# **Cheetah Chatter**

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### **Shoreline Hi Cap Community Event**

The Shoreline Hi Cap Parent Association

(www.shorelinehicap.org)

will be hosting a community event on Wednesday, March 4, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Meridian Park cafeteria.

We are excited to highlight a special panel of Hi Cap students (elementary, middle school and high school) who will share perspectives on their academic journeys. If you're a parent contemplating a placement decision, or a current Hi Cap parent who wants to hear what middle school and high school is like from our students, please plan on attending! All families are welcome. Thank you! Questions?

Email: shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com

### Dear Meridian Park Families,

A few weeks ago, a student came to us with an idea for a club that would create a space for students and families to teach and learn about the histories and customs of the diverse cultures that make up our school community. We are so proud of the initiative and so excited for this opportunity, but we want to make sure that any plans are family directed. If you would like to be a part of a planning team, please reach out to Matt Alford, I-6 dean at <a href="matt.alford@shorelineschools.org">matt.alford@shorelineschools.org</a> or Natalie Bachicha-Wells, 3rd grade teacher, at <a href="matalie.bachicha.wells@shorelineschools.org">matalie.bachicha.wells@shorelineschools.org</a>.

We hope to schedule a planning meeting sometime in March. We very much look forward to supporting our families in the project. Spread the Word!

Mrs. BW and Mr. Alford

# Grades 5 & 6 Middle School Registration Information Nights have been scheduled.

See the attached flyer on page 2 for more information and dates. If families are unable to attend their home school registration night, they are more than welcome to attend a presentation at another elementary school — the information presented at each school will be the same. The purpose of these nights is NOT to register for classes. Registration documents will be given to students after conference week. Einstein counselors are in the process of scheduling registration visits to all 5th and 6th grade students with the help of elementary counselors. Those dates will be shared soon.

Assemblies for 5th and 6th grade students are right after mid-winter break!

All 6th graders will visit Einstein on February 24th, all 5th graders on February 25th.

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### **Upcoming Events**

<u>Tuesday, February 4th</u> <u>Kindergarten Registration Begins</u>

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 26
Early Release Days
1:50 pm

Saturday, February 8th
The Rise of Black Lives Matter
Film & Arts Event
Shoreline Community College

Theater I-4pm

Tuesday, February 11th
Eva Abram, Author Visit
(Kindergarten)
MP Cafeteria
9:30am

Tuesday, February 11th MP All Skate Night Lynnwood Bowl & Skate 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 13th
MP PTSA Community Coffee
9:05am

February 17 – 21
Mid-Winter Break

No school

February 24th - 25th
Grades 5 & 6 Middle School
Registration Information Nights
6:30 - 8:00 pm

February 25th - 27th

Dana Sullivan assemblies

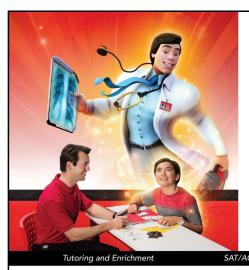
Tuesday, February 29th
Pushout: the Criminalization of Black
Girls in Schools Film Screening
Edmonds Library
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 4th
Shoreline HiCap Community Event
MP Cafeteria
6:30 – 8:30 pm

March 2 - 6
Conference Week
Early Dismissal 11:45 am

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### **Announcements**



# Go From "I Can't"

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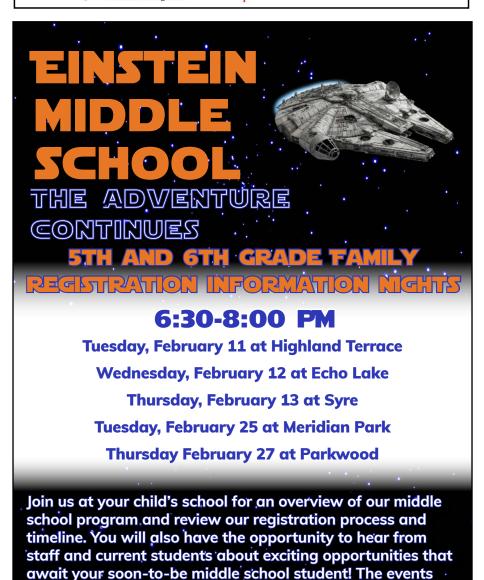
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are tailored for adults, but students are also welcome.

