

# Cheetah Chatter

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## Meridian Park PTSA Annual Campaign

Did you have a fun time at the **FALL CARNIVAL**? How about the **FREE MOVIE** we showed in September? Are you excited to hear about what fun things your student gets to do with **GRANT MONEY** from the MPPTSA? Are you a **TEACHER** who gets money for your class so you can spend a little less of your own? If you said **"yes"** to any of these things, please take a moment to think about where the money comes from. **It comes from the generous donations of Meridian Park families.** These are families who are investing in Meridian Park not just to make school fun for their own kids, but for all of our kids! Please take a moment right now to go to <http://www.mpptsa.org/donate> and make a donation to our **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**. We are hoping to raise enough money to fully fund all of our fun events, a teacher grant budget of \$6,000 and help our teachers with the supplementation of classroom supplies.



*Thank you!*

**Naomi Hillyard and Jax Higgins**  
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## Box Tops for Education

**Congratulations** to our **AMAZING** Meridian Park Cheetahs who have already turned in **3,220 Box Tops for Education** this year! *Keep 'em coming, Cheetahs!* We are over half way to our 6,000 Box Tops goal!



If you haven't heard about the Box Tops for Education program, you can help, too! Just remove the little pink and white *Box Tops for Education* coupons from common food and household products, then place them in the black and yellow box in the school lobby! Meridian Park receives \$0.10 for every coupon turned in.

A list of products with coupons can be found at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>.

**Help MP reach our 6,000 Box Tops goal!**

## Got Pictures?

The yearbook staff is asking for your photos! Have you captured a shareable moment on your phone or camera from an MP event, field trip or classroom activity? If you are willing to share, please email it directly to [mppstayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:mppstayearbook@gmail.com). We will be collecting photos all year for our 2018-2019 yearbook! Thank you!



2018 MP Running Club

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 8  
**Bilingual Movie Night ("Trolls") and Potluck**  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 MP Cafeteria

Monday, November 12  
**Veterans Day Holiday**  
 No School

Wednesday, November 14  
**Regular Release Day**  
 3:30 pm Dismissal

Wednesday, November 21  
**Half Day Release**  
 11:45 am Dismissal

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23  
**Thanksgiving Holiday Break**  
 No School

Tuesday, November 27  
**MP Food Drive Begins**

Wednesday, November 28  
**Early Release Day**  
 1:50 pm Dismissal

Tuesday, December 4  
**"Enchanted Forest" One-Day-Wonder Book Fair**  
 MP Library

Tuesday, December 4  
**MP PTSA Meeting and 5th Grade Choral Performance**  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 MP Library

Thursday, December 6  
**Drama Club Parent Info Meeting**  
 7:00 pm  
 MP Library

# Announcements

## Shoreline Special Needs PTSA Classroom Grants Program



The **SHORELINE SPECIAL NEEDS PTSA** will be happy to announce the guidelines and application process for their **2018-2019 SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM GRANTS PROGRAM** in mid-November. In prior years, grants have supported things like special education materials, books, adaptive equipment, inclusion and social supports, sensory equipment and guest presenters for special education topics. Please check the **SSNPTSA website** after November 20th for information on the available award amounts and instructions for how to apply. You may also direct questions to **Elizabeth Swan, Grant Committee Chair**, at [eswan27@gmail.com](mailto:eswan27@gmail.com).

## 10th Annual Meridian Park Musical

The Meridian Park PTSA and Dandylyon Drama are pleased to announce this year's musical...

### DISNEY'S THE LION KING, JR.!!!



This wonderful show will be performed by our 4th-6th graders, and our 1st-3rd graders will have the opportunity to be a part of the event! It is sure to be a great crowd pleaser!

Here are some **important dates and information** regarding the show:

**Thursday, December 6**  
**7:00 pm, Meridian Park Library**

### MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

Parents will learn how Drama Club works and how the students will participate. Registration packets will also be available.

