



# Cheetah Chatter

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## Iditarod Visitor

Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Smolen's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes recently followed the 2013 Iditarod dog-sled race across 1,000 miles of Alaska as part of a literacy unit where they read winter-themed novels. On May 6, Jan Steves, a local Iditarod musher from Edmonds, visited the classrooms to share her experiences on the Iditarod Trail.



She brought one of her sled dogs named Birdie and her mushing equipment to share with students.

She also showed a slide show of her racing experiences. Students in both classes enjoyed learning even more about the race and being inspired by her stories of caring for the dog-sled team, surviving extreme cold, animals along the trail (like a moose who came way too close) and the wonderful mushers and friends she met in Alaska. Students were inspired by Steves to work hard to pursue future dreams!

## Meridian Park Arts Festival

See you all at the Meridian Park Arts Festival Vocal Concert "Food is a Many Splendored Thing." All grade 2-5 grade students will perform. Don't miss it! We will be singing many fun songs and will include parents in the fun!

Please be sure this is entered on your family calendar today, thank you!

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
**Meridian Park School**

Poetry Reading & Chamber Music in the Library: 6:00-6:30pm

Grades 2-5 Performance  
 In the Gym: 6:45-7:30pm  
 (students arrive by 6:35pm)

Student Artwork on display: 6:00-8:00pm

## Embrace Shoreline

**May 18, 9:00-12:00pm**

Please join Meridian Park Elementary, Cascade K-8 families, and the Meridian Park Neighborhood Association in sprucing up the school grounds.

We need your help—children, youth, and families! Bring your energy, gardening gloves, and some small weeding tools if you can! Breakfast treats will be provided. We appreciate your help!

## Raising Money For Autism Awareness

**April 29-May 17**

Help us raise money for autism awareness and research! Drop your pennies (and bigger change!) in the jars located around the school. All funds will go directly to Autism Speaks.

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## Upcoming Events

**May 13-17**

Teacher Appreciation week

**May 16**

Menchie's Night (6:00-8:00pm)

**May 18**

Embrace Shoreline Schools  
 (9:00am-3:00pm)

**May 21**

MP Arts Festival (6:00-8:00pm)  
 5th grade fundraiser for 2014 camp, selling pizza before the Arts Festival!

**May 24**

Early release 11:50am

**May 27**

No School—Holiday

**May 30**

Skating party at Lynnwood Bowl  
 (6:00-8:00pm)

**June 3**

No School—Non-student work day

**June 6**

Wild Waves field trip for patrols

**June 6**

Band and Orchestra concert

**June 7**

Assembly/ Dance grant performance

**June 14**

Walk-to-Read & Field Day

**June 21**

Last day of school assembly & early release (11:50am)



## Shoreline Classic Car Show

**Sunday, August 4, 2013**  
**10:00am-3:00pm**  
**Meridian Park School**

Get Involved! Details on page 4.

The only Seafair-sanction event in Shoreline has raised over \$16,000 for Meridian Park, making possible classroom grants and school events that otherwise wouldn't have been funded.

Visit our Web sites for complete and up-to-date calendar information:

[www.meridianparkptsa.org](http://www.meridianparkptsa.org)  
[schools.shorelineschools.org/meridianpark/](http://schools.shorelineschools.org/meridianpark/)

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# Meridian Park News

## Principal's Letter

*Happy spring to all of you!*

May is always a busy month at Meridian Park as we plan for some exciting school events and experience state testing for our intermediate students. We also begin the challenging task of planning for the 2013–14 school year while still wrapping up this current school year.

May 13–17 marks the district's official "Teacher Appreciation Week." I can't begin to express my gratitude for all of our teachers at Meridian Park and thank them for the work they do each and every day on behalf of students. They put in endless hours of planning and preparation for each learning day at school. If you have not already, please take some time to thank your child's teacher(s) for their hard work. They are priceless!

This week also marks the last week of the MSP (Measure of Student Progress) testing in reading, math, science, and writing for our 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you for all of your support as parents during this time. Our wonderful PTSA provided snacks for the students on testing days and I would like to extend a big thank you to our parents for this! We are all hopeful that our school assessment results will be an official tribute to all of the hard work of our teachers and our students.