### Annual Shoreline Math Olympiad

The annual Shoreline Math Olympiad (SMO) event is approaching (March 14th). This is a great event to help keep kids engaged with math and encourages future participation with math activities. It's an all volunteer event and helps build community awareness for math education. All MP 4-6 grade students are eligible to participate in this event including students that are NOT enrolled in math club. If you know of a cheetah that would be interested in competing at the SMO have them register on 6crickets. More information about this year's event is on the SMO website.

The SMO committee is also looking for volunteers to help put on this event, no math experience needed.

Please help if you can, just email Steve (SRuiter@comcast.net) or Lisa (lisa\_mcd@comcast.net)

for more info.

# The next MP All School Skate Night is Tues, Feb 11th from 6-8pm.



### Where: Lynnwood Bowl and Skate 6210 200th St. S.W

Lynnwood, WA 98036

### **Admission Price:**

\$8 per person, skates included Inline Upgrade: \$3.25 additional \*Bring the whole family but please no drop-off. Non-skating chaperones are free.

See Annie Gage for scholarship vouchers or email her at <a href="mailto:annie.gage@shorelineschools.org">annie.gage@shorelineschools.org</a>.

# **Cheetah Cheers**

A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Winter Ball so much fun. Also, a huge thanks to Trader Joe's for coming and to Will Chen for sponsoring the event. <a href="https://www.willchencpa.com/">https://www.willchencpa.com/</a>



If your business would like to support
Meridian Park PTSA contact Naomi Hillyard
at naomihillyard@gmail.com

We laughed and we cried at this year's Variety Show. Thank you to all of the performers for being courageous and bringing their best. Also, thank you to the parent volunteers who made the event possible. The Variety Show was sponsored for a 3rd year in a row by Dr Howard Jue at Orthodontics Exclusively

https://orthodonticsexclusively.com/

Also, thank you to Shoreline Little League for sponsoring the Variety Show.

https://www.shorelinelittleleague.com/











# **Principal's Letter**

Dear Families -

We are so proud of our super star Cheetahs for first semester learning and growth! Students will bring progress reports home on February 14, and conferences will be the week of March 2. While we value our regular and ongoing communication, we appreciate holding your questions about the progress report until your conference.

We are starting to think and talk about next year. In Shoreline, the 2020-21 school year will be the first year of K-5 elementary schools and 6-7-8 middle schools. This spring, we will celebrate our fifth and sixth graders moving up to the new middle school program. Thanks to a lot of district committee work, it's going to be

very exciting for our students to have both the academic and social experience of a full middle level program.

In addition, this is the final year of MP Kindergarten Overflow as we have known it. Along with kinders attending their neighborhood schools, MP will be the consolidated site for Shoreline's highly capable program. We are excited to be a K-5 MP neighborhood school and also the grade 2-5 hi-cap magnet school. All of this is exciting news for our community as our district improves schools and programs to prepare our students for an increasingly complex world in the decades to come.

In February, we are celebrating Black History Month and we hope you will join us in celebrating Black History year round. We are also practicing 'kindness'. On behalf of the staff, we are grateful for the kindness of your students and family. Meridian Park is a great school—One Community, Stronger Together—because of all we do together. Thank you.

David Tadlock, Principal



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The MPPTSA is looking for businesses to promote in our Cheetah Chatter newsletter and on our website. We would love to provide this opportunity to you. Email Naomi Hillyard at

naomihillyard@gmail.com or text

206-355-7365 for more information.



### **Tadlock Tip**

We model in almost everything we say and do, and our kids learn as much from adult actions and words as they do from other learning experiences. I encourage all of us to reflect on our habits, words, actions, and interactions. Let's model kindness and be positive examples for our students.

### **Wellness Policy Reminder**

As we approach our mid-year celebrations of learning and growth on February 13 or 14, we appreciate our partnership regarding the district's updated Wellness/Nutrition policy that requires class parties include healthy snacks and treats. More information can be found at the link below.

https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/1265

# Next Year! September 2 First Day Grades I-12

(before the Labor Day holiday)

### September 8 First Day KG

(first day after Labor Day holiday)

The full Shoreline Calendar is posted on 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 <a href="http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title\_ix.php">http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title\_ix.php</a>

# **Cheetah Notes**

### **Counselor's Corner**

#### Character Trait of the

Month: This month students are learning and practicing the trait of KINDNESS! February 17th is "Random Acts of Kindness Day" and it's a great opportunity to remind students to "pay it forward" by making someone's day by completing even the smallest acts...not just that one day, but every day!