**January 7 - January 10**

**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

**(except January 9: 1:50 pm - 3:45 pm)**

### MANDATORY AUDITIONS

for 4th-6th graders

**Starting in January**

**Various Mondays - Thursdays**

**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

**(most Wednesdays: 1:50 pm - 3:45 pm)**

### DRAMA REHEARSALS

for 4th-6th grades

**Day of the Week Practice TBD**

**3:30 pm - 4:45 pm**

### DRAMA REHEARSALS

for 1st-3rd grades

**Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9**

**7:00 pm, Shorecrest High School**

### DISNEY'S THE LION KING, JR PERFORMANCES

## "Ni hao" from the Advocates for Mandarin in Shoreline Schools



Fun fact to share with your kids: Which language is spoken by **1 out of every 6 people** in the world? Yes, it's **CHINESE MANDARIN!**

A group of passionate parents in the Shoreline school district aims to retain Chinese Mandarin as a World Language class elective for our middle school and high school students.

Shoreline Schools will be offering Mandarin to middle and high school students during the 2019-2020 school year, but its continuation will be dependent on a sufficient number of students enrolling for the class. This group has come together to inform families of the significance of Mandarin in today's global society and how multi-language proficiency can impact career and life goals.

This is a grass roots effort! If you'd like to lend a hand or voice to our efforts, please contact **Jennifer Yeh, Mike Chan** or **Cynthia Brown** at [advocatesformandarin@gmail.com](mailto:advocatesformandarin@gmail.com). **XIÈ XIÈ!** (Thank you!)

## Title 1 Notification

We are proud of our highly qualified staff at Meridian Park and would be happy to share any information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers and assistants. As part of the **Every Student Succeeds Act**, parents have the right to this information. Visit <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Domain/103> for more information. Additional material for parents is provided at the **end of this newsletter**.

# Cheetah Cheers

## Fall Carnival

Thank you to our Fall Carnival Sponsors! A huge thank you to **SHORELINE KIDS DENTISTRY** for sponsoring our Fall Carnival and to our two game sponsors – **I-9 SPORTS** and the **DALE TURNER YMCA**. Their support along with funds from the PTSA made this a great event!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Fall Carnival! A special thanks to :

Naomi Hillyard  
Jacquelin Higgins  
Callie Steward  
Diana Gray  
Elizabeth Swan  
Ann Yee  
Sage Kleinhantz  
Jack Kleinhantz  
Nauko Grimlund  
Dawn Moser

Yina Yoon  
Jennifer Yeh  
Amy Baldwin  
Brianna Bell  
Tricia Norton  
Candace Hayward-Hoke  
Rachel Vogel  
Mary Kate Horwood  
Katie Johnson  
Whitney Hardie

Rachel Viars  
Kim Steig  
Tom Stieg  
Molly Norstrand  
Courtney Shuey  
Miranda Jennings  
Krista Keller  
Jed Keller  
Shahid McDaniel  
Cheryl Pope

Nicola Beck  
Charlotte Alexander  
Mya Doane  
Karen Urlie  
Sonam Sharma  
Evangelia Koceski  
Jennifer Ernst  
Jada Lee  
6th Grade Concessions  
Volunteers

*Please accept my humble apologies if I've missed your name!!*

Thank you to everyone that donated raffle baskets, and thanks to those of you who donated at the event for the **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**!

Thank you to **Matt Alford** for leading the kids in an amazing dance! We love the new moves!

Thank you to **Mr. Tadlock** for keeping the event running smoothly and on time!

Thank you to the **PTSA Inclusion and Equity Committee** (especially **Nicola Beck** and **Elizabeth Swan**) for their guidance and help in setting up and staffing the **CHILLER ROOM**!

Thank you to all the **Shorewood High School Students** and **MP alumni from Einstein** that volunteered!

**WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT ALL OF YOU!**

Regards,  
**Julie Reinhardt**  
**PTSA Fall Carnival**





# Principal's Letter

Dear Cheetahs,

With leaves and a chill in the air, it certainly feels like Fall. Your students are working hard to learn and grow. We appreciate everything you are doing at home to support our work at school.