This month and into June, we have some events coming up that your children will be excited about such as classroom field trips, field day, our 5/6 band and orchestra concert, and other events.

On Saturday, May 18, we welcome you to join other families and community volunteers at Meridian Park for Embrace Shoreline Schools Day. It is a great way to get outside for a morning work party to help us spruce up our landscaping at Meridian Park! The following week, on May 21, we will hold our annual Arts Festival! This event is incredible each year. Please come and enjoy poetry readings, chamber music, student musical performances (1st–5th grade students) and visual arts displayed all over the building. It truly is a night you won't want to miss! Our wonderful PTSA will also sell pizza and beverages before the event so you don't even have to think about making dinner that night! You can just come and support your child(ren)! Listed below are a few reminders about important school events in June:

**June 6:** Band and orchestra concert for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders at 7pm

**June 7:** K–6 dance grant assembly at 9:30am

**June 14:** Field day at MP!

**June 19:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade "Moving On" ceremony at 9:30am

**June 21:** End-of-the-year assembly at 9:30am

Springtime events seem to come up quickly so please mark your calendars. With only six weeks until the last day of school, we have so much to accomplish and celebrate! We always want parents to come and join in these fun times so please swing by whenever you can. We truly appreciate it!

## Music Program Supported by PTSA

Through their generous support of the music program, the PTSA has graciously supplied the students here at Meridian Park with much needed items.

Several excellent choral literature part songs for use in music classroom curriculum and vocal performances for next year, various replacements and repairs for general music classroom instruments and supplies, two sets of bass strings for Meridian Park orchestra students (greatly needed to replace old sets that were not playing well anymore), and full class sets of new music for the Meridian Park bands!

Thank you for supporting your school through the Meridian Park PTSA!

## Meridian Park Student Store

Open during your 2<sup>nd</sup> recess in the cafeteria on May 23 and June 7. We are selling the usual items and new summery items such as bubbles, chalk, and MP water bottles for \$3!

## Toni English Award

Toni English Award nomination forms are out! Encourage your child to nominate someone who is hard working, helpful, thoughtful, and dedicated to learning!

Each classroom has the forms and there are more copies outside Ms. Quezada's door (room 407). These forms are due to your child's teacher by May 24.

## Spirit Days!

May 31: Crazy Hair and/or PJ Day— do one or both!

June 14: MP Day—Wear MP gear, cheetah print clothing or MP colors (black, gold, bright yellow).

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving On Ceremony & Picnic

Mark your calendar for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving On Ceremony, Wednesday, June 19! We are planning a fun celebration for kids and families.

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Dixie at dixyamane@yahoo.com or 206-795-2481.

Watch for more info in your Boomerang! The ceremony will take place in the Meridian Park cafeteria from 9:30–11:30am, and we'll have a potluck picnic at Cromwell Park from 12:00–3:00pm.

# Meridian Park News

## THE WORKS NEEDS OUR HELP BY MAY 17!

Meridian Park needs to donate 200 more items to The Works to earn the Golden Hanger Award.

Can you help by donating shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, socks (all sizes), boxers and bloomers (all sizes)?

Drop off items in MP lobby in box labeled The WORKS by May 17. Thanks for your support!



Meridian Park 6<sup>th</sup> grade honor choir members at the district Choral Festival in March

## CleanScapes Contributes to Projects at Meridian Park/ Cascade K-8 and Parkwood

### Press Release from CleanScapes

In acknowledgement of the special role schools play in teaching waste reduction and environmental stewardship, CleanScapes is contributing \$10,000 to community projects to be located on the campuses of Parkwood Elementary and Meridian Park Elementary/Cascade K-8 Community School.

Residents in CleanScapes' Friday collection area, which includes Meridian Park, Parkwood, and parts of Richmond Highlands, Highland Terrace, and Westminster Triangle, are the winners of the 2012–2013 Waste Reduction Rewards program. From April 2012 to March 2013, these neighborhoods reduced their total waste, including garbage, recycling, and food scraps/yard debris by 6.2% compared to the same period the previous year, leading all other collection days.