At the end of this month we celebrate students who have been demonstrating this trait in our VIC (Very Important Cheetah) Lunch. Please see the <u>booklist</u> for great ideas on how to continue the learning at home with trait specific books.

Katie McCain, M.Ed. Meridian Park School Counselor 206-393-1785

### From the Health Office

Hello Meridian Park Families,

The Health Office is in need of donations for students who need to borrow clean clothing during school. If you have gently-used clothes that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Health Office. We especially need pants that will fit younger students (K-3rd grade).

Thank you!

### **Attendance Alert**

Did you know...

Unless your child has vomited or had a fever in the past 24 hours, they are welcome to come to school. And we hope they will!

Children with sniffles, mild tummy aches, headaches, or sore throats are all encouraged to come to school.

Often such discomforts decrease or disappear completely once the school day has begun.

### From the Music Department

Happy February, month of kindness, Cheetahs!

#### **HONOR CHOIR**

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade Honor Choir students on their fantastic performance at the ShorelineWestside Choral Festival on January 30! What an amazing concert! Nearly 50 Meridian Park singers represented our school, singing songs with the honor choir and finishing with a beautiful combined piece with the high school choirs. Preparing for this took a good deal of extra time and hard work, but was a lot of fun as new friendships were made with other students who love to sing and will move on to Einstein Middle School together! Thank you to honor choir and their super supportive parents!

### **ANNUAL SYMPHONY FIELD TRIP**

5th grade, 4th/5th, and 5th/6th classes will be taking a field trip to Seattle Symphony's concert "Link Up:The Orchestra Moves" at Benaroya Hall, Thursday May 7.

Students will listen, sing along, play recorder and move to music performed by Seattle Symphony.

### SPRING MUSIC PERFORMANCES

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

> Meridian Park Arts Festival, Thursday, May 21, 2020:

2nd grade and 1/2nd combination classes sing at 6:30 p.m.

4th grade and 3/4th combination classes sing at 7:00 p.m.

### 1st grade

Sings at 6:15 at the PTSA Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

### 5th grade

Sings at 9:30 a.m. at their moving up program Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

### 6th grade

Sings at 9:30 a.m. at their moving up program Wednesday June 17, 2020.

## **Cheetah Notes**

### From the Library



We are excited to welcome local illustrator, writer, and graphic artist Dana Sullivan back to Meridian Park, February 25th through 27th. Over the course of three days, Dana will engage with and teach students about the writing and creative processes in 11 assemblies.

Below is some information from Dana's website about his presentations:



"For younger students, I will focus on my ILA Children's Choice selection, Kay Kay's Alphabet Safari. He offers background on how the book came to be, including the Kenyan story that inspired it, along with the process of submission, revision and dogged persistence. I then demonstrate how an illustrator actually produces final art for a book. Finally, we have a little fun converting audience doodles into lively illustrations.

**For older kids,** I offer a one-hour **graphic novel workshop**, complete with demo and instruction. The kids then write and illustrate their own one-page graphic novel.

The presentations stress that although writing and illustrating require hard work, it is important to have fun, too. I remind them that philosophy applies to writing, math, music, sports or other challenges as well."

Dana's most recent books include the new graphic novel series, **Dead Max**, and the picture book, **My Red Velvet Cape**. He is also the illustrator of the **Digger and Daisy** beginning reading series.

You can learn more about Dana's books and see samples of his work at

www.danajsullivan.com.

Below is the first through sixth grade assembly schedule:

Wednesday, February 26, 2020		
Time	Location	Grade and Teachers
9:30 - 10:15	Cafeteria	2nd, 1st-2nd - Natalizio, M. Smith, Anderson, Uran, Mo
10:30 - 11:15	Library	1st - Allemeier, LeBlanc, Misner
1:00 - 1:45/1:50	Band Room	4th, 3rd/4th - Peters, Ashenbrenner, Hyde
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Thursday, February 27, 2020		
Time	Location	Grade and Teachers
9:30 - 10:15/10:20	Band Room	3rd, 3rd-4th - Kushner, Chalcraft, Bachicha-Wells, L. Smith
10:30 - 11:25	Band Room	6th, 5th/6th - Borovina, Keeley, Pozarski, Sezate
1:30 - 2:25	Band Room	5th, 4th/5th - Peterson, Norton, Baroudi, Rudberg

### Meridian Park Spirit Wear

Be sure to visit the Meridian Park Spirit. Wear store to pick up your Cheetah gear! Receive 10% off Rainbow Hoodies (items 1162Y,W1162) during the month of February with code **FEB20P.** Free shipping on all orders over \$50!



# **PTSA News**

Fifty-nine 5th graders and several parent volunteers had the opportunity to participate in a mini-unit covering ecosystems concepts this past fall. This opportunity was made possible by a Meridian Park Parent Teacher Student Association grant, as well as the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and the King County Water to Wheels program. The guiding question was: "What makes a healthy ecosystem?" As part of this mini-unit, the fifth graders engaged in three in-class lessons followed by a field experience at Tiger Mountain. These lessons were taught by Ms. Baroudi, the math and science teacher at Meridian Park Elementary, and Mr. Roedell, an outdoor science specialist for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust. Before the field experience, students learned about abiotic (non-living) and biotic (living) elements, as well as the role of consumers (animals), producers (plants), and decomposers (fungi, bacteria, and invertebrates) in the Pacific Northwest forest ecosystem. Students watched videos, engaged in thoughtful discussions, acted out the process of photosynthesis, and dramatized a food chain and food web.

For the field experience, the students went to Tiger Mountain to apply their learning about abiotic and biotic elements and their interactions, as well as identify and discuss connections between consumers, producers, and decomposers. They were also able to answer the guiding question. The students determined that the Tiger Mountain ecosystem is a healthy forest ecosystem, despite human impacts such as litter, electrical power lines, and vehicles. They agreed that it was healthy because it included abiotic elements such as clean air, rain, bodies of water, sunlight, and nutrient-rich soil. It was also deemed healthy because it included animals such as bears, frogs, birds, and mice as well as several native plants and native decomposers such as banana slugs.

To culminate this mini-unit, Ms. Roedell then led the students through a reflective lesson. During this lesson, students pledged to be stewards of nature and agreed that they would use what they learned to take care of nature. Students also reviewed material by engaging in a protocol called, "The Expert Panel." In this protocol, students aimed to unseat three students from a panel by asking them challenging questions about what they learned during the field experience.





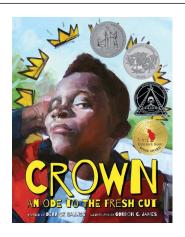


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Don't worry – you'll still earn fuel points, rewards points, and rebates all while supporting your school. It's a win-win!

## **PTSA News**

MP PTSA HONORS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL WEEK OF ACTION. MP PTSA would like to invite you to join us in honoring Black History Month and Black Lives Matter at School National Week of Action at these upcoming opportunities.



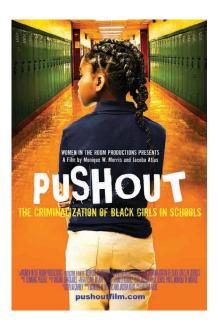
CROWN: AN ODE TO THE FRESH CUT ASSEMBLY (Grades 1-6)

Join us at 2:30pm in the cafeteria on Thursday, February 6,

as we enjoy Book-It Repertory Theater's performance based on

the award-winning book, Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut — "a high-spirited, engaging salute to the beautiful, raw, assured humanity of black boys and how they see themselves when they approve of their reflections in the mirror."

# **PUSHOUT FILM SCREENING**& DISCUSSION PANEL: FEBRUARY 29th, 2-5PM



MP PTSA is proud to sponsor a film screening and panel discussion of Pushout: the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools at the Edmonds Library. Tickets were free and sold out very quickly, though there will be a standby line should ticket holders not show up the day of.

Indicate you are "interested" in the Facebook event to be notified if another screening is scheduled: bit.ly/PushoutEdmonds

# EVA ABRAM, RAINWATER STORYTELLING AUTHOR VISIT (Kindergarten)



African American storyteller, Eva Abram, will be sharing African/American folktales with kindergartners in the cafeteria

at 9:30am on Tuesday, February 11th.

"Stories are carried across the globe, connecting us with one another. They show us that we are alike and how cultures are different and interesting. The similarities and differences act as bridges to bring us together." Made possible with the support of a MPPTSA grant. For more info, visit:

rainwaterstorytelling.com

### MP PTSA BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

All month long, families can purchase books to support representation and diversity in our library by visiting bit.ly/



BLMatMeridianPark (note: this link will direct you to our wish list on AmazonSmile — be sure to select Meridian Park Family Association PTSA as your designated non-profit to support!).

