

# Cheetah Chatter

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## STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

### GRADES 3-4-5-6

On time attendance is very important! Please limit appointments and other absences. It's very helpful for students to attend on the dates listed.

We appreciate snack donations for the class. Thank you!

Grade 3 May 7, 8, 22, 23

Grade 4 May 7, 8, 28, June 4 (includes Mrs. Phelan's class)

Grade 5 May 9, 14, 16, 28, 31 (includes science on May 9)  
(includes Mrs. Keeley's and Mrs. Norton's classes)

Grade 6 April 30, May 14, 16, 23 (includes Mrs. Sezate's class)

*Grades 5 and 6, please bring ear buds or headphones*

**If you have questions, contact your teacher or Mr. Alford.  
Thank you for helping us with perfect attendance on these dates!**

## SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our spring book fair will run  
Wednesday through Friday,  
April 17th - 19th, with previews for  
classes on Tuesday, April 16th.

The hours are:

**Tuesday, April 16th:**

Previews for classes throughout  
the school day

**Wednesday, April 17th:**

8:40 am – 2:15 pm

**Thursday, April 18th:**

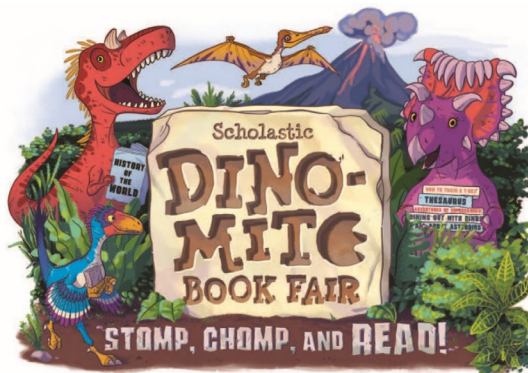
8:40 am – 4:00 pm and  
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 19th:**

8:40 am – 1:00 pm

We will set up the book fair on

**Monday, April 15th,**  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.



### WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOK FAIR

We are able to run successful book fairs  
because of great volunteers who help out.

If you are able to help out at the  
book fair on April 17th, 18th, and/or 19th,  
or if you can help us to set up the  
book fair on April 15th, please contact:

Jenny Hillger, MP Librarian at  
[jenny.hillger@shoreschools.org](mailto:jenny.hillger@shoreschools.org)  
or 206-393-4125

To preview book fair selections, click here: <http://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/S19-custom-booklist/S19-custom-booklist.html>

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### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 9

**Shoreline Hi Cap Info Session**

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ridgecrest Elementary Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 9

**Gender Diversity Presentation**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Highland Terrace Elementary

Thursday, April 11

**MP Hi Cap Open House**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meet in MP Lobby / Main Entrance

Friday, April 12

**PTSA Movie Night**

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

MP Cafeteria

Friday, April 12

**Shoreline Schools' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Shoreline Center

Wednesday, April 17 – Friday, April 19

**MP Spring Scholastic Book Fair**

MP Library

Thursday, April 18

**Spring Family Fun Night and Auction /  
Meridian Park's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Meridian Park Elementary

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26

**Spring Break**

No School

Monday, April 29

**WA State Testing Begins (Grades 3-6)**

Thursday, May 2

**Family STEM Night (Grades 3-6)**

Thursday, May 2

**Last All-School Skate Party of the Year**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Lynnwood Bowl & Skate

Saturday, May 4

**Shoreline STEM Festival**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Shoreline Community College

Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Tuesday, May 7

**PTSA Meeting**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

MP Library

# Announcements

## CLUBS AND ENRICHMENT

A variety of extracurricular clubs and classes are offered to Meridian Park students via the PTSA. We utilize 6CRICKETS to manage the registration process for these programs. Click on the logo below to be taken to the registration portal, where you can sign your student up for classes and clubs focused on art, foreign language, academics, and more.



(link is [https://www.6crickets.com/schools/US/WA/Shoreline/Meridian-Park-Elementary-School/2769?refer&school=2769&utm\\_medium=school&utm\\_source=schools#programs](https://www.6crickets.com/schools/US/WA/Shoreline/Meridian-Park-Elementary-School/2769?refer&school=2769&utm_medium=school&utm_source=schools#programs))

If you have questions or would like to suggest a club or program to be offered, please email Briana Bell, VP of Programs and Clubs at [mpptsavpprograms@gmail.com](mailto:mpptsavpprograms@gmail.com).

