



Shorewood PTSA News – September 2016

Shorewood PTSA provides academic enrichment and advocacy for all Shorewood students

Where's the Signal?

For those of you who are returning to Shorewood, this newsletter looks a lot different than the Signal. This newsletter will focus just on PTSA news. Watch for information from Principal Dunbar and other staff regarding school news.

PTSA / EQC / Boosters: Which is Which?

Shorewood PTSA is a conventional Parent Teacher Student Association with many functions, including academic enrichment. The PTSA holds one fundraiser, Pass the Hat, in conjunction with the Fall PTSA Membership Drive. Join PTSA on www.shorewoodptsa.com or by turning in a membership form anytime to the office, or during the fall Open House. Donations are gratefully accepted all year. Please "like" Shorewood PTSA 6.12.105 on Facebook to stay connected.

EQC, Education for Quality Classrooms, is a PTSA committee that provides classroom grants. On your PTSA membership form, there is a separate line for EQC; money collected will go directly to teachers' classroom projects. EQC traditionally fundraises with a mail campaign in the fall and a holiday wreath/ poinsettia sale in the winter.

Shorewood Boosters is a separate nonprofit organization that supports extracurricular clubs, sports and other activities. Boosters sell Shorewood gear, coordinate concessions at sporting events, and hold an annual auction in March. See [Shorewood Boosters](#) website for details.

Many Shorewood parents support all three causes since they connect various aspects of student life at Shorewood.

Message from the President

Brian Heagler, President

Welcome to all new and returning families! The start of a new school year is exciting as the entire year is ahead of us and full of possibilities. PTSA, EQC and Boosters are three great ways for you to help provide students with the best education and high school experience. On behalf of the PTSA, I invite you to join and show your financial and volunteer support. Please visit our [website](#) and join! Together let's make this a great year at Shorewood!! Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

We want YOU! The PTSA can only be all it can be with your volunteer support. Email your name and the year your youngest child will graduate to volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com to be added

to our volunteer list. Adding your name does not obligate you to anything; you will be notified of volunteer needs and can choose what is best for you. We have some key leadership positions to fill: Reflections chair, Staff Appreciation chair, Facebook manager and Vice President. Please email Brian Heagler at president@shorewoodptsa.com for more information.

Support Shorewood PTSA – Membership Drive and Pass the Hat

Lori Ramsay & Krista Keller, Membership/Pass the Hat Co-Directors

Please join PTSA today and help us meet our goal of 410 members. Pass the Hat, paired with our Membership Drive, is the PTSA's only fundraiser. While we accept donations anytime, we formally pass the hat at the Shorewood Fall Open House (October 6th). Your donations are much appreciated and essential for supporting a variety of programs. Last year, we provided more than \$25,000 in support of Shorewood students. Help us make this year as successful. All donations are tax-deductible. Join/donate at www.shorewoodptsa.com, or drop off your Membership/Donation Form in the school office. Email membership@shorewoodptsa.com for more information. Thank you for all your support!

Note about email addresses: Membership cards are emailed, so please provide an email address for every member. If you only enter one email address, you will receive duplicate emails.

General Membership Meeting

Please join PTSA for the first General Membership meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center. We will approve the Annual Budget, Standing Rules, and Goals. Please come participate in this important process of allocating PTSA donations in order to benefit the most students possible. Parents and guardians are welcome to all of our monthly meetings, and we encourage you to attend this general meeting in particular.

Reflections Competition

Kathy Henderson, Reflections Chair

The theme for the 2016-2017 school year is ***“What Is Your Story?”*** Students may submit original entries in: Literature; Music Composition; Photography; Visual Arts; Film/Video; Choreography/Dance. The deadline is October 28th. Fifteen finalists will be selected from Shorewood to go on to the Shoreline Council competition in November. For details and rules, go to the [Washington State PTA Reflections page](#). Watch for more information posted at school. If you have questions, contact Kathy Henderson at kathyhenderson@me.com.

Most Likely to Succeed – Community Movie Night

Sponsored by Shorewood and Shorecrest PTAs, the acclaimed documentary, *Most Likely to Succeed*, will be shown Sunday, September 25 at 3:00pm in the Shoreline Center Auditorium. The 90-minute movie will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Shoreline educators. Tickets are available at [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or at the door (adults - \$5; students - free). Childcare available by reservation.

Special Needs PTSA

The Shoreline Special Needs PTSA focuses on information sharing, advocacy, special education training and resources for families, community members, neighbors and others. Member enrollment is now open at <http://shorelinespecialneedspta.com/>. Dues and fundraising help support advocacy, special education training and resources for families. Our first member meeting is 9/20/16 in the Ballinger room at the Shoreline Center, 18560 1stAve. NE. Snacks and socializing start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting and presentation at 7. Meetings adjourn by 8:30 p.m. Look for us on Facebook for more information.

What's Going on with Education?

Suzanne Gugger, PTSA Legislative Director

Founded in 1905, WA State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state. PTA works in classrooms and communities across the state, and advocates in Olympia for all children. Every fall, the association selects its legislative priorities at the Washington State Legislative Assembly in Olympia. The Shorewood PTSA sends representatives to talk about and vote on these issues. Go to the [WSPTA website](#) to learn about the issues and how WSPTA is supporting our kids.

McCleary Update: In 2012, the Supreme Court determined that the Legislature was failing to meet its constitutional obligation to amply fund education. To adequately fund Basic Education, as defined by the Legislature's study, would amount to \$12,546 per student by 2017-18. To reach this level of funding, the Legislature would need to hit benchmarks over the years. Since the benchmarks were not achieved, the Supreme Court found the Legislature in Contempt of Court and imposed \$100,000/week fine. The next court hearing will be September 7th, and we expect to hear more discussion about this during the next legislative session.

District News: Based on the work of the facilities planning committee and instructional program planning committee, the Shoreline School Board has requested that staff prepare a bond proposal that they will consider at their September 26th Meeting.

Calendar

September

- 9/6 PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Career Center
- 9/7 First day of school
- 9/12 Shorewood Booster club meeting, 7:00pm, Career Center
- 9/16 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference Room

October

- 10/4 PTSA General Membership meeting, 7:00pm, Career Center
- 10/6 Open House and Curriculum Night, Pass the Hat
- 10/21 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference room
- 10/22 Homecoming dance