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