## BOX TOPS

A big thank you to our hardworking Cheetahs for already turning in an amazing 4,750 box tops this year! Keep clipping and putting those little Box Tops for Education coupons in the black and yellow Cheetah box in the Meridian Park lobby! We are SO CLOSE to our 6,000 box tops goal!

Did you know you can earn EXTRA boxtops (sometimes as many as 50 per grocery receipt!) by using the Boxtops For Education App? Learn more at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>. And Go Cheetahs!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Teacher Appreciation Week is **May 6th-10th**. Look for upcoming info regarding feeding teachers on May 7th and acts of service we can do to show our teachers how much we appreciate them!

## HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSION



The Shoreline Hi Cap Parent Association (SHCPA) will be hosting an informal drop-in session for new and prospective parents on **Tuesday, April 9, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at the Ridgcrest Elementary cafeteria (16516 10th Ave NE).

This will be an excellent opportunity for prospective parents to ask questions of and to meet current Hi Cap parents from both our magnet schools and neighborhood schools. Please stop by!

Questions? Contact us at:

[shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com)

## MERIDIAN PARK HIGHLY CAPABLE OPEN HOUSE

*Come check out the hi-cap program and meet the staff on April 11th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm*

- Parents and Students Invited
- No Sign Up Needed
- Enter through the main entrance under the clock
- Informal Tour, Q&A, Meet and Greet Staff and Parents

*The purpose is to help families decide about next year.*

*We hope to see you!*

Questions? Please contact

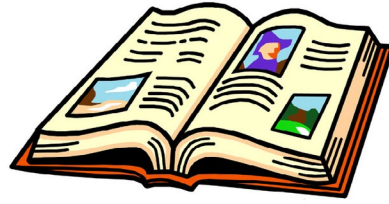
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# Announcements

## YEARBOOK

Yearbook pre-order forms are due by May 3rd. Books will be sold during the last week of school, but supplies will be limited. *Last year we sold out!*

Pre-ordered books are \$17 and will be \$20 the last week of school. Cash or check only.



*Do you have any photos to share?* We're still looking for memorable moments from MP events, field trips, or day-to-day classroom interactions.

You can email it directly to: [mpptsayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:mpptsayearbook@gmail.com). The photo submission deadline is April 15th for our 2018-2019 yearbook.

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MERIDIAN PARK

On April 18th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, join us to celebrate Meridian Park's 25th Birthday! There will be plenty of fun activities to entertain the whole family! We'll have live entertainment brought to you by the double dutch team, Hotdog USA, karaoke, birthday cake and cupcakes made by MP parent Vimukti Goswami, a macaroni and cheese competition, arts and crafts brought to you by your student council, and an Earth Day celebration. It is bound to be an exciting, fun-filled birthday bash!

And if that wasn't enough, we will also hold our second annual SPRING AUCTION (proceeds benefit MPPTSA)! Not only will we have items to raffle and a "mystery" gift card table, we have some amazing items for you to bid on, including:

- Four tickets to a Storm basketball game
- Four club seat tickets to a Sounders game
- Two tickets to a Seahawks game seated in the 100-level
- Dandylyon Drama Summer Camp
- One month unlimited dance classes at American Dance Institute
- One week summer camp with Broadway Bound Children's Theatre
- Cabin rental in Index, WA
- Three-hour Lake Union/Lake Washington Boat Cruise
- Family photography packages from Jenny Penney Photo and Eterna Studios

**...AND SO MUCH MORE!**

If you are interested in an up-to-date list of items that will be available at the auction, visit

<http://bit.ly/MPPTSAAuction>

Check back often as more items are added!

*So mark your calendars, come early, stay late, have fun, eat some mac and cheese, win some auction items, and sing happy 25th birthday to Meridian Park!*



**Gender Diversity**  
Highland Terrace Elementary  
presents an evening with  
educational consultant Aidan Key  
**Tuesday, April 9th**  
**6:30-8:00pm**

*in the Highland Terrace Cafeteria*

### We will be focusing on:

- Engaging in a shared learning experience around the topic of gender diversity
- Working together to develop an inclusive elementary school for LGBTQ students and families in a way that meets the developmental range of K-6 learners.

### About Gender Diversity:

Gender Diversity increases the awareness and understanding of the wide range of gender diversity in children, adolescents, and adults by providing family support, building community, increasing societal awareness, and improving the well-being for people of all gender identities and expressions.

# Cheetah Cheers

## 2019 READ-A-THON T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

First of all, congratulations to all of the kindergarten through sixth grade students who submitted read-a-thon t-shirt designs. The designs reflect their creativity!