“The Waste Reduction Rewards program has been a great benefit to neighborhoods in Shoreline,” said Shoreline Mayor Keith McGlashan. “Programs like this are so important because they emphasize the ‘reduce’ in ‘reduce, reuse, recycle.’ Stopping waste before it happens is even better than recycling.” Accepting the funds were Athena Pentchlov, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student body president at Meridian Park; Sonny Iannoni, ASB vice president at Cascade K-8; and Natalie Lecher, Parkwood PTSA president.

With possible projects including outdoor bottle filling stations, play equipment, art installations, and more, these amenities will be accessible to the neighborhoods and open for use by the surrounding community.

“CleanScapes is pleased to have such a collaborative partnership with the City of Shoreline,” said Chris Martin, CleanScapes' founder and President. “We are delighted that these projects offer an incentive to reduce waste and provide community enhancements to Shoreline neighborhoods.”

In previous years, the Waste Reduction Rewards program has funded projects such the construction of benches and mile-markers on the Interurban Trail through Shoreline, a picnic table at Twin Ponds, and a functional garbage and recycling sculpture in Richmond Beach Park.

**mix it up with  
menchie's frozen yogurt and  
Meridian Park Elementary**

**bring this flyer to**

**menchie's  
frozen yogurt**

 **menchie's gateway**  
18336 aurora ave. n.  
shoreline, wa 98133  
206.629.4495  
menchies-gateway

**thursday, may 16th, from 6:00-8:00 pm**

**just mention or bring in this flyer and  
20% will go to Meridian Park!**



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## Be a Part of the 2013 *Shoreline Classic Car Show*

**Sunday August 4, 2013  
10:00am–3:00pm  
Meridian Park Elementary  
175th & Meridian Avenue, Shoreline**

The 4th Annual Seafair Shoreline Classic Car Show is coming up and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Over the past three years, Meridian Park—with help from the Greenwood Knights—has put on this outstanding classic car show. The only Seafair-sanctioned event in Shoreline has raised over \$16,000 for Meridian Park, making possible classroom grants and school events that otherwise wouldn't have been funded. The location of the school makes the site perfect for car lovers from all over Washington and for our Shoreline families.



To make this year's car show a success, we need help with some very specific tasks:

- Do you like talking to people about how great this school is? We need volunteers to hand out flyers at weekend car shows all around Seattle, and to help recruit a few new sponsors for this year's show.
- Do you have connections with local businesses we could target for new sponsorships this year (places like Spiros, Starbucks, Tully's, Dunn Lumber, Sky Nursery and more)? Our goal is to increase our new sponsors by ten.
- Do you like working on Web sites and the computer? Then we need your help designing a Web site and a coupon book for all of the local vendors.

For more information on how to get involved, please contact Tracey Poole at [tlp07@stevepoole.com](mailto:tlp07@stevepoole.com) or Janina Pacunski at [jpacunski@yahoo.com](mailto:jpacunski@yahoo.com).

### 2012 Sponsors

Carter Subaru  
Central Market of Shoreline  
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and Service Inc.  
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Spirits  
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TOP Food & Drug  
Top Food and Drug  
Windermere Real Estate  
Northgate—Brian Steiner

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# Meridian Park News

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## Meridian Park Open House, Book Fair, & Art Docent Program Fundraiser

What a huge success...thank you, wonderful MP parents! We had a great night at Meridian Park on April 11. Huge thanks to our PTSA for the Art Docent Program this year – so much beautiful art was on display for sale that night! If you would like to donate to the art docent fundraiser but have forgotten to send in your envelope, we are still happily accepting donations!

## Emergency Food Available

The Shoreline School District has partnered with the Emergency Feeding Program for King County. The school is now able to order an emergency food bag that is delivered to the school for families in need.

This program is meant to serve families in crisis--not as a regular food bank, but as a valuable program in helping to feed children/families during difficult times. Please contact Annie Gage, family advocate, at 206-361-4251 if you are ever in need of a food bag.

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## Notes from the Music Room

a message from Shari Anderson, Music Teacher

*Greetings Meridian Park Families,*

Our Scholastic book fair was a great success this spring. Due to their participation in the Read-a-Thon, many students received gift certificates to spend on new books. Students also received book fair gift certificates as prizes for participating in Celebrating Literacy events, such as the favorite character illustration challenge, the weekly reader raffle, and the Sasquatch/Young Readers Choice program.