All purchases will be gifted directly to the MP library. Selected titles provide language about race and diversity, historical context surrounding social justice movements, fictional titles featuring black youth as the main characters, and bilingual texts that celebrate Ethiopian languages and culture.

### **PTSA News**

#### MP PTSA BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL CREATIVE CHALLENGE

MP PTSA is amazed the work we received for the Black Lives Matter at School Creative Challenge! The work of these talented Cheetahs is inspiring and thought-provoking, and we are so proud to see them express themselves on this important topic. Thank you to Fred Meyer and Third Place Books for providing gift cards to be awarded to our young artists!

Work will be showcased at The Rise of Black Lives Matter Film & Arts Event at Shoreline Community College Theater from 1-4pm on Saturday, February 8th. For more info, visit: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/RiseBLM">bit.ly/RiseBLM</a>.



"My community shows Black Lives Matter when... they feel safe!" Madeleine Scheidt, 1st Grade



Eben Perez, 5th Grade



"My community shows Black Lives Matter when we celebrate and listen to our black community members." Elke Knudsen, 1st Grade

When I say that black lives matter I am not getting younger or fatter What are you waiting for! You can do this stop that war! When you stop that war, You will open that door, When you do this you will see this is a door of opportunity!

When I say that black lives matter, this means everybody.

Don't start a war, just for fun!

And don't discriminate against anyone!

Now let's join hand by hand

Now I hope

Jasir Beason, 2nd Grade

You understand

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When I say that Black Lives Matter, I mean we are parts of diversity, and to kill, torture, or do worse to us, won't wake away our skin status. And if you do torture us, you're degrading your integrity status. That means we stand together, so we have the lives we deserve.

Djon-Tait Beason, 4th Grade



Taylor Sherman-Brattin, 2nd Grade

## **PTSA News**



### **HELP KEEP MP PTSA** GOING STRONG!

MP PTSA is starting to think ahead to next school year, and we have many big and small opportunities to help support our school community. Taking on a leadership role is a great way to be involved

in an impactful way in the culture of our community! Board positions are typically a 2-year commitment where you work with a co to learn the job during your first year, then you lead and teach your new co the following year. Attend monthly PTSA meetings — typically held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30; childcare is provided. We have many volunteers on the board with full-time jobs these roles are defined by what you bring with plenty of support from members and your board colleagues.

Email Gretchen, mpptsapresident@gmail.com, if you're interested in learning more about any of the following important roles:

- Co-President
   Co-Treasurer
   Co-Secretary
- Co-VP of Volunteer Engagement
   ELL/Bilingual Board Representative
- Special Needs Board Representative Hi Cap Board Representative
  - Read-a-thon Lead Drama Club Lead Family Services Lead
    - Grants Committee Co-Chair Membership Co-Chair
    - Staff & Teacher Appreciation Lead Green Team Lead

If you aren't up for a leadership role, that's okay! We hope you'll sign up for any of our one-time volunteer needs throughout the rest of this year and into next school year! Come to a PTSA meeting or talk to any PTSA board member to learn more and get involved. (The next PTSA meeting is on Saturday, February 8th at 10am in the library.)



### **MP PTSA MEETING:** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 10:00-11:30AM

February's PTSA meeting will be the second of two Saturday meetings that we are trying out this school year in effort to find

times that are accessible to the wider community. Please join us in the library from 10-11:30am — coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided. Free childcare available.



### MONTHLY **COMMUNITY COFFEE**

February 13th, 9:05am

This year, MP PTSA is hosting monthly Community Coffees to provide a casual space for learning more about our school and each other. Children are welcome. Please let us know if you have any specific needs, and we will do our best to accommodate them.

February's Community Coffee will focus on Meridian Park's Deans of Students (rescheduled due to January's snow). We will hear from our Deans and learn more about their roles and how they serve MP students.

### Remaining 2019-20 **Community Coffee Dates:**

- February 13th March 19th
- April 16th
- May 21st

Learn more and RSVP here.

### PTSA LINKS

**BECOME A PTSA MEMBER VOLUNTEER PTSA CALENDAR** FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK LINK YOUR FRED MEYER **REWARDS CARD** SUPPORT US ON **AMAZON SMILE** 

# **Community Resources**

#### Meridian Park Elementary www.shorelineschools.org/ meridianpark/

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Annie Gage, Family Advocate

Susie Moore, Kinder Family Advocate



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### Black Voices: Black Books Fair

Tue. 2/4 and Wed. 2/5, 4pm-8pm Ridgecrest Elementary School, 16516 10th Ave. NE, Shoreline

As few as 3-8% of children's books feature a Black protagonist, and even fewer are written by Black authors. A Black book fair will be offered both Tuesday and Wednesday, in partnership with Third Place Books. On Tuesday, local Seattle young adult author Candice Montgomery, whose debut novel, HOME AND AWAY can be found online and in stores now, and their sophomore novel, BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY was released October of 2019. Learn more at

candicemontgomery.com.

### Black Voices: Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Night

Wed. Feb. 5, 6pm-7:30pm Shorecrest Highschool, 15343 25th Ave. NE, Shoreline

Celebrate Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and learn about college/university supports for students. Representatives and alumni from Howard, Spelman, Morehouse, Bennett, Southern, Grambling State, University of

Washington, and Shoreline Community College.

# Black Voices: Celebrate Black Arts – Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut

(registration required)

Book-It Repertory Theatre performance of Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes, an award-winning children's author, whose books celebrate and portray Black children in positive lights. He is the recipient of the Newberry Honor and Coretta Scott King Award for his book, Ode to the Fresh Cut. Learn more at derrickdbarnes.com. Tickets are free, but online registration is required.

### **Black Voices:**

### Talking to Kids About Race

Fri., Feb. 7, 6pm-8pm Shorecrest High School, 15343 25th Ave. NE, Shoreline

I5343 25th Ave. NE, Shoreline
Michael Brown from the Hilltop Children's Center will lead a workshop for families on how to introduce hard topics about race to their kids in age-appropriate ways. Join us for a meal and training. Childcare is available for potty-trained children. Due to limited capacity, online registration is required to attend this event. Registrations will be released based on a lottery system. Please fill out the online form to submit your information for the registration lottery.

# Shoreline Social Justice Book Discussion

Sunday, February 9, 2-4pm Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St. (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE – book sessions will now be at the library) The Shoreline Social Justice Book (SSJB) group is a rich opportunity to meet neighbors and build community by reading and discussing books written from diverse perspectives. February's session will discuss the book The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilderson. Contact Suni Tolton, City of Shoreline Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, at stolton@ shorelinewa.gov to receive discussion questions before the meeting or if you have any other questions.

### **Head Start Openings:**

Children's Home Society has openings for pregnant or families parenting children birth-3 years old. Services include home visits by early childhood specialists who share health, nutrition, and other info. and resources. Play groups, parent trainings, and family field trips are also offered. Contact Rachel Borella, Early Head Start Supervisor at 206-817-0320 (cell), 206-695-3261 (office), or rachelb@chs-wa.org for more info.

### JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

# BLACK VOICE A COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

More information at www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices

### FEBRUARY 3RD-7TH, 2020

Teaching for Black Lives: An evening with Seattle educator
Jesse Hagopian & Dr. Tanisha Brandon-Felder,
Director of Equity & Family Engagement, Shoreline Schools

\*In partnership with the Shoreline Foundation, Shorewood HS & Shoreline Education Association\*

### **Shorewood High School Theatre, 6:00-7:30 PM**

Black Book Fair! A book fair in celebration of representation in literature. Buy a book & consider buying one for another student. Special guest YA author Candice Montgomery
\*In partnership with Third Place Books, Shoreline PTA Council & Kellogg MS

Ridgecrest Elementary, 4:00-8:00 PM (open Tue & Wed)

HBCU & College Support Night Celebrate and learn more about attending a Historically Black College or University, and local college supports for Black Students

WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM SHOREWOOD STEP TEAM

### Shorecrest High School, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Celebrate Black Arts** Join us for a family-friendly theater performance of author Derrick Barnes' book **Crown: An Ode to the** 

Fresh Cut \*\*Tickets required at: www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices\*\*
\*In partnership with Book-It Repertory Theatre & Meridian Park Elementary\*

### Shoreline Room @ Shoreline Center, 6:00-7:00 PM

**Talking About Race** Learn how to talk about race with your child at any age, alongside other families. Dinner & childcare provided. \*\* Registration **required** at www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices \*\* \*In partnership with the City of Shoreline & Shorecrest High School\*

**Shorecrest High School, 6:00-8:00 PM** 







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