

Cheetah Chatter

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6th Grade Moving On Celebration Picnic

Wednesday, June 19th

Following the ceremony, students will walk from MP to Cromwell Park for a picnic lunch and celebration. Family is welcome to attend.

We also need **VOLUNTEERS** and **PHOTOS**

- to help **transport food** from school to the park, set up, serve, and/or clean up, email calliel@hotmail.com or emsterling@gmail.com
- to submit **PHOTOS** from K-6th grade for the slide show during the ceremony, email them to MP6graduation@gmail.com
- to provide a **potluck item**, sign up at Perfect Potluck <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/STMQ3538>

Let's make this a wonderful celebration of our AMAZING 6th graders!



Parents of 5th Grade Students

Reminder: Your student must have a **tetanus/pertussis booster (Tdap)** before returning to school next fall as a 6th grader.

If your student has not yet received this vaccine, we would recommend you make an appointment ASAP, since appointments may be harder to get right before the beginning of the school year. Please note that your student must be at least **11 years old** to receive the Tdap booster. If your student turns 11 during the 2019-20 school year, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible after his/her birthday.

Your doctor may recommend additional immunizations, but Tdap is the only one required for school attendance at this time. Students out of compliance at the beginning of next year will be excluded from school until they receive the vaccine.

Once he/she has received the vaccine, please inform us by one of the following methods:

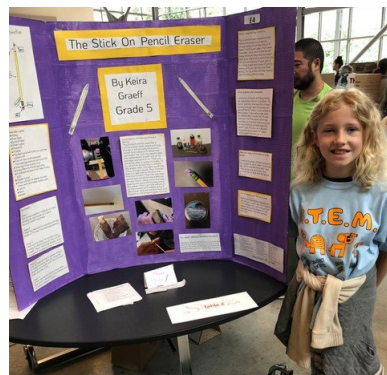
- Ask your healthcare provider to fax the documentation to 206-393-4259
- Between now and June 20th OR after August 26th: Leave a message on the nurse's voicemail (206-393-4124) with your student's name, vaccine received, and date the vaccine was given

Please call with any questions or if you need assistance finding a clinic.

Cheetah Cheers!

Meridian Park Elementary won the award for **most participation** at the **Shoreline CC STEM Fair** this past weekend (we had 11 participants, but only 4 were able to stay for the award). Rawr-some!

Also, **Keira Graeff** (5th grade) won an award for **engineering** in the intermediate category. Congratulations, Keira!



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 6

Edwin Pratt ELC Dedication Ceremony
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center

Thursday, June 6

Stop the Bleed Training
6:30 – 8:00 pm
MP Library

Friday, June 7

Last day to return library books

Monday, June 10

5th/6th Grade Instrumental Concert
7:15 pm
MP Gymnasium

Thursday, June 13

Summer Reading Night at MP
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Friday, June 14

MP Field Day and Student Council Spirit Day: Sports!

Wednesday, June 19

6th Grade Moving On Ceremony
9:30 – 11:00 am
MP Cafeteria
6th Grade Celebration Picnic
11:00 am – 2:30 pm
Cromwell Park

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Last Day of School
Early Release at 11:45 am

Saturday, June 22

Hi Cap Families Playdate
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Paramount School Park

Saturday, June 29 / Sunday, June 30

Shoreline Arts Festival
10:00 am – 6:00 pm / 5:00 pm
Shoreline Community College

Sunday, July 21

Hi Cap Families Potluck Picnic
4:00 – 8:00 pm
Richmond Beach Lower Picnic Shelter

Sunday, August 11

Hi Cap Families Playdate
12:00 – 2:00 pm
Shoreview Park

Thursday, August 29

Meet the Teacher / Back to School BBQ
5:00 – 6:00 pm / 6:00 – 7:30 pm
MP Classrooms, Cafeteria, Playground

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

First Day of School (Grades 1-6)

Tuesday, September 24

MP Curriculum Night

Principal's Letter

Dear Families,

We have celebrated 25 years of greatness, and it was fantastic.

Because of our amazing students, hard-working staff, and super supportive families, we continue to learn and grow.

We are carefully creating **class lists** for the fall. At MP, we are intentional about creating classes that are balanced, provide opportunity for student success, and are a good match for teacher, student, and family. Teachers collaborate in teams and consider many important factors, including social dynamics, learning/teaching styles, and class size. There are challenges related to the three programs and number of classrooms per program. For grades 1 through 6, combination classes are likely, and changes are possible the first week of school. We will do our best to limit changes and appreciate your trust in this process.



Thanks to our **staff** who cares about providing a positive, balanced academic and social experience for all students. Students also had wonderful experiences in Music, PE, and Library. Lunch was delicious and recess was full of exercise, fresh air, and rain.

Thank you **Naomi, Jax** and **PTSA** members for leading our PTSA to greatness. Welcome **Gretchen** our new PTSA President! Thanks **classroom volunteers** for all of your time and talents. **Jiovanna** and **Diana**—thank you for this amazing newsletter. We have wonderful **support staff**, including **Suzy, Annie, Jake, Annie, Susie, Katie, Suz, Kim, Tama**, and our awesome supervisors, crossing guards, custodians, and para-educators. Thank you **Derek** and **Kindergarten team**—you're the best!

Congratulations **Kindergartners, Class of 2031** and **Sixth Graders, Class of 2025**. We wish you only the best on your educational journey! MP is a wonderful and growing story, full of all the special experiences that are part of being a Cheetah. *Thank you for sharing your children and family with us.* We truly are One Community, Stronger Together, and it's an honor to be your principal. Have a great summer full of play, sun, golf, running, swimming, reading, and quality time together. We look forward to seeing eager and smiling Cheetah faces in the fall!

David Tadlock, Principal



One Community • Stronger Together
Celebrating 25 Years of Greatness

IMPORTANT DATES TO HIGHLIGHT

Thursday, August 29	Meet The Teacher , 5:00 pm, all classrooms will be open
Thursday, August 29	PTSA Welcome Back BBQ , 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the cafeteria and out back
Wednesday, September 4	First Day of School! (Grades 1-6)
Monday, September 9	First Day of School! (Kindergarten)
Tuesday, September 24	Curriculum Night

ADDITIONAL BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Class assignments for 2019-20 will be provided on Thursday, August 29 either via email or posted at the front of the school before Meet the Teacher.

PTSA News

President's Message

As the school year comes to a close and my tenure as president of the Meridian Park PTSA comes to an end, there is a sense of great accomplishment. Not one to toot my own horn, usually, I must give credit where it is due and pat myself on the back for giving it my all. When approximately 200 additional students were registered in the kindergarten program and our budget was stretched thin, I found a way to raise more money from the larger community and provide the enrichment and support that all of our families deserve. By bringing in business partners, it gave us a chance to highlight the businesses owned by Meridian Park families. I helped move us away from an old fundraising model to one that fits our school culture. You may notice that my greatest accomplishment is around the topic of money, which is why I am moving into the position of Fundraising Coordinator next school year. Part of my journey as president of the MPPTSA was finding out that I am good at raising money, especially when it is for an organization I care so much about. This skill will serve me well in my future endeavors, and I am so grateful that I was able to develop it as president of the MPPTSA. Consider joining our Board, and maybe you will also discover a hidden skill.

Our next **President** comes to us from Highland Terrace as her child transitions into the highly capable program at Meridian Park. **Gretchen Bjork Knudsen** is passionate about providing meaningful parent education opportunities to our families, making sure that all of our students have equitable access to the enrichment and the extras that MPPTSA provides, and is full of energy and new ideas that will help make our organization stay relevant. She and her husband are small business owners, have a cute puppy and an even cuter daughter who will be attending 1st grade in September. Join me in welcoming her into the Meridian Park community!

Naomi Hillyard

Thank You Volunteers!!



Meridian Park has incredible volunteers—in the classrooms, within the PTSA, on the grounds, and outside of school hours. We wanted to say **THANK YOU**, so please see the video we made and know you are massively appreciated!

Teacher Appreciation Week



A big thank you to all the individuals and families who took a moment to thank their teachers last month as part of **National Teacher Appreciation Week!** Thanks to your generous donations, the PTSA was able to host a delicious breakfast burrito buffet and gave away five gift baskets to some of our deserving teachers!

Help Raise Funds for MP over the Summer

KEEP CLIPPING BOX TOPS

Please keep clipping the box tops over the summer! We earned more than \$560 this year from the Box Tops for Education™ program, so keep them coming! For a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com.

LINK YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD TO MP PTSA

Support Meridian Park PTSA by [linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card](#) today [Meridian Park PTSA #TY486]. Don't worry – you'll still earn fuel points, rewards points, and rebates, all while supporting your school. It's a win-win!

Box Tops for Education

Way to go Cheetahs!! You've turned in 5,600+ Box Tops to raise more than **\$560** for MP this year! If you still have Box Tops sitting around at home, now is the time to turn them in! MP Cheetahs are awesome! Thanks for clipping!

Announcements



Meridian Park Elementary Presents:

SUMMER READING NIGHT

Thursday, June 13th | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

- Sign the whole family up for the KCLS Summer Reading Program - 'A Universe of Stories'
- Participate in the "Book Walk" and win prizes
- Share book recommendations and reading strategies
- Camp Read Some 'More: Bilingual storytelling and reading
- and so much more!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

You Are Invited!

Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center
Dedication Ceremony

June 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm
1900 N. 170th St., Shoreline



The community is invited to attend the dedication ceremony and open house. Tours of the school will be available. The Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center opened its doors to 400 of Shoreline Public Schools' youngest learners on Monday, January 7. The new facility is now home to all of the school district's preschool programs, including Shoreline Children's Center tuition-based preschool, Head Start and Early Childhood Education.

Medication Reminder - End of School Year Information

If your child has medication in the Health Office, please be aware that medications cannot be stored at school over the summer. Parents, please stop by the Health Office to pick up your child's medications on or before the last day of school.



Emergency medications (Epi-pens and inhalers) should be picked up on the last day of school. Non-emergency medications (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen) can be picked up before the last day of school. ***Medications will not be sent home with students.*** Policy requires that medications left in the Health Office after the last day of school (Thursday, June 20th) will be destroyed.

If you need to make special arrangements to pick up your child's medication, please contact **Tama Leahy**, Meridian Park School Nurse at 206-393-4124 or tama.leahy@shorelineschools.org. Thank you!

Field Day Still Needs Volunteers

Field Day is coming **Friday, June 14th**, and we need your help. This is a highlight of the year for many kids, and we need lots of family support to make it successful. There will be many stations around the playfield, with everything from belly bumpers to an obstacle course. **If you are willing to volunteer, we would love to have your help!** Our goal is to have 2 parent volunteers at each station.

KINDERGARTEN FIELD DAY: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Kindergarten volunteers should arrive by **9:30 am** to check in at the front office, then meet Mrs. Jones on the playground to help set up your station.

If you'd like to be a Kindergarten volunteer, please email Megan Jones, megan.jones@shorelineschools.org no later than **Friday, June 7th**.

GRADES 1-6 FIELD DAY: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

Grade 1-6 volunteers should arrive by **1:00 pm** to check in at the front office, then meet Mr. Lockwood on the playground to help set up your station.

If you'd like to be a Grade 1-6 volunteer, please email Spencer Lockwood, spencer.lockwood@shorelineschools.org no later than **Friday, June 7th**.

If someone you know is also volunteering and you would like to work at the same station, let us know!

Thank you for helping make Meridian Park Field Day a wonderful success!

Announcements

29th Annual Shoreline Arts Festival



Saturday, June 29
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 30
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

NEW LOCATION IN 2019:
Shoreline Community College
16101 Greenwood Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

The **Shoreline Arts Festival** is held on the last weekend in June. There is something creative and fun for everyone at this **FREE** two-day community event:

- Arts Exhibits
- Youth Art
- Artist Marketplace
- Cultural Rooms
- Hands-on Art
- Performances
- Food Truck Food Court
- Beer Garden
- Various Activities of All Kinds!

Also, there is still time for **Youth Artists** to submit their art! The deadline for online registration is **Monday, June 24th**. To register, visit www.shorelineartsfestival.org/youth-activities and click on "Register Here!"

For more details about the festival, including a map of the event, please visit the Shoreline Arts Festival webpage at shorelineartsfestival.org.

Summer Hi Cap Testing for New Shoreline Students

Registration for the **Highly Capable (Hi Cap) Program Assessment** is now open for students enrolled in Shoreline *after* January 1, 2019 who were not previously screened or tested during the 2018-2019 school year.

Deadline for registration is **Thursday, June 27**, by 4:00 pm. No late registrations will be accepted. Testing is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 30**. For details on registration, location, times, etc., please refer to the [district website](#).

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

Save the Dates: Hi Cap Summer Play Dates



We invite families in the Shoreline Highly Capable program to meet and connect with other Hi Cap families this summer at the following meetups:

PLAY DATE

Saturday, June 22nd
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Paramount School Park, NE 155th and 8th Ave NE

Join us for some sunshine and outdoor time!

Bring your family and look for us at the canopy near the playground.

POTLUCK PICNIC

Sunday, July 21st
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Richmond Beach, Lower Picnic Shelter

Join us for a potluck dinner on the beach!

Bring your family, beach toys, and a dish to share (including serving utensils, if needed).

If you are able, please consider bringing a small cash donation (\$5-\$10) to help cover the cost of the shelter, beverages, and plates/cups/etc.

PLAY DATE

Sunday, August 11th
Noon - 2:00 pm

Shoreview Park, 700 NW Innis Arden Way

Join us for lunch and playtime at the park!

Bring your family and lunches, and look for us near the canopy.

We hope to see you there!

Contact **Gretchen Bjork Knudsen** at dream.of.falling@gmail.com with questions.

*** Please note: This is an informal gathering of interested Hi Cap families and is not a sponsored event by the Shoreline Hi Cap Parent Association ***

Cheetah Notes

From the Library/Media Center

Dear MP Families,

On **Wednesday, June 5th**, we will kick off **King County Library System's Summer Reading Program** with an assembly at 9:30 am for 1st through 6th grades.

Please take advantage of the summer reading program, as well as other great literacy programs sponsored by the King County Library System this summer.

You can find more information about the summer reading program by going to www.kcls.org or attending **MP's Summer Reading Night** on **Thursday, June 13th**.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your amazing support of the library throughout the 2018 - 2019 school year. With our book fairs, we were able to raise funds that we used to purchase library books for K-6 students, as well as support our Sasquatch and Young Readers Choice reading programs.

Thank you also to MP's fantastic PTSA for helping to fund our **Eric Ode** assemblies for K-2 students in early May. Students loved singing along with Eric as he shared stories, poetry, and songs.

I have another gigantic shout out to PTSA for funding my **maker space grant**. I was able to purchase construction materials such as straws and connectors and more Legos, as well as electric circuitry materials, and magnetic word kits. Students have enjoyed designing, building, and creating with all of these things. Thank you!!!

END OF YEAR - TURNING IN LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books are due on **Friday, June 7th**.

Sarah McElligott, library technician, will send email notices, as well as hardcopy letters, to families beginning on **Tuesday, June 11th**, if books are still out.

Students who cannot find their overdue library books can choose to either pay for the books (\$10 for a paperback or \$20 for a hardcover) or replace them with like copies.

If replacing or paying for lost library books is a financial hardship, please contact me (jenny.hillger@shorelineschools.org or 206-393-4125).

Students who still have library books checked out on the last day of school will not receive their report cards. Report cards will be held in the office. Students can pick up their report cards once they have resolved their library book issues.

SUMMER READING

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

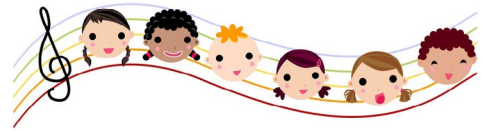
Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Jenny Hillger, Teacher~Librarian



From the Music Department



JUNE MUSIC EVENT:

6th Grade Moving Up Program
Wednesday, June 19

6th grade classes will sing at 9:30 am

And a note ♪ to the amazing Cheetahs:

Students, I am proud of you! I am amazed at all you have learned about music this year. Continue learning and listening to, participating in and just enjoying music all summer! Sing together, play instruments, move to music, draw or color or write a story about music that you hear! Try setting a poem or story to music. Also, take advantage of the many summer music events, camps, concerts, and musicals in the area. There are wonderful opportunities for families and kids to enjoy music and the arts, and many of them are free.

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

Ms. Anderson

Family Resources

Meridian Park Elementary www.shorelineschools.org/meridianpark/

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david.tadlock@shorelineschools.org

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Annie Bach, Office Manager

Suzy Cowgill, Kinder Office Manager

Tama Leahy, School Nurse

Katie McCain / Suz Fix, Counselor

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Annie Gage, Family Advocate

Susie Moore, Kinder Family Advocate



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Free Summer Meals

EVERY WEEKDAY from *July 8th* through *August 2nd*

Anyone 18 years old or younger is welcome to come eat free hot lunch!
No registration required.

Find us at either of these locations:

MERIDIAN PARK ELEMENTARY
17077 Meridian Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133
Lunch: 10:45 am to 11:30 am

SHORECREST HIGH SCHOOL
15343 25th Ave NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
Lunch: 12:00 Noon to 12:30 pm

Other locations/times can be found at freesummermeals.org

Summer Camp Scholarships and Membership Discounts

Does your family qualify for any form of public assistance or for free/reduced lunch at school? Did you know that qualifying for these programs can qualify you for major discounts for memberships at places like the *Pacific Science Center*, the *Zoo*, and other great places to spend time this summer? Your child may also be able to get some scholarships for summer camps.

If you'd like more information, contact your
Family Advocate:

Kindergarten
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susie.moore@shorelineschools.org
206-393-1763

1st-6th grade
Annie Gage
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206-393-1768



For Shoreline School District Students Needing Support School Supplies, Hair Cuts, Clothing

Saturday, August 24th | 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Ridgecrest Elementary

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

REGISTER NOW! Registration deadline is *August 9th*

- Online at www.btsconsortium.org
- Mail in a registration form
- Call the BTS Info Line at 206-393-4916
(leave a message and a volunteer will call back to register you over the phone)
- Contact your School's Family Advocate or Nurse