

Cheetah Chatter

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FIELD DAY

Friday, June 13, is Field Day from 1:30 -3:00pm. The Field Day committee (Mr. Reiman, Mr. Lockwood, and Ms. Plandel) is looking for volunteers. If you can help out with field day, please contact one of them. They are also looking for very small inexpensive toys to use as prizes for "In It To Win It." If you have any lying around your house, please think about donating them.



SPIRIT DAY

Spirit Day on June 13th is COLOR Day. Wear the color assigned to your grade to show your school spirit!



Kindergarten:	Yellow
First:	Light Blue
Second:	Red
Third:	Purple
Fourth:	Stripes
Fifth:	Green
Sixth:	Dark Blue

TONI ENGLISH AWARD

The votes are in and our 2013-2014 Toni English winners are...

Kate Duthweiler and Fatimah Goudarzi!

This award recognizes students who, like Toni English, come to school excited, happy, and ready to learn. Thank you teachers for being there for your amazing students all year!

STUDENT STORE

Our last Student Store for this year will be on June 12th, during second recess by the small gym. We will be selling summer fun items, such as bubbles, fans, and sidewalk chalk!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12

2:35pm
6th Grade vs. Teachers
Volleyball Game

June 13

1:30-3:00pm Meridian Park
Playground and Field
Field Day & Spirit Day

June 16

7:00 pm Meridian Park Gym
MP/CK8 Spring Concert

June 17

7:00pm Meridian Park Library
Car Show Meeting

June 19

9:30am Meridian Park Cafeteria
Moving On Ceremony

June 20

Last day of school!
End of Year Assembly
11:50am Early Dismissal

July 20

5th Annual Shoreline Classic Car
Show (MP PTSA fundraiser)

August 28

5:00-5:30pm
Meet the Teacher

August 28

5:30-7:00pm
Free Hot Dog Dinner at the Back
to School BBQ

September 3

First day of school!
9:00 - 9:30am front Patio
Free coffee & treats

Principal's Letter

Dear Families,

Thank you for a fantastic year. Because of our amazing staff, students, parent partnership, Meridian Park Cheetahs are learning and growing.

You're invited to our Back to School BBQ in the fall sponsored by PTA. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, August 28 and join your neighbors for a community BBQ. This will be a great event to build community and kick off the year. K-2 families are invited to meet their teacher and see their classroom at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner.

Our teacher teams are working carefully to create tentative class lists for next year. With two kids of my own, I know the anxieties involving class assignment. At MP, we are intentional about creating classes that are balanced, provide the best opportunity for student success, and are a good match for teacher, student, and family. Teachers collaborate in teams and consider many important factors, including social dynamics, learning and teaching styles, and class size.

There's also the possibility of class assignment changes after school starts. Because of enrollment changes over the summer and the first week of school, we may need to move students after school starts. The District standard is that teacher and student assignments are tentative and reassignments might be required after school has begun and actual enrollment can be verified. These changes, however, will be done as early as possible, to provide as minimal disruption as possible. We'll try to avoid changing classes around after the first day of school.

Additional classroom support will be provided, when necessary, for supporting large classes. I will work closely with staff to provide the support they need if classes exceed contractual limits. There's always the possibility of combination classes, which are great opportunities for a multi-age learning environment.

There are many people to thank for making this year special:

- Classroom teachers for the core academic and social experience each day

- Specialist teachers for enriching our lives with art, music, PE, library, and other areas
- Support staff for all you do to support the classroom experience
- Everyone who makes art special in our school
- PTSA for being our partners in your kids' education
- Parent volunteers for all your time and talents

Thanks and best wishes to retiring staff Marty Behnke and Dennis Simpson. Thank you! We have the best group of classified support staff, including Diane, Jill, Annie, Susan, Tama, Lue/Jim/Gary, and our awesome supervisors, crossing guards, and para-educators.

There are so many highlights from this year! I appreciate that even as a great school, we continue to grow and improve. Our staff cares about providing the best and most balanced experience possible for all students.

Our kids had wonderful experiences in music, PE, library, and with art. Recess was full of exercise, fresh air, and a bit of rain. As a community, we celebrated diversity, art, fitness, talent, and much more. MP is a wonderful and growing story, full of all the special experiences we provide for our students. We appreciate the support you provide in so many ways.