Congratulations to fourth grader **Velvet Wu** for creating the winning t-shirt design. Velvet's illustration will be featured on the 2019 read-a-thon t-shirt. Velvet will also receive a gift certificate to spend at the book fair.

The following students earned honorable mention for their designs and will also receive gift certificates to spend at the book fair:

Kindergarten – Mona Adams

First Grade – Isaac Binz

Second Grade – Andrew Ingalsbe

Third Grade – Joey Hungerford

Fourth Grade – Yeva Gomilko

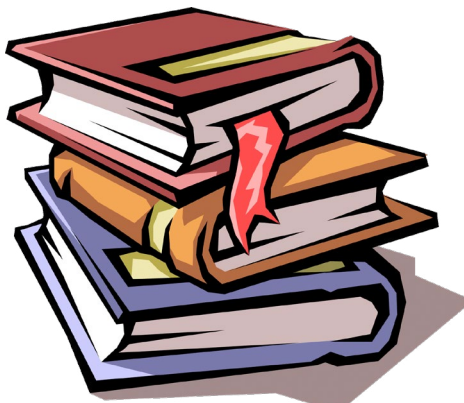
Fifth Grade – Clarisse Song

Sixth Grade – Elanor Shuey

*Hip Hip Hooray to all of you!*

## 2019 READ-A-THON

A huge THANK-YOU to all of the students and families who made this year's Read-a-Thon a success! Prizes will be delivered to students in time for them to spend their Book Bucks at the Spring Book Fair. Until next year, Read On!



## THE LION KING, JR.

Congratulations to the MP students, parents, and community members for a very successful production of Disney's The Lion King Jr. in March!! We sold out for our Saturday night show!

Many people donated time to help create sets, costumes, props, programs, etc., since it takes a village to put on a great production. Thank you everyone for supporting community-driven theater arts for elementary students!



## MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AND BOARD GAME NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Multicultural Festival on March 1st! We ate great food, played fun games, and watched cool acts on the stage. Thank you also to our sponsor: Chen CPA!



If you would like to be on next year's event planning committee, please contact Julie Reinhardt at [julie@shesmoke.com](mailto:julie@shesmoke.com).

# Principal's Letter

Dear Families -

Spirit Week was a huge success thanks to Student Council and each of our Cheetahs. We have lots of spirit and pride at MP!

We are planning for next year, and two timely topics are class assignments and the calendar. The class assignment input form is going home this week and is included at the end of this newsletter. The district calendar can be found at the following link: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2>. Please take a look and let's plan ahead!

As you know, we are staffing and creating classroom configurations for grades K-1-2-3 based on 20:1 ratios. While we are hoping classes will be right at 20 students each, it's possible that depending on actual enrollment, some K-3 classes will be 21 or 22 students. Unfortunately, the state does not provide support for reduced class sizes at grades 4, 5, and 6, so intermediate classes could continue to be large.

We are excited to continue our Kindergarten Magnet program again next year, and we are also thinking about next year as the last year at MP for our current fourth and fifth grade families. It's very exciting that the new grade 6-7-8 middle schools open in the fall of 2021! Please contact me if you have questions.



Our Family Photo Wall in the foyer represents our commitment to ALL families. We hope to see ALL families for the Book Fair, Family Fun Night, and MP 25th Birthday Celebration Family Night on April 18. What a great public school Meridian Park is because of ALL of us.

See you soon!  
David Tadlock, Principal



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

## CLASS ASSIGNMENTS INPUT FORM

Dear Families -

It's the time of the year when we start to consider your child's classroom assignment for next year, so it's important to share how we create balanced classes. Student assignments are not random or arbitrary. We are intentional and thoughtful about how we determine class assignments, and our staff teams work together closely to consider many factors in creating balanced classes.

Each classroom is a small learning community, and we support the idea that classrooms need to be representative of the social, emotional, and academic needs and abilities of children. We consider the following criteria when we create balanced classrooms:

- Academic balance
- Social/emotional balance and the development of new social groups
- Balance of students who have a positive influence
- Special academic needs, social needs, and learning styles
- Balance of boys, girls, and grade levels (if possible)
- Benefits of having a male or female teacher if possible

We welcome input about your child's strengths, needs, circumstances, or other information that might be helpful. The Input Form is not a teacher request form, but an opportunity for families to provide information about their child's social, emotional, learning, or academic characteristics. Additionally, because we value the benefits of combination classes, we also

invite families to indicate their preference for a split-grade class (combination classes are likely in both the general education and highly capable programs).

