
SHOREWOOD SIGNAL

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President's Message

If you look up the definition of PTA, you will find the word "Advocacy". Our Shorewood PTSA members deliver that advocacy and provide a wealth of services to our children.

Using the word "children" to describe the students at Shorewood may seem inadequate but we must remember these students are still "children"--vulnerable to the world and its temptations--and they need our care, support, and example to help them succeed. By being good examples of service to our Shorewood community, we hope that even if our kids might not listen to us, they may want to model our behavior. As the American author, James Baldwin, said:

"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

Our PTSA web site is up and running. Check it out at: www.shorewoodpta.org. We are still working on the layout, content, and navigation and would welcome any comments and/or concerns from our PTSA members.

I encourage everyone to attend our PTSA Board meetings. They are held in the Shorewood library at 7:00 PM once per month. See the schedule in this newsletter for dates. Mr. Dunbar, our principal, presents his report which keeps us updated on the happenings at Shorewood.

Lori and I would like to thank all those who have given their help and support to kick off this 2007-2008 school year. We would also like to thank Mr. Dunbar for his generous donation to the Shorewood PTSA organization.

Patty Schoch and Lori Woodfield
Shorewood PTSA Co-Presidents

Calendar of Events



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| Sept. 27 | Shorewood Open House 7:00 PM Gym, General Meeting 7:15-9:00 PM, Visit Classes |
| Oct. 12 | No School—Staff Work Day |
| Oct. 15 | No School—Staff Work Day |
| Oct. 16 | PTSA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Library |
| Oct. 20 | Homecoming Dance, 9:30 PM |

2007-2008 PTSA Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Shorewood Library and start at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come!

October 16
November 20
(no December meeting)
January 15
February 19
March 18
April 15
May 20

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Locker Registration

Thanks go out from **Doris McConnell**, organizer of volunteers for student locker registration this summer, to staff member **Paul Villaneuva and Mike Sherry** for their expertise in helping plan this weeklong activity without a hitch.

A special thanks to all of the wonderful parents who helped students register for lockers this year! We were well staffed all three days the week before school started plus during lunch periods the first week of school. Thanks to the following mothers, many of who were juggling volunteering for Shorewood with vacations, jobs and jury duty. Their children should appreciate the many hours these individuals have given over the many years that their children have been attending one or another of the Shoreline Schools:

Kim Bachtel, Cindy Brazell, Cindy Brediger, Shari Brindle, Patti Burr, Kristi Cohen, Judy Crawford, Evy Danielsen, Lisa Douglass, Lisa Foltz, Diane Geary, Becky Golden, Vick Gruger, Patty Holmquist, Pam Isabell, Diane Kalloway, Cathy Marinella, Denise Maison-Pierre, Beth Molvik, Sheila Omoto, Sherri Ryan, Kay Wegeleben, Debbie Wilkins, Linda Wilson and Lori Woodfield.

Final thanks to **Cathy Marinella** for bring a "boat load of lattes" one day for volunteers.

Thank You!

Thank you to...

...**Jana Foti and Patti Burr** for chairing the Freshman BBQ - Great job! and to **Barb Farden** for helping!

...**Cathy Martin** for becoming our PTSA webmaster this year!

...**Leslie Vietmeier and Sally Raymond** for creating our PTSA Directory this Fall!

...**Karen Clark** for chairing our PTSA Membership Drive this year!

...**Nancy Gladow** for editing the Shorewood Connections this year!

...**Janet Backman** for editing our PTSA Signal Newsletter!

...**Cindy Brediger** for being our PTSA Volunteer Coordinator!

...**Connie Santroch** (9th grade), **Jane Osborne** (10th grade), **Krista Tenney** (11th grade) and **Susie Johnson** (12th grade) for being our Parent Reps!!

Kristi Cohen, VP Communications & Correspondence

EQC (Enrichment for Quality Classrooms) News

By now, most of you have received EQC's fall letter and annual report. Our fundraiser is underway and we hope that you will remember EQC when planning your fall giving. The purpose of EQC is to help provide a quality education for the students of Shorewood High School by raising funds to purchase materials and equipment not funded due to shortfalls in federal, state and local funding. We are already receiving grant requests from teachers in several departments for the upcoming school year. **Please mail a check soon, made payable to Shorewood PTSA/EQC. Thank you for your support!!**

If you missed the Shorewood Booster Auction or didn't get a chance to sign up for the EQC/Boosters Ladies Only Night, there is still space available! The event will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, 6:30 pm at the home of Diane McIntyre. Tickets are \$50.00. Please contact Diane McIntyre at 206-542-9638 if you would like to join us for a fun evening of good food, drink and conversation! Proceeds go to Shorewood's EQC and Shorewood's Boosters.

The EQC committee would like to apologize to **Bill and Pam Isabell** for inadvertently leaving their name off the 2006-2007 donor list. The Isabell's graciously earmarked a portion of their Booster Auction donation to EQC. Thank you for your support of Shorewood!

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

With a new poinsettia vendor, EQC's winter fundraiser is fast approaching. Be watching for a poinsettia and wreath order form arriving in your mail. The form will also be available on the PTSA website in early October. Due date is November 1st with a delivery date of November 28th!

Senior Spree 2008



June 14th 2008 is Graduation day for our seniors! This is a special day they will remember for their entire lives. To make this day even more special, there is an all night event planned for the graduates. They will be fed and entertained in a safe, drug free environment after graduation.

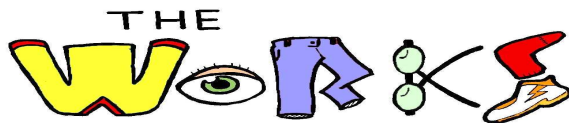
Look for ticket sale announcements at school and in future publications. This could make a wonderful Holiday or Birthday gift for your senior. The cost will be \$150 per student. We realize this is another cost in the already costly senior year, but for hours of fun, food and knowing your senior is safe on graduation night, it's worth it!! There will be payment plans available for those who prefer spreading out the cost.

If you would like to volunteer any of your qualities in preparing or participating in a night of fun, please call any of the spree co-chairs. This is a fun and special time for all of us!

Marty Hartman 206-383-6262

Vicki Gruger 206-355-7026

A Shoreline PTA Council Resource for Families



The Shoreline PTA Council Resource for Families, The WORKS would like to thank our local PTA unit sponsors for the overwhelming response to our request for clean, gently used children's clothing. We received over 270 boxes and bags in one week which were made available to the record breaking number of families who came to our opening night. A special thank you to the volunteers from each PTA unit who helped with the move last May, prepared for and worked at the Back to School Event during the summer, or came Wednesday and processed clothing for opening night.

Together we do make a difference,

Shoreline PTA Council,

Patty Feagin, Co-VP Family Services

Diane Pickrel, Co-VP Family Services

The WORKS Committee

Washington State PTA Simple Majority Campaign

Approve 4204

For 20 years, the WSPTA has been working for a change in Washington State's school levy system. The current system disadvantages schools, students and educators by requiring a 60% "supermajority" in order to pass a school levy. In 2006, out of 225 levy elections all but one received a majority vote. However, 32 of those levies still failed because they did not receive 60% of the vote. Levy failures can result in deep budget cuts, teacher layoffs and other disruptions to vital education programs. EHJR 4204 would change the school levy election system to require a "simple majority", or 50% +1, to win passage of school levies.

WSPTA is excited to work for passage of EHJR 4204 but we can't do it alone. We need your help if we're going to win. Endorse EHJR 4204 through your local PTA, give generously to the campaign and invest your time to get involved. Together we can seize this historic opportunity to make a positive change for our schools, teachers and students.

EHJR 4204 encourages investment in:

- The purchase of vital supplies such as updated textbooks
- The repair, maintenance and modernization of our schools
- Reducing class sizes
- Updated technology

PTA leadership can support our children and schools:

- Approve **Simple Majority 4204** on **November 6th**
- Challenge your local PTA to vote to endorse EHJR 4204
 - How to materials provided at www.wastatepta.org website
- When your PTA endorses, and/or makes a financial contribution, contact info@simplybetterschools.org
- Personally endorse and donate to the campaign www.simplybetterschools.org
- Attend your next Region Leadership Conference to learn more about this issue and get involved!

Questions? Need more information?

- Contact your Region Legislative Chair (Krista Tenney at tenney@earthlink.net)
- Contact WSPTA Simple Majority Chairs
 - Kelly Munn at kellymunn@comcast.net
 - Linda Hanson at LHanson@LindaHanson.org
- Visit WSPTA Website at www.wastatepta.org