Congratulations to our sixth graders, Shorewood Class of 2020! Thank you for sharing your children and family with us. We are an outstanding school community because of our amazing staff and families, and it's a privilege to be your principal. Have a great summer--traveling, playing, swimming, reading, and lots of quality time together! We look forward to seeing eager & smiling faces in the fall!

~David Tadlock, Principal
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Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit: www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php.

Meridian Park News

FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear MP families,

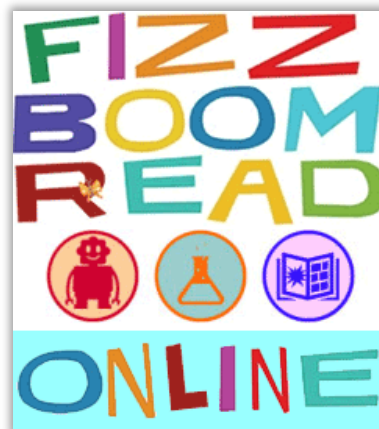
Thank you for being such strong supporters of the library throughout the 2013 - 2014 school year. Through our book fairs, we were able to raise funds that we used to purchase library books for K-6 students, support our Sasquatch and Young Readers Choice reading programs, and sponsor phenomenal guest authors Clete Barrett Smith and Eric Ode this year.

Please take advantage of great literacy programs sponsored by the King County Library System this summer. This year's theme is ***Fizz Boom Read.***

Students will listen to presentations from Shoreline children's librarian Laurie Field on Wednesday, June 18th about what's available at the Shoreline and Richmond Beach branches. You can also go online at <http://www.kcls.org/kids/summer/>.

Look on the Meridian Park homepage for links to the MP library website and lists of great books that students can read throughout the summer.

Have a great summer!



Sincerely,
Jenny Hillger, Teacher~Librarian

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Current Fifth Graders: A second reminder letter has gone home in this week's Boomerang about getting the Tdap vaccination done this summer. This is the only new immunization required for incoming sixth graders. If you have already submitted paperwork/called the nurse, please disregard. Thank you!!

If your child has prescription or over-the-counter medication(s) stored in the health office, please come by the health office on the LAST DAY of school to pick them up before summer. We will dispose of all medications not taken home by fall 2014.

Thank you for the recent donations of clothing. In the fall, donations of underwear, socks and shoes will be needed.

Thank you and have a healthy, fun summer!!

~Susan Goldman, School Nurse



Cheetah Notes

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

THANK YOU to students and parents for another fantastic year in music. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Meridian Park PTSA. Through generous support of the general and instrumental music programs, the PTSA has graciously supplied the students here at Meridian Park with music, necessary equipment, classroom instruments, and repair.

What a tremendous year we have had making music. The growth of the students is remarkable! They might not remember to thank you, but your support of school and district-wide music programs and concerts is so important, and we all appreciate you. Your enthusiastic children have advanced in skill development and music literacy through many kinds of experiences. Meridian Park is a place where students are nurtured in discovering their abilities and can explore, learn, make mistakes, try again, and do amazing things.

Through the year, students have shared their skills and love of beautiful music with their school and community. All sixth-grade students performed for the entire school at the sixth-grade winter concert and sing along in December. In March, thirty Meridian Park sixth-grade students participated in the annual West Side Vocal Festival sixth-grade honor choir. Second, third, fourth, and fifth-grade classes gave a delightful concert at the Meridian Park Arts Festival on May 29. All sixth-graders will perform at the moving up program June 19, and kindergarten and first-grade students will perform at the annual year-end assembly.

This spring, Fred Kronacher, Artistic Director of Musical Experiences Seattle, performed for sixth-grade students. Ms. Parks arranged for Meridian Park parent Shiho Kurauchi, a professional Japanese harpist, to present an excellent and informative performance for fourth-grade classes. We had a music intern during winter quarter, and numerous university students observed music classes this spring.

In closing, I encourage you all to enjoy music all summer! Sing together, play instruments, move to music, and try setting a poem or story to music. Also, take advantage of the many summer music events in the area. There are wonderful opportunities for families and children to enjoy music and the arts, and many of them are free.

Have a fun, safe summer, and I'll see you in the fall!