In this process we also ask that you not make a private request of your current teacher or request a specific teacher for next year. Together, the teachers and I are careful about an appropriate placement for each student. While we will make our best plans this spring, we cannot anticipate teacher changes, enrollment changes, or other factors that may occur over the summer and the first two weeks of school. We are careful to make the best placements possible and cannot accept requests for changes.

*If you would like to offer information related to your child's classroom assignment for next year, please complete the **INPUT FORM** included with this newsletter and return by April 15th.* Please also let us know if you are not returning. Program and staffing depend on enrollment, and every child makes a difference. Please contact Jake in the office if you will not be returning to MP next year.

We appreciate our partnership and your support of our student assignment process as a key component to our educational program. We are confident that your student's class assignment will result in a positive experience next year. Thanks for your trust and confidence, and our best to your family this spring!

David Tadlock, Principal

# Cheetah Notes

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Building a Maker Space Program

I have been building a maker space program in the library for the past couple of years, incorporating more hands-on materials and activities into library instruction. I've received a few grants for electrical circuitry, building materials, and robots.



If you would like to contribute the following items, please send them to the library:

- Legos • cardboard tubes
- plastic bottle caps • beads

### A Tremendous Thank You to...

I would like to thank the Kropf family for donating new sets of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and the Olympians, and Percy Jackson – Heroes of Olympus books, as well as copies of the Tolkien trilogy. **Wow!** We are all so grateful to have beautiful new copies of these beloved books. You're the best!

### Overdue Library Books – Can you help us?

When students check out books, they can keep them for up to two weeks. Lately, students have been keeping books beyond the two-week due dates. At this point, the books are overdue. When students have overdue books, they cannot check out new books. And, other students cannot check out the books that have not been returned.

Books are very expensive. We cannot afford to replace overdue books.

We send email and paper notices to parents if and when books have been overdue for an extended period of time.

If you receive such a notice, please help your children look for the books in the house, care, backpacks, and so on.

Thank you for your help!

## Resources – Resources – Resources

At Meridian Park, students have access to many electronic resources, including online encyclopedias and databases. Some of these resources are district subscriptions, while others are available through a special program with King County Library System.

The links for these resources are located on the Meridian Park homepage. Simply go to the homepage, find “students” on the page, and click on *learning tools*.

Here is the link: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/394>

*Here are the username/login and passwords for the various resources:*

### King County Library Partnership with Shoreline S. D.

*Access a variety of electronic resources. Each student has his/her own login information. The username is 412+student number and the password is the last four digits of the student number.*

#### SIRS Discoverer

*Online encyclopedias and search tools for elementary students*

Login - w412empark

Password - welcome

*(SIRS Discoverer is more user-friendly than eLibrary)*

#### eLibrary

*Shoreline School District subscribes to eLibrary, an online database of resources for students. Resources include newspapers, magazines, books, maps, pictures, audio/visual materials, and transcripts.*

Login - w412empark

Password - welcome

#### CultureGrams

*Shoreline School District subscribes to Culturegrams, an online database about countries and cultures of the world.*

Login - w412empark

Password - culture

#### Britannica Online

*This is a district subscription, is geared toward elementary-age students, and includes a separate component for PreK – 2nd grade.*

Login - MPES

Password - 412

In addition, we have our very own eBook library at Meridian Park.

These books are available all the time, day or night, weekday or weekend. You can “check them out” whenever you like, on a school computer or a home device.

Here is the link to our eBook Library:

<http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/index.html>

Login - mpark

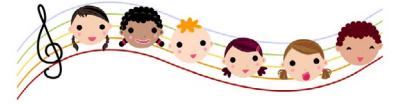
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*Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit*

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

# Cheetah Notes

## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Dear Meridian Park Families,

Students at Meridian Park always amaze me, growing musically in so many ways! I am proud of the strides they make each day, and how they persist even when some of the new learning is quite difficult!

### SPRING PERFORMANCES

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

#### MAY:

2nd grade, 4th grade, and all students in combination classes with 2nd and 4th grades will perform at the Meridian Park Arts Festival, Thursday evening, May 23, 2019.

#### JUNE:

1st grade classes will sing at the PTSA Meeting on Tuesday evening June 4, 2019.

6th grade will sing their moving up program on Wednesday morning June 19, 2019.

(Note: this is a change from June 13 due to the snow makeup days.)