Thank you for the **OCTOBER CONFERENCES**. Regular communication is a priority, so let's keep talking. Contact your child's teacher at any time by phone or email. When there is a question, please contact the staff member closest to the situation. As much as possible, we want to resolve questions or concerns at the lowest level. Our general guideline is to return your calls or emails within 48 hours. We value proactive communication, so please communicate early and often.

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** is also a priority. We want your family to feel **connected, informed, and engaged**. Please let us know your thoughts!

We are using the **EARLY RELEASE TIME ON WEDNESDAYS** for important professional development. Our professional learning teams are learning more about best instructional practices in literacy, math, and other areas. We realize the Wednesday time is an impact on families and are very grateful for your support.

Enjoy the season. Thanks to **Julie Reinhardt** and our amazing **PTSA** for the recent **FALL CARNIVAL, PTA REFLECTIONS**, and other activities. Remember, it is never too late to join the PTSA.

We invite you to **HAVE LUNCH** with your child(ren) at any time – it's a lot of fun! Thank you for sharing your children and family. We are a great school community because of all of us working together.

**David Tadlock, Principal**



**One Community • Stronger Together**  
**Celebrating 25 Years of Greatness**



## Tadlock Tip for November:

Exercise and learning go together. Fall is a great time to walk or bike together to enjoy the cool, fresh air. Stand and move more (less sitting). By reducing screen time, we can increase movement. Try it in

November: get outside to walk together for 15 minutes daily. Let's model healthy habits for our kids.

## Reminders

### Drop Off Lane – No Parking Please

- Just like the airport, the curb lane is for drop-offs only, please – **NO PARKING**
- Adults stay with the car
- Help keep things moving by pulling forward as much as possible
- Please park in the lot if you would like to walk your child(ren) to the door

Arrival time is **9:00 AM** - please do not drop off students early. Thank you.

If school is late because of weather, classes will start at **11:05 AM**. We will be on a regular recess, lunch, and specialist schedule.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!**

# PTSA News

Have you seen the award-worthy **video** yet that features students and teachers raving about our MPPTSA? You can check it out at <http://www.bit.ly/MPPTSAvideo> – go now!

And then, since you're already online anyway, why not visit <http://www.mpptsa.org/donate> to donate?



## Support Businesses that Support Meridian Park!

The Meridian Park PTSA has an **ONLINE DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES** that support our school at <https://mpptsa.org/mpptsa-online-directory/>



This month we are highlighting **OHANA RESTAURANT BELLTOWN & EASTSIDE**. Ohana is owned by Cheetah parents, **Kyle** and **Karlyn**. Their restaurants are family-friendly and serve delicious Hawaiian and Japanese cuisine, including fresh poke and sushi. Thank you, Kyle and Karlyn, for supporting MPPTSA!

## Passive Fundraising - Small Effort, Big Impact!

One of the easiest ways you can support Meridian Park is by joining us in **PASSIVE FUNDRAISING** throughout the school year. Programs give a percentage of sales back to our school at no additional cost to you. When you spend as you normally would at participating companies, you are helping MP students with every shopping trip – and the more people who sign up for these programs, the more significant the benefit to Meridian Park will be! Please consider using the following programs whenever you shop. (*click on the image for program info and to sign up*). Thanks!



School ID# 500110738

Collect Box Tops  
AND download the  
phone app for  
maximum earnings



## Bilingual Family Movie Night and Potluck

We hope you can join us **Thursday, November 8** at **6:00 pm** in the Meridian Park Cafeteria for a showing of the movie "Trolls" and the sharing of food!

It's a **POTLUCK**, so please bring a cultural dish your family loves to eat at home that you would like to share! The MPPTSA will provide popcorn and water.

Blankets, pillows, pajamas and lawn chairs are welcomed! Hope to see you there!