~Mrs. Anderson and
the Meridian Park Singing Cheetahs



PTSA President's Letter

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! Even though summer plans beckon, there are a few important dates to know about for next year:

The MP PTSA sponsors the Back-to-School BBQ on Thursday, August 28th from 5:00-7:00 pm (Meet the Teacher from 5:00-5:30 and free hot dog dinner from 5:30-7:00). If you would like to help out with this fun event, please contact Lee Lambert at Lee@washingtonstem.org.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 3rd. Stop in for free coffee and treats on the front patio of the school from 9:00-9:30 am on September 3rd and 4th.

The Board of Directors slate is almost full for next year. We are still in need of a Vice President of Programs. The VP of Programs is an elected member of the Executive Committee. Job duties include being the primary point of contact for parent organizers interested in offering enrichment activities, such as Math Club. He or she is not expected to organize or lead the classes

themselves. For more information, contact Jill Steinberg at jsteinberg@comcast.net.

We are also looking for a volunteer willing to be mentored by Tracey Poole next year with the ultimate goal of chairing the Work and Family Services for the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, we are in need of a Reflections chair for next year. Please contact me for more information about these important positions.

A final reminder about the Shoreline Classic Car Show coming up on Sunday, July 20th. There are volunteer sign-up sheets and sponsor information forms on the Car Show table in the lobby. Your volunteer help is needed to make this event a success so sign-up today! Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm in the MP library.

~Kim Ostitis
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2014 MERIDIAN PARK SHORELINE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The 2014 Meridian Park Shoreline Classic Car Show is set for Sunday July 20th at our school. It is one of our biggest fundraisers. We will have over 200 classic vehicles on hand. Live music will be supplied by Blackjack Kerouac, and Danny Vernon will be doing his "Illusion of Elvis" show. This is incredible if you are an Elvis fan. This again will be a Seafair Sanctioned Community Event and be hosted by Lance Lambert of television's "Vintage Vehicle Show."

It is still not too late to add sponsors! Please tell your friends. If you know someone who has a really "cool" car, tell them this show is not to be missed. We can always use a couple more volunteers if you feel so inclined. It truly is a fun day.

The last Car Show Volunteer Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, from 7-8 p.m. in the Meridian Park Library.

For more information contact :
Kim Ostitis mpptsapresident@gmail.com or
Martin DeGrazia mpcarshow@live.com.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who has continued to fill our little school house collection bin in the Meridian Park lobby!

Please remember to continue to save your box tops over summer break.



Resources for Families

Information on these resources is offered as a service to families—these are not always MP or MP PTSA events or workshops.

For Shoreline School District Students Needing Support



BACK TO SCHOOL

School Supplies, Hair Cuts, Clothing

The Back to School event provides school supplies, haircuts, and clothing assistance for families who are living with a low income and/or experiencing circumstances in their life that make it challenging to prepare their children for going back to school.

August 23, 2014
12:30-4pm
North City Elementary

Many Ways to Register! Starting May 19th

- Online at **www.btsconsortium.org**
- Mail in Registration Form
- Call 206-393-4916 BTS Info Line
 - Leave a message and someone will return your call to register you
- Contact the school Nurse or Family Advocate

Deadline for Registration is August 15th.

Members of the Back to School Consortium: Center for Human Services; City of Shoreline; Dale Turner Family YMCA; Hopelink; Penny's Place; Ronald United Methodist Church; Shoreline Community Care; Shoreline School District; Turning Point; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council

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Saturday, August 23, 2014 12:30-4pm

LOCATION - North City Elementary Check-In time is assigned

Eligibility Requirements:

Must be a student in the Shoreline School District for the 2014-15 school year.

OR: a student living within the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT - Please complete the following:

Mail to: BTS, 3311 NE 202nd St, Lake Forest Park, 98155-1548

Mother's Last Name

Mother's First Name

Contact Phone Number

Student's First Name	Grade Fall 2014	School Fall 2014	Boy or Girl	Shoe Size	Underwear Size

Family Letter in August - CHECK-IN TIME WILL BE ASSIGNED

Please complete the address information below. A letter will be sent out 10 days prior to the event with your assigned arrival time.

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Street

Apartment

City

Zipcode

Letter will be in English unless otherwise noted. Circle if need in: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Korean

If you have any questions regarding registration leave a message at the Back To School Information line 206-393-4916 and someone will return your call within 48 hours.