The book fair was fun and exciting, but it would not have been possible without the help of awesome volunteers. I'd like to thank Janina Pacunski, Tracey Poole, Rachel Ariss, Tracy Bjerkeset, Susan Duthweiler, John Williamson, Dana Doerksen, Vicky Hoag, Luann Majeed, Kris Towns von Stauber, Jennifer Gaffney-Kleyn, Krista Keller, and Kristine LaBore. As always, book fair profits benefit all Meridian Park students. I purchase new books and pay for literacy events and activities such as author visits with these funds.

As we near the end of the year, please note the following dates:

- **May 28:** As of May 28, kindergarten, first, and second graders may only check out one book at a time, and third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders may only check out two books at a time.
- **June 7:** The last day for book check out is Friday, June 7.
- **June 11:** All books are due on Tuesday, June 11.

I will send out a robo-call/email to let you know if your children have overdue books. Students who have not taken care of overdue and lost books by the last day of school, June 21, will not receive their report cards. Please feel free to contact me (jenny.hillger@shorelineschools.org or 206-393-4125) if you have any questions. Also, do not hesitate to let me know if replacing or paying for a book presents a financial hardship for you.

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## The Cheetah Gym

from Pamela Willoughby, P.E. Teacher

### Badminton

We have finished the badminton unit and have started the volleyball unit. Grade 2–6 students will be doing the PACE test and other fun fitness tests. Ms. Willoughby started a lunch-time 6th grade badminton tournament this year. It was a huge success. The top teams in the tournament (by points) are the following students: Tres, Natneal, Romha, Brandon, Lucas, Jose, Sam, Ranato, Aaron, Jerelyn, Adriana, Ivo, Bryce, Connor, Kaito, Katie, Evan, Evelyn, Mia, Katie H, Isabel, Erin, Alexa, Maddy, Menen, Sumra, and Preston. Thanks to everyone else who participated—bravo! Coming up: a volleyball tournament during lunch Monday–Thursday until mid-May.

### Creative Dance

In the middle of May, we start the Creative Dance Grant, with Tim and Alex Lynch. We want to thank the Shoreline Foundation and Arts Council for supporting this grant. It was a huge success last year. Our performance is on June 10 at 9:30am.

### Volleyball

This month, advanced volleyball for grades 5 & 6 begins two mornings per week. 6th graders are practicing and learning skills so that they can challenge the staff in a fun June game. Volleyball is a great lifetime sport.

### June

In June, we'll start track-and-field lessons, soccer skills, and lead-up games, as well as practicing field day events.



## Boxtops = Money



Thank you for all your Boxtop submissions. Please continue to send them in. The last submission date for this school year is June 1. Thanks for all your support!

## PTSA Looking to Fill Positions

Want to be involved in the PTSA? We have your job—no experience necessary! Contact Jill Steinberg at [jrsteinberg@comcast.net](mailto:jrsteinberg@comcast.net) or 206-356-5977 if you are interested in finding out more.

PTSA positions available include: President (or Co-Presidents), Secretary, Co-Treasurer (one position filled, need second), PTSA Classroom Rep (need one or two more), Family Services, Golden Acorn / Outstanding Educator Awards, Reflections, Fall Carnival, Talent Show, Skating Parties, Drama Club for the 1-3 graders, and Landscaping. Current club/event leaders will help train you!

We really need to fill these positions, otherwise PTSA clubs and events will be cut due to lack of leaders.

Thank you to the following volunteers for filling these positions:

Kim Ositis—Co-President  
Dana Doerksen—VP of Events  
Mel Williamson & Susan Duthweiler—Golden Acorn/  
Outstanding Educator  
Janina Pacunski—Read-a-thon  
Tracey Poole & Hillery Clark—Family Services  
Susan Duthweiler—Reflections

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 24, 2013**  
12:30-4pm  
**North City Elementary**

Many Ways to Register! **Starting May 13th**  
Register before June 21st and get a surprise gift at the event!

