



## Shorewood PTSA News – November 2016

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Shorewood PTSA provides academic enrichment and advocacy for all Shorewood students

### Membership / Pass the Hat Fundraiser Update

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

Annual Drives	Annual Goal	Current Status
Membership Drive	410	274
Pass the Hat Fundraiser	\$14,000	\$11,309

A huge thank you to everyone who helped support our school during our Membership and Pass the Hat Drive! We are more than halfway to meeting our membership goal and very close to our Pass the Hat goal. Even though October was our annual fundraiser month, there is still time to join or donate by visiting our website at [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com), where you can use PayPal to donate directly or download the membership form and return it to our school office. Please consider joining or donating today. Every membership makes our voice stronger and every donation supports our students at Shorewood!

Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

### Order Holiday Wreaths and Poinsettias from EQC

Enrichment for Quality Classrooms (EQC) is accepting orders for its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath and Poinsettia Sale. Find the order form on [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com) and send it in by Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. EQC is a PTSA committee with a mission to provide much needed classroom equipment and materials for Shorewood High School. Gifts to EQC are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to: EQC/PTSA, send forms and checks to EQC/ PTSA, c/o Shorewood High School, 17300 Fremont Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133. **Pick-up for all orders will be Wednesday, November 30th, 2:30– 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room just off of the Commons.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

We need someone to organize the Back to School BBQ for freshman next year. Send an email to Brian Heagler, PTSA president, at [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com) if you can help.

Remember to add your name to the volunteer list. Email your name and the year your youngest child will graduate to [volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com). Adding your name does not obligate you to anything; you will be notified of volunteer needs and can choose what is best for you.

## Reflections – Deadline Extended!

*Kathy Henderson, Reflections Chair*

The deadline for the PTSA Reflections Arts Competition has been extended to 11/8/16. The theme for the 2016-2017 school year is **What Is Your Story?** To participate, create an original entry in: Literature; Music Composition; Photography; Visual Arts; Film/Video; or Choreography / Dance. Submit entries by November 8<sup>th</sup> to the SWHS front office. Let's represent Shorewood!

## Helping All Students Have the Shorewood Experience

What is the Shorewood Experience? Being part of the school, having the opportunity to be involved and participate in the community. It includes participating in sports, cheer, flags, band and drama; it's getting to go to sporting events, theatre productions, dances, Senior Spree, Prom and so much more.

It is estimated to cost \$250/year to participate fully at Shorewood, and that number at least doubles in Senior year. And for many families the cost is out of reach. Did you know...

- 28% of students at Shorewood are on Free and Reduced Lunch?
- 356 students identify as Homeless in the Shoreline School District? This is one of the highest percentages in King County.

You can help by donating to the Share the Shorewood Experience fund. You can find the donation link on the homepage of the PTSA website, <http://www.shorewoodptsa.com/>. Questions? Want to help? Contact Carrie Campbell, [campbrit@hotmail.com](mailto:campbrit@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## The WORKS Needs Your Help



The WORKS clothing room provides high quality, clean, gently used children's and teen clothing to Shoreline School District families experiencing circumstances that make it challenging to clothe their children for school. The WORKS is run by a committee of PTA volunteers representing many different schools throughout the Shoreline School District. They are supported each Wednesday by volunteers from local PTA units. We are seeking volunteers from Shorewood - parents, staff and/or students – to provide an hour and a half of your time to sort and hang up clothes.

Dates: 11/9/16, 12/7/16, 4/12/17 and 5/31/17

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: The WORKS sorting room, located in the south portable at North City Elementary  
810 NE 190<sup>th</sup> St., Shoreline

Questions: Wendy Zieve, [wzieve@frontier.com](mailto:wzieve@frontier.com), (206) 293-2393

If you would like to access the service for your family, go to the middle portable any Wednesday night. A Washington driver's license or a Shoreline student ID is required.

## What's Going on with Education?

*Suzanne Gugger, PTSA Legislative Director*

The Washington State budget is set every two years and WA State PTA sets its legislative priorities for the biennium at the same time. In October 2016, at the WA State PTA Legislative Assembly, the body voted on a platform consisting of 10 priority issues and 3 resolutions. The top 5 issues were ranked and will be the primary focus for the next biennium. Click on the links below for more information about each issue on the platform.

### WA State PTA top 5 priorities for the 2017-2018 legislative biennium

1. [Create positive school climates through social emotional learning](#)
2. [Amplify fund education – McCleary decision](#)
3. [Closing opportunity gaps](#)
4. [Standards for para-educators](#)
5. [Breakfast after the bell](#)

In addition to the top 5 priorities, the following “supported” issues are also included in the platform:

6. [Post-secondary higher education](#)
7. [Improving educational outcomes for foster children](#)
8. [Engaging families in student success](#)
9. [Restorative justice and school safety](#)
10. [Removing barriers to implementing ECEAP](#)

**Remember to vote - November 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Calendar

### November

- 11/1 PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Career Center
- 11/8 Election day
- 11/11 No school – Veteran’s day
- 11/18 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference Room
- 11/23 Early release day
- 11/24-11/25 No school – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/30 EQC wreath and poinsettia pick-up (advance purchase required)

### December

- 12/5 No school – Staff work day
- 12/6 PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm (presentation by Superintendent Minor regarding bond measure)
- 12/6 – 12/16 Holiday Food and Gift Drive
- 12/16 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference room
- 12/21 – 1/3 No school – Winter Break