volunteers!

Show your support for our MP Student Council.

Math Assessment for 6th Grade Students Interested in Beginning High School Math in 7th Grade.

If your child is interested in skipping middle school math courses and beginning the high school math curriculum as a 7th grader, the Shoreline School District will be offering a math test on Tuesday May 20th at 4:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Center. This test is required for any student who wishes to skip two years of math and take Integrated I math class as a 7th grader. For more information or to register your child for this test, please call Nina Potter at 368-4774.

May Day Dash

5K run, Saturday May 10th. Run starts at 9:30 am. Come to Shorewood early for registration.

To sign up send an email to MayDayDash@Gmail.com or call Kristen at 206 962 1141

This is the first annual fundraiser community run for Shorewood ASB. The race is 5K (about 3.1 miles) and begins a 9:30 am. Day of race registration and checking in to pick up T-shirts begins at 8:45 am on the Shorewood field. Noah's Bagels, QFC bananas, Emerald City Smoothies and water have been donated for runners after the race.

Check MP website for registration form and T-shirt prices.

NORTHWEST GIRLCHOIR IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW SINGERS!

AGE 4 - GRADE 2: No audition required! GRADES 3 - 11: Auditions by Appointment Friday, June 6th and Saturday June 7th For more information, or to schedule an audition: Call - 206.985.3972, E-mail - info@northwestgirlchoir.org Or visit our website - www.northwestgirlchoir.org. *Sing classical, contemporary, and world music! *Perform in main-stage concerts throughout the community! *Participate in Choral Festivals all over North America and travel internationally on Concert Tours in advanced choirs! *Achieve musical literacy within a positive environment! NORTHWEST GIRLCHOIR Sand Point Education Center 6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle 98115

The Northwest Boychoir Auditions

NW Boychoir will hold open auditions for boys 6 to 9 years old on Saturday, May 31 at the University Heights Community Center in Seattle. No previous music training is necessary. Financial aid is available. Auditions are casual and fun. Classes begin in September. To make an audition appointment, call 206-524-3234. To learn more about the Northwest Boychoir, visit www.nwchoirs.org

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Presents:

AUGUST ARTS CAMP 2008

August 11-15

Shoreline, WA - August Arts Camp is back the week of August 11-15 at Meridian Park School. Sponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, August Arts Camp is a week-long camp where students explore several areas of the arts - visual arts, dance, drama, and music-with accomplished artist-educators. Students choose a main area of interest for emphasis (core class) where they spend three exciting hours each day. They also choose two other areas as elective classes for the rest of their day.

August Arts Camp is open to students who have completed third through sixth grade and have an interest in learning more about the arts. Class size is limited to 12 and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served space available basis. Cost is \$200 and the registration deadline is when filled. Registration forms are on the web: www.shorelinearts.net <<http://www.shorelinearts.net/>> , at Shoreline District schools, or in our office in the Shoreline Center.

Class selections this year are:

Dance with Gary Reed

Come explore the creative and expressive art of dance and movement. Seattle professional dancer and choreographer Gary Reed will lead students through the basic elements of dance and help them learn to create their own dances. Come prepared to move, feel, think, and share!

Steel Drums with Bob Phillips

A professional Latin/jazz trombonist and band and steel drum teacher at Shorewood H.S., Bob will instruct young musicians in the lively art of playing steel drums. Students in his core class must have prior instrumental experience equivalent to one year's group lessons. No prior experience is required for the elective choice.

Theater Arts with Rachel Street

Summer high school drama teacher Rachel Street will use improv-based methods featuring actor's exercises and fairy tales to create a special performance. Students will learn artistic tools to reveal their characters and dramatically ignite them on stage. Creative thinking is a must!

Visual Arts with Marsha Lippert

In this Sight Drawing / Painting Mixed Media class, students will learn to sight draw the Washington State insect, fish, tree and other objects under the direction of Marsha Lippert. Marsha is a professional artist who has taught a variety of artists residencies in the greater Seattle area. Students will also learn how to create a composition and incorporate those objects in a painting using watercolor and oil pastel.

Visual Arts with Mona Fairbanks

With Mona, a professional printmaker, students will discover a variety of masters' artworks. Learn about Faith Ringgold, Maria Martin, Lee Krasner, Frida Kahlo, Piet Mondrian, Alexander Calder, Romare Bearden and Purvis Young. Students will dabble in techniques such as printmaking, painting, drawing and wire sculpture while learning a little history!

Visual Arts with Thaddeus Jurczynski

Thaddeus, an international giant puppet artist from Port Townsend, has done many residencies in schools. Core students will create fabulous giant puppet/luminary heads using reed, wire & tissue. Bodies may be added for the finished parade look. Elective classes will create colorful batiks using wax and acrylic paint.