- Online at [www.btsconsortium.org](http://www.btsconsortium.org)
- Mail in Registration Form
- Call 206-393-4916 Ext# 6 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 16th.**

Back to School Consortium Members: City of Shoreline; Hopelink; Shoreline School District and the Readiness to Learn Program; The Center for Human Services; Renold United Methodist Church; Shoreline Community Care; The Vineyard; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council; Turning Point and Dale Turner Family YMCA.

## PTSA Meeting - Tuesday, June 4

Please join us for our final PTSA meeting of the 2012–2013 school year, on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Park library. Child care will be available courtesy of the Dale Turner YMCA - so feel free to bring your little ones along. We'll be voting in the board for the 2013–2014 school year and would love to have you meet everyone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact PTSA Secretary Janina Pacunski at [jpacunski@yahoo.com](mailto:jpacunski@yahoo.com). Thanks to the Dale Turner YMCA for providing childcare for the May 7 PTSA meeting!

## Washington State Math Championships 2013

Fifth graders Logan Gnanapragasam, Jonathan Zhou, Brandon Mochizuki, Fred Liu, Ashley Mochizuki, Imran Majeed, Aditya Nair, Joshua Cui, Genevieve Trimbell, Emmie Wang, Samuel Nguyen, Lewis Going, and Aaron Gray and sixth graders Jamie Forschmiedt, Christopher Lawson, Evelyn Li, Emily Nguyen, Kevin Lee, Evan Zverev, and Eileen Beres were among the 365 fifth graders and 330 sixth graders who competed in Washington State Math Championships in Blaine on April 27.

Logan won first place, while Jonathan Zhou, Brandon Mochizuki, Fred Liu, and Ashley Mochizuki placed in the top 10% in the fifth-grade individual contest. The team of Logan, Jonathan, Brandon, and Ashley won the sixth-place award in the fifth-grade team event. The team of Jamie, Christopher, Emily, and Eileen were in 13<sup>th</sup> place in the sixth-grade team event, 3.5 points behind the team that won the 12<sup>th</sup> place award.

The contestants were accompanied by proctor volunteers Bindu Nair, Dan and Nimmy Gnanapragasam and Raif Majeed, chaperones Bin Li, Minzi Cheng, Phillip Liu, Toshie Mochizuki, and Zhengjie Zhou and parents Emmanuel Gnanapragasam, John Gray, and Quang Nguyen.

## Fourth-Grade Math Team Qualifies for Division I Math is Cool Masters

Franklin Zheng, Andre Zverev, Karina Jhingan, Julien Goldstick, Ryan Stege, Lincoln Going, Matthew Zeseke, Lily Williamson, Serina Towns-von Stauber, and Kayla Robinson were among the 295 mathletes who competed in the fourth-grade Seattle Math is Cool Championship on April 19 at Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines.

They were accompanied by parent chaperones Ed Goldstick, Jill Going, John Williamson, Leon Towns-von Stauber, Tom Stege, and teacher Denise Peters. Ed Goldstick volunteered as scorer. Thanks to Mrs. Peters for being our teacher representative. The fourth-grade Meridian Park team placed ninth in a field of twelve division 1A teams in the Seattle Championships and has received an invitation to the fourth-grade Division 1 Masters in Moses Lake on May 18.

## MP PTSA Funds Grants Benefitting Students Throughout Meridian Park

The MP PTSA offers cash grants to Meridian Park teachers for projects and supplies that help our kids succeed. Below are the highlights of some of the projects funded directly this year with the money you and your family raise. Thank you for supporting your school!

### **Reading Block and Robotics Laptop**

Grade level: K–2 + Robotics students

Amount: \$600

This grant covers half the cost of a MacIntosh laptop computer to be used in the reading resource room as part of the K–2 Reading Block program. Further use will be made of the computer by the PTSA's Robotics Club.

### **Wetlands Unit**

Grade level: 5

Amount: \$500

This grant covers one third of the cost of the Wetlands unit, in which naturalist Julie Luthy provides in-class and field trip experiences for the three 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The unit offers hands-on learning in science concepts covered on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade MSP.

### **Nystrom Atlases**

Grade level: 6

Amount: \$419

This grant will purchase a class set of 30 world atlases and the associated teacher's manual for the two 6<sup>th</sup> grade general education classes.

### **Class Sets of Headphones**

Grade level: K–2

Amount: \$256

This grant will cover half the cost of headphones for all of the laptop carts, enabling students to use programs that include a sound component without disturbing their classmates. The remaining cost will be covered by building funds.

### **Reading Block Equipment**

Grade level: K–2

Amount: \$251

This grant will purchase a set of early reader books and listening station headphones for the K–2 students who are struggling the most with reading.

### **HiLo Books and Novel Study Books**

Grade level: 5

Amount: \$245

This grant will purchase a set of high-interest, low-reading-level books for 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are reading below grade level. It will also purchase a class set of *Tuck Everlasting* for class novel study.

### **Helping Students Learn the Dewey Decimal System**

Grade Level: K–6

Amount: \$235

This grant will purchase permanent signage and teaching materials that will enable MP Librarian Jenny Hillger to teach students to use the Dewey Decimal System.

### **Positive Behavior Materials**

Grade level: K–6

Amount: \$200

This grant will purchase some supplies needed to continue implementing the positive behavior program at Meridian Park, including posters, badges, and lanyards.

### **Tea Overboard Unit**

Grade level: 5

Amount: \$150

This grant complements a Shoreline Arts Council grant to bring Playworks Teaching Artist Ruth McRee to do history learning activities with the three 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

### **Math Manipulatives**

Grade level: 5

Amount: \$102

This grant purchases class sets of math materials for use in the two 5<sup>th</sup> grade general education classrooms.

### **PBIS Conference**

Target: K–6

Amount: \$75

This grant pays part of the cost for MP's Family Advocate to attend a Positive Behavior conference, where she will learn to develop and implement positive behavior interventions that will benefit students across all grade levels.

### **K-2 Reading Block Materials**

Grade level: K–2

Amount: \$50

This grant buys some equipment—toobaloos and fluency timers—to support the K–2 reading block activities. Additional materials will be purchased with building funds.

# 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

## Child Find

If you have concerns about your child's development, the Shoreline School District offers developmental screenings at no charge for children birth-5 who live within the district boundaries and are suspected of having a disability.

For children birth-2 years old, call Wonderland Development Center at 206-364-3777. For children 3-5 years old, call the Early Childhood Education Program at 206-393-4250.

## Free Weekly Therapy Sessions

The University of Washington College of Education invites you and your children to participate in free weekly therapy sessions. They will be held with PhD students in the School Psychology program. Children and adolescents who are experiencing mental health issues (such as anxiety, depression, attention issues, social skills difficulties, behavior problems, and/or adjustment to life stressors) are examples of appropriate referrals.

*All free sessions are supervised by a licensed psychologist faculty member.* For more information, contact Joan Waiss at 206-616-6362.

## Call for Junior Artists!

Create the artwork for the 2013 Shoreline Arts Festival Junior Art Show Poster.

Requirements:

- Shoreline area (K-12) student
- Two submissions per student
- Submit a copy of original artwork on 8.5 x 11 paper, which may be folded to mail
- On back of copied artwork: write student and parents names, school, phone number and email address so we can contact the chosen artist to submit original artwork to create poster
- Pen or pencil preferred-keep in mind art will be reproduced in black and white
- Content should convey a Festival feel
- Arts Council will edit to include text and poster header

You must mail submissions by April 18th to:  
Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council  
Attn: Junior Art Poster  
18560 1st Ave NE  
Shoreline WA 98155

For more information please visit [www.shorelinearts.net](http://www.shorelinearts.net).

## Mark your calendars for 2013-2014!

First day of the 2013-14 school year: September 4, 2013

Winter break: December 23, 2013-January 3, 2014

Mid-Winter break: February 17-21, 2014

Spring break: April 21-25, 2014

A Shoreline PTA Council Family Resource



Providing clothing support to  
Shoreline School District Families.

North City Portables  
west end of North City Elementary  
816 NE 190th Street, Shoreline  
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm  
206-393-4916

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*email:* [amy.jessee@shorelineschools.org](mailto:amy.jessee@shorelineschools.org)

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