The SYMPHONY FIELD TRIP was wonderful!

5th grade, 4th/5th, and 5th/6th classes had a fantastic field trip to Seattle Symphony's "Link Up: The Orchestra Moves" concert in downtown Seattle at Benaroya Hall, on March 12. Students listened, sang along, played along to fun, amazing music performed so beautifully by the Seattle Symphony.

Thank you, Meridian Park PTSA and families for your amazing support of the music program at Meridian Park! Arts education brings benefits that last a lifetime. It is such an asset to their education, that students can learn music in a beautiful space equipped with so many instruments and quality materials.

*I wish you all a happy spring!*  
Ms. Anderson

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

According to the King County Department of Health, there are high levels of influenza (the flu) in our area and it is expected to continue for the next 4-6 weeks. Please remind your child about the importance of hand-washing and covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing.

For more information about the flu, visit:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/immunization/flu-season/facts.aspx>

### 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, paleness, 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.*

# PTSA NEWS

## YEP, YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE PTSA!

It's never too late to show some love for our Meridian Park PTSA. Consider becoming a member, if you haven't already, or making a donation to support all of our families getting the most out of being a Cheetah! You can join or donate online any time at <https://mpptsa.org>.

Envelopes are available in the school's lobby.

## STATE TESTING OPT OUT

With the statewide testing coming up, you may have questions about what it is like to have your student opt out.

*Please feel free to email [naomihillyard@gmail.com](mailto:naomihillyard@gmail.com) with any questions you might have.*

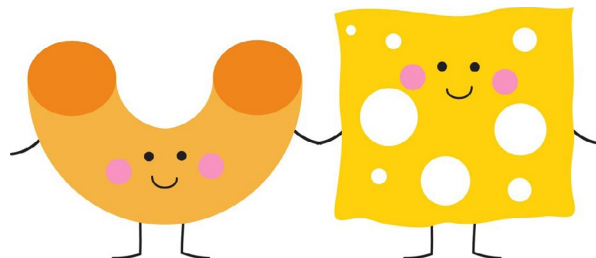
## AWARDS!



<https://goo.gl/forms/dhdISxHuPFUQmYGA3>

Awards season is upon us. Please submit your nominees for Golden Apple, Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate by April 14th. Winners will be recognized with a cool pin and a nice dinner at the Shoreline Center with winners across the school district.

## MACARONI AND CHEESE CHEETAH CHOW DOWN CONTEST



Meridian Park Elementary is celebrating its 25th birthday this year at our Spring Family Fun Night and Auction. We will have karaoke, crafts, entertainment from the jump roping team Hotdog USA, and BIRTHDAY CAKE!!!

To top it all off, we are having our first ever Cheetah Chow Down Contest all about Macaroni and Cheese.

Represent your club, family, grade level by entering your mac and cheese into the contest. The winner gets their name on a plaque and bragging rights.

See the attached [ENTRY FORM](#) at the end of this newsletter for more information.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Character Trait for April is **Leadership**. This is a new trait for students to be learning, and one they voted for last spring. As much as possible, we try to include students in our decision making, and this is one example where their voices were heard!

All month long we'll be working around the school to help students learn how to be good leaders: guiding yourself and others toward a goal, being a good role model, helping your group stay on task, explaining your ideas, asking for and listening to other's ideas even when they are different, and setting a good example... just to name a few. Students showing strong leadership skills will be recognized at our VIC (Very Important Cheetah) Lunch at the end of the month. Go Cheetahs!

**Katie McCain and Suz Fix**

*Meridian Park School Counselors Grades 1-6*



# Community Events/Resources

## Meridian Park Elementary

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

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 Susie Moore, Kinder Family Advocate



**2018-2019 MP PTSA**  
[mpptsa.org](http://mpptsa.org)

### Executive Committee

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 the Meridian Park PTSA

## You're Invited!

Help us celebrate  
 75 years of  
 Shoreline Schools



### 75th Anniversary "Birthday" Party

Friday, April 12 from 6-8pm

Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE

Details and other information available by clicking [HERE](#)



**The purpose of the Community Bridge Program** is to connect with **multilingual** residents from diverse backgrounds to share information about local government and resources. This program is part of Shoreline City Council Goal #4 to expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion and enhance opportunities for community engagement.

**LOCATION:** Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers, 17500 Midvale Ave. N

**Session 1: Overview and Government Basics**  
 Wed. May 1, 6:00pm—8:30pm

**Session 2: City Services**  
 Sat. May 18, 9:00am-3:30pm

**Session 3: City Engagement Opportunities**  
 Wed. May 29, 6:00pm—8:30pm

**Optional: Event Planning and Funding**  
 Sat. June 15, 9:00am—11:00am

*Participants will have the option to plan a community project after completing the Community Bridge program.*

### APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 12

Applications and more info. are available at [www.shorelinewa.gov/our-city/diversity-inclusion/community-bridge](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/our-city/diversity-inclusion/community-bridge). To apply, fill out the online application, submit a hard copy of the application, **or** email an application form to [stolton@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:stolton@shorelinewa.gov) by **Friday, April 12**.

### PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Live or work in Shoreline
- Speak another language, in addition to English
- At least 16 years old
- Attend first 3 sessions

Classes is provided free of charge and limited to 16 participants.

Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Suni Tolton, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator at [stolton@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:stolton@shorelinewa.gov) or 206-801-2256. The City of Shoreline is committed to ensuring a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for all. Notification of acceptance will be sent by Wed. April 17th.





## Cheesy Cheetah Chow Down Contest: Macaroni and Cheese

Do you make the best macaroni and cheese? Do you have a tried and true family recipe that everyone raves about? Do you add an ingredient to make your recipe

unique or, dare we say, healthier? What about gluten free macaroni and cheese? We challenge you to bring your best macaroni and cheese to the Spring Family Fun Night 25th Birthday Party Celebration the evening of April 18th and earn bragging rights and your Team's Name on an awesome plaque.

Who can enter? Any team, individual, or family within the school can enter. You can create teams with anyone you like: For example, Sezate's class, Math Club, Administrators, The Hardie Family, MPPTSA Special Needs Reps, Third Grade Teachers, School Counselors, The Oldtimers, The Newbies, etc.

### Cheesy Cheetah Chow Down Contest Rules:

1. Ingredients must be pre-cooked prior to the commencement of the Chow Down. Each contestant is solely responsible to make sure that no ingredient is undercooked and/or that there is no risk of food born illness.
2. The cooking period must occur within 24 hours of event. Macaroni and cheese must be hot and ready for official entry by 5:45PM on April 18th. Contestants should bring an extension cord with them for crock pot usage.
3. Each contestant must cook enough macaroni and cheese to feed approximately 20 people; it's a birthday party, after all.
4. Contestants are responsible to submit an official entry form by April 16th at 5:00PM.
5. The contest will be judged by those attending Spring Family Fun Night 25th Birthday Party Celebration.
6. The MPPTSA will provide: bowls/plates, utensils, napkins, and drink.



Please detach and submit the registration form to the MPPTSA  
Keep these rules for your own needs

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## Official Cheesy Cheetah Chow Down Contest Entry Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mac and Cheese Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Mac and Cheese Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Heat rating: (list one) Mild, Medium, Hot \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten Free: Yes or No

## Parent Input Form (optional) Student Assignments for 2019 – 2020

**Dear Parents:** We are intentional in our efforts to create balanced classes. We have a strong teaching staff who care about student learning and social growth. We recognize that all students have different learning styles, needs, and respond in a variety of ways to changing environments. We know that your child's classroom assignment is important to you. It's important to have your input as we create balance classrooms for next year. In creating balanced classes, we carefully consider several factors:

- Staff & parent input
- Academic and social needs of students; learning styles, student academic performance
- Behavior patterns, social groups, & overall class balance (gender)

Parents sometimes wonder if we can consider friendships. Friendships are not one of the factors because it's difficult to assign all students with their friends. We do, however, consider this an opportunity to create new and better balanced social groups. We also invite families to indicate that they prefer combination classes.

If you have info/input to add as part of our assignment process, please complete this form and return it by April 15. Here are a few reminders:

- Staff and grade level configurations may change at any time; combination classes are likely in both programs
- Information is **not** confidential and will be shared with the staff
- We **do not** accept specific teacher requests or guarantee placement in a specific classroom
- Completion of this form is optional and all students are given careful consideration even if no parent input

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Teacher & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you view your child in the following areas?      Strong Area, Average Area, Area of Growth**

Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Study \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_

WORKS WELL: Individually \_\_\_\_\_ With Partners \_\_\_\_\_ In Groups \_\_\_\_\_ In Split Grade Class \_\_\_\_\_

Describe unique or specific learning needs

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Describe special strengths

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Describe the best type of learning environment

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Other relevant information you would like to share?

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline April 15, 2019**  
Thank You!