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FREE

Summer Meals and Snacks for Kids

The Summer Meals Program feeds kids and teens 18 years and under. Sites are located at places such as schools, parks and community centers.





To find the location and time of Summer Meals sites nearest you,
Call the Family Food Hotline
1-888-4-FOOD-WA
 (1-888-436-6392)
 or visit
www.ParentHelp123.org
 to find your Summer Meals sites online.

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HOOPAHOLICS SUMMER CAMPS

Former UW captain Michael Johnson is running two North End Summer Camps at Mariner and Lynnwood High School for players who are looking for more basketball and a chance to develop skills. The camp is for boys and girls 2nd grade through 8th. For more information, contact Michael at: mike23johnson@hotmail.com or www.hoopaholics.com.

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Built Strong Kids Camp! Sunday, July 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Neighborhood Block Party! Monday-Wednesday, July 21-23, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Kids Camp Fun! Children three years old through 5th grade completed. Join us for this FREE camp. Exciting stories, lively music, creative games, crafts & yummy snacks! Calvin Presbyterian Church, 18826 3rd Ave NW, Shoreline. www.calvinpc.org or 206.542.6181.

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GRATIS

Comidas de Verano y Meriendas para Niños

El programa Comidas de Verano provee alimentos para niños y menores de 18 años de edad. Sitios existen en lugares como las escuelas, parques y centros comunitarios.



Para encontrar el lugar y horario del sitio de Comidas de Verano más cercano, llame a la

Línea de Family Food
1-888-4-FOOD-WA
 (1-888-436-6392)

o visite
www.ParentHelp123.org
 para encontrar un sitio de Comidas de Verano por internet.



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DALE TURNER Y BASEBALL

Youth Baseball (Ages 3 - 8) ECHO LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Designed for younger kids, this program focuses on learning basic baseball skills such as batting, throwing, and catching. All children are encouraged to play, getting equal chances to bat, run bases, and play in the outfield. Coaches emphasize participation, skill-building, sportsmanship, teamwork, friendship, family involvement and fun!

Where: Echo Lake Elementary School

When: June 23 - August 15

First four weeks: Teams practice one hour once per week. Last four weeks: Teams play one game per week Cost: \$65 FM / \$75 PM. Contact Kari Schmauch, Youth Development Director, at 206-569-7023 / kschmauch@seattleyymca.org

OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us for the Freedom Celebration, hosted at Open Door Baptist Church on Sunday, June 29th. The celebration begins in the auditorium at 11 a.m.; BBQ and outdoor games begin in the parking lot at 12:00 pm. BBQ, games, and festivities are FREE to all. Bring the whole family to this star-spangled celebration! Call 425-743-4922 for more information.

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HILLWOOD SOCCER CLUB

Hillwood Soccer Club is gearing up for the fall soccer season! The Hillwood Soccer Club is a non-profit, volunteer recreational soccer club. We encourage children 5 to 18 to come and join the fun! The website will be available for open registration May 7th through mid-July. Please visit our website at www.hillwoodsoccer.com, or you can call for more information, 206-542-3353. We rely strongly on our volunteers to make this a really positive experience for the kids! Our volunteers are the parents, grandparents, siblings and family friends, whom give of their time. With that said we are always looking for volunteers to be coaches, asst. coaches and team managers. This is a great opportunity for high school students looking to fulfill community service! If you are interested in making some extra money, you can also become a referee through Hillwood Soccer. Visit Hillwood Soccer's website for more information on the referee clinics. Hillwood Soccer Club, come join the fun!!!

CHILDFIND SCREENING

Childfind provides an opportunity for children 3 to 5 years old, who reside in the Shoreline School District, to be screened, free of charge, in order to rule out or identify school related development concerns. Vision, hearing, motor coordination, language and learning skills will be screened. If areas of weakness are identified, parent feedback will provide information about possible next steps or opportunities.

THIS SCREENING DOES NOT INDICATE READINESS FOR KINDERGARTEN.

This screening is available from September through mid-June at Meridian Park School, 17077 Meridian Ave. N. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 206-393-4250.

MERIDIAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Meridian Park Neighborhood Association holds regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Wallcott's Decor and More (Gateway Plaza), from 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Our next meeting is June 18. Please feel free to join us!

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