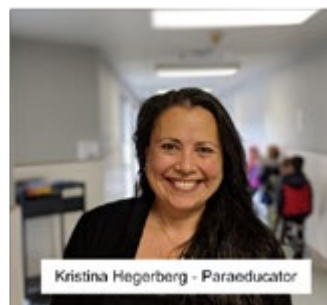
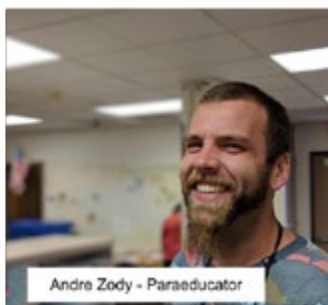
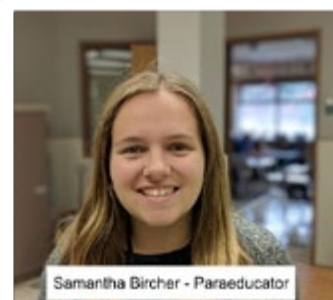
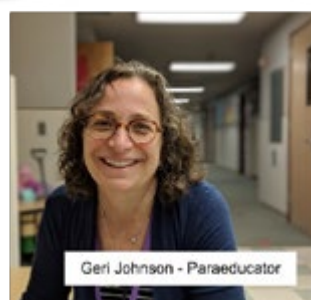
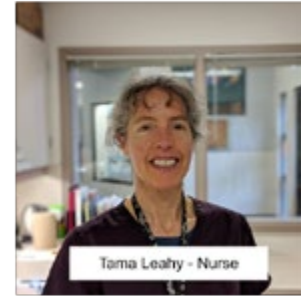


# Kindergarten Program

As we continue to get to know your students and how best to support them throughout their first year of school, we want to make sure that you get to know all of the wonderfully talented educators we have supporting our students each day. Look at last month's *Cheetah Chatter* to see the names and faces of our classroom teachers. Additional support staff are featured below!

## Kindergarten Team

Here are some more members of our talented kindergarten support team





# Kindergarten Program

## Meet the Kindergarten Counselor: Kim Kauffman



Welcome Kindergarten students and families! We are so glad you and your family are part of our community. Kindergarten is such a special year, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to team along side our Meridian Park and Kindergarten colleagues as we welcome the class of 2031.

As a **SCHOOL COUNSELOR**, my primary responsibility is to support the **social, emotional and academic growth** of our students. I do so by providing:

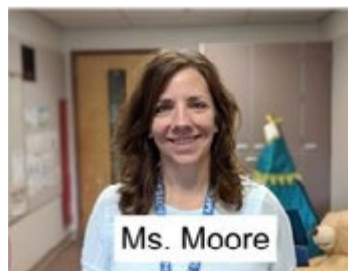
- Individual counseling (brief 6-8 weeks), check-ins and problem solving
- Small group counseling (ie: friendship, grief/loss, stress/anxiety)
- Classroom guidance support (kindness lessons are a big focus this year)
- Coordination and training around school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)
- Consult and collaborate with parents, teachers and staff

By being present at recess, lunch and arrival/dismissal, I hope to have the opportunity to connect with all students and build relationships. All students can request to meet with me, or they can be referred by a staff member or parent. If you would like for me to meet with your child or if there are ways I can help support your efforts at home, please do not hesitate to contact me. I work closely with our Meridian Park team and neighboring elementary school counselors to help bridge services for all of our kindergarteners as they transition to first grade.

On a personal note, my husband and I are both Shorecrest High School alum and are finding it hard to believe we now have a senior about to graduate from high school this year. When I am not at work, I enjoy cheering on our children at their baseball, basketball, soccer and softball games. I am an avid photographer and always enjoy walks on the beach with our family and dogs (Daisy and Cali).

I look forward to meeting you! Please feel free to contact me at [kim.kauffman@shorelineschools.org](mailto:kim.kauffman@shorelineschools.org) or **(206) 393-1797** if you have any questions or concerns. I am on site *Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays*.

## Meet the Kindergarten Family Advocate: Susie Moore



Hello Meridian Park Families! I'm absolutely thrilled to join the team at Meridian Park as the **KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FAMILY ADVOCATE**. As a family advocate, I partner and work closely with families, students, counselors, teachers, administrators and other district family advocates in order to provide **support and resources** to meet the needs of our families and facilitate home-school partnerships. Additionally, I am available to provide general school information, connect your family to community resources, advocate for you or your child to receive needed services, coordinate support for families experiencing homelessness and provide

assistance during family crisis or transitions. I passionately believe in supporting our students and families in order to have fulfilling and successful educational journeys.

When I am not at Meridian Park, I enjoy knitting and crafting, hiking, camping and hanging out with my family. My husband, John, is a teacher in the Northshore School District. My two kids, ages 11 and 14, keep us busy with all their fun activities.

If your family needs assistance at any point this school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working together towards a successful year! You can reach me at [susie.moore@shorelineschools.org](mailto:susie.moore@shorelineschools.org) or **(206) 393-1763**. I'm at the school on *Tuesdays and Thursdays* from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

# Cheetah Notes

## From the Library Media Center

Greetings from the Meridian Park Library Media Center!

We will have a **ONE-DAY-WONDER SCHOLASTIC FALL BOOK FAIR** on Tuesday, December 4th. This year's theme is *"Enchanted Forest Book Fair."*

The Book Fair will run during the school day as well as in the evening along with the PTSA's monthly meeting and a 5th grade choral performance. Students will have a chance to preview the Book Fair on Monday, December 3rd. It will be an enjoyable event for everyone. Our one-day-wonder book fairs have been huge successes and a lot of fun! Book fair profits benefit all MP students through the purchase of new books and the support of author visits and other literacy events.



*We need volunteers to help make our one-day book fair a success.*

If you can help out during one of the following shifts or any custom time frame, please contact me at [jenny.hillger@shorelineschools.org](mailto:jenny.hillger@shorelineschools.org) or (206) 393-4125.

Friday, November 30

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (*help with set up*)

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 am - 10:30 am

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Noon - 2:00 pm

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (*help with take down*)



Happy Reading!

Jenny Hillger, MP Teacher-Librarian

## From the Health Office

### TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Your student wakes up looking flushed, feeling congested or queasy. Do you send your student to school? To make this decision a little easier keep two C's in mind: **CONTAGIOUS** and **COMFORT**.

Please keep your student home with following symptoms, which may mean that the illness is contagious:

- **Fever** above 100 degrees (*must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school*)
- **Vomiting** or **diarrhea** (*must be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school*)
- **Sore throat**, especially if combined with fever or swollen neck glands
- Heavy **nasal congestion** or frequent, incessant **cough**
- Inability to contain **secretions** (*unable to reliably cough or sneeze into elbow*)
- Your student has been diagnosed with a **contagious virus or infection**
- Thick greenish-yellow **drainage from the eyes**
- Unusual **fatigue**, **palleness**, **lack of appetite** or **irritability**



Without any of these symptoms, the question becomes whether your student feels well enough to function comfortably at school. Please feel free to call the Health Office at (206) 393-4124 if you have questions.



# Cheetah Notes

## From the Family Advocate, Annie Gage

Would you like to be an **"ANGEL?"**

Occasionally families end up with a negative meal balance that they cannot pay. This happens for a variety of reasons.

To help with this situation, Shoreline schools have "Angel Funds" in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to help pay off these negative balances.

If you would like to contribute to the Meridian Park Angel Fund, you can do so by credit card if you call FNS at **(206) 393-4209**. You can also write a check to Meridian Park, or give cash to a Family Advocate or Food Service staff, specified for "Angel Fund."



## Counselor's Corner

This month we will be asking students **"What are you grateful for?"** with our November Character Trait of **GRATITUDE AND THANKFULNESS** (*more info below*).

Speaking of asking kids questions...when asking about their day at school, do you ever get one word answers that don't really tell you much? I know I do! One tip is to ask them open ended questions. Here are some examples, from **50 Questions to Ask Your Kids Instead of "How was your day?"**

- **"What was the best part of your day?"**  
Even on the tough days, it's important to be able to find the positive. Try modeling this by having the whole family share.
- **"What was a rose/thorn (high point/low point) from your day?"**  
It's also good to talk about the not-so-good parts of our day, but be sure to include the good stuff too.
- **"What made you smile today/how did you make someone else smile today?"**  
Smiles are contagious!
- **"What is something you saw that made you think/surprised you?"**  
A tiny view into the eyes of our kids.

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:** Be thankful. Appreciate what you have, what you are given and what others do for you. Some examples we may share with students or ask them to practice include letting someone know that you appreciate their work or help, or thinking of a way to help someone in return as a **"thank you."** We will celebrate our especially grateful students with our VIC lunch at the end of the month.

What can you do at home to help support this important Character Trait? Ask your student for examples of how they show gratitude at school or at home, or do a special family project together this holiday season to show their gratitude for someone/thing.



Also, don't forget to check out the great booklist at <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2890> for more ideas!

Meridian Park School Counselor

Katie McCain, M.Ed.

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Thursday - Friday

Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit

[http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title\\_ix.php](http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php)

# Cheetah Notes

## From the Music Department

November is a good time to be mindful and thankful for the gifts and blessings in our lives, like family, friends, food, health and music! I am grateful for the opportunity to teach your children, lead them into discovering new concepts and guide them as they grow artistically and learn ways to express themselves through music.

### COMING UP!

**Veteran's Day Assembly** - Meridian Park will celebrate Veteran's Day with an assembly Friday, November 9, 9:30 am - 10:00 am. Please invite our honored veterans in your families and in our community to attend. 6th and 5th/6th grade classes will perform two songs during the assembly, and as we honor our Veterans, all students will sing several other songs together. There is a separate assembly for Kindergarten and 1st grade at 2:30 pm.

### PERFORMANCES

*Please put these dates on your family calendar now, as calendars fill up fast! You won't want to miss them!*

**Tuesday, December 4**  
Evening  
3rd Grade  
Book Fair Night, PTSA Meeting

**Thursday, December 20**  
2:30 pm  
5th Grade  
Winter Sing-Along

**Friday, January 18**  
9:30 am (2-6); 2:30 pm (K-1)  
MLK, Jr. Assemblies

**Thursday, May 23**  
Evening  
2nd and 4th Grades  
(including split classes)  
Meridian Park Arts Festival

**Tuesday, June 4**  
Evening  
1st Grade  
PTSA Meeting

**Thursday, June 13**  
Morning  
6th Grade  
Moving-Up Program

6th grade students will have additional performances with Honor Choir, Band, and Orchestra festivals

### 2019 HONOR CHOIR

Announcing the 2019 Shoreline School District West Side 6th Grade Honor Choir. Students are selected by vocal ability and positive behavior. The Westside Honor Choir includes 6th grade students representing Echo Lake, Highland Terrace, Meridian Park, Parkwood and Syre Elementary Schools. The Choir will sing at the **Westside Choral Festival** on **Thursday, January 31, at 7:00 pm** in the **Shorewood Theater**. This Concert will also feature singers from Shorewood High School. (Note: 6th grade students can participate in both the vocal festival and their instrumental festival, as rehearsals and concerts do not conflict).

#### HONOR CHOIR MORNING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE AT MERIDIAN PARK

8:30 am - 9:05 am	Thursday, December 13	MP Music Room 601
8:30 am - 9:05 am	Friday, December 14	MP Music Room 601
8:30 am - 9:05 am	Monday, December 17	MP Music Room 601
8:30 am - 9:05 am	Tuesday, December 18	MP Music Room 601
8:30 am - 9:05 am	Monday, January 7	MP Music Room 601
8:30 am - 9:05 am	Tuesday, January 8	MP Music Room 601

#### HONOR CHOIR EVENING REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Wednesday, January 9	Shorewood Choir Room
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Monday, January 14	Shorewood Choir Room
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Thursday, January 17	Shorewood Choir Room
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.	Wednesday, January 23	Shorewood Choir Room

#### DRESS REHEARSAL

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Wednesday, January 30	Shorewood Theater
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#### WEST SIDE CHORAL AND 6TH GRADE HONOR CHOIR FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Thursday January 31	Shorewood Theater
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Honor choir students to be in place at 6:40 pm. Wear black, white, touches of red.

I hope your children are singing for you and with you – they are learning many wonderful songs, and showing musical growth in so many ways! Throughout the year, look for information, music highlights, events, and performance updates in the PTSA and school newsletters.

**Ms. Shari Anderson**  
General Music Teacher

# Community Events

## Meridian Park Elementary [www.shorelineschools.org/meridianpark/](http://www.shorelineschools.org/meridianpark/)

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Derek Dalasta, Kinder Administrator  
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Jake Goett, Registrar

Annie Bach, Office Manager

Suzy Cowgill, Kinder Office Manager

Tama Leahy, School Nurse

Katie McCain / Suz Fix, Counselor

Kim Kauffman, Kinder Counselor

Annie Gage, Family Advocate

Susie Moore, Kinder Family Advocate



## 2017-2018 MP PTSA [mpptsa.org](http://mpptsa.org)

### Executive Committee

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## Veterans Day Celebration

Monday, November 12

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Shoreline City Hall

17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline

The Shoreline Veterans Association, with support from the Starr Sutherland, Jr. American Legion Post 227 and the City of Shoreline, will hold its annual Veterans Day Celebration honoring all U.S. military veterans. The event is open to the public.

The Shoreline Veterans Association, the Starr Sutherland, Jr. American Legion Post 227, and the City of Shoreline would like to recognize the contributions of the men and women in the military who have served our country and who have given so much for the cause of peace.

All veterans of any U.S. military service and all who want to honor their service are invited to this annual recognition event. A short program will be followed by refreshments.

## SPS Community Connections Presentation Series

We hope you'll join us for our new series of community presentations to learn more about the school district's operations, programs and initiatives. We are starting our Community

Connections series of presentations this year to help provide our community with an in-depth look at the vast and various work that goes into running Shoreline Public Schools.

Mark your calendars with the dates and times below and plan to join us! Each session has a morning and evening option, the same information is presented at each. All presentations will be held at:

Shoreline Center Board Room,  
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline

### Topic: School Construction

Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 28, 10:00 am

### Topic: Maintenance and Operations

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm

Friday, February 8, 10:00 am

### Topic: Early Learning

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm

Friday, May 10, 10:00 am







## MISSION

Provide a collaborative learning community which engages all students in learning the academic and work-life skills needed to achieve their individual potential and become responsible citizens.

**Title I School-Parent Compact  
2018-19 School Year  
Meridian Park Elementary School**

Your child attends a Title I school where we are all committed to providing your child with a world-class education. We see families and schools as partners, and this compact outlines the roles we each play in helping your child succeed in school. We welcome your contribution to this plan to support your child's learning.

<b>District</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Support a culture of ongoing learning and growth.</li><li>● Embrace equity and diversity.</li><li>● Know our students and meet their social, emotional and academic needs.</li><li>● Foster students' ability to develop academic, life, and career skills.</li><li>● Teach in ways that are relevant, engaging, innovative, student-driven, and rigorous.</li></ul>	
<b>School/Teacher</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ School and class environments support high quality learning for all students.</li><li>✓ Provide systems that meet the instructional needs of all students.</li><li>✓ Facilitate two-way communication between teacher and family (parent conferences, emails, etc.).</li></ul>	<b>Activities to Build Partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Meridian Park STEM Night(s)</li><li>✓ Summer Literacy Night</li><li>✓ Conferences - October &amp; March</li><li>✓ Family Advocate - community visitations</li><li>✓ Curriculum Night</li><li>✓ PTA Activities</li></ul>
<b>Family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Involved in my child's learning.</li><li>✓ Support my child's learning at home.</li><li>✓ _____</li><li>✓ _____</li><li>✓ _____</li></ul>	<b>Student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Actively engage in my learning.</li><li>✓ Ask questions when I need help.</li><li>✓ _____</li><li>✓ _____</li><li>✓ _____</li></ul>

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Teacher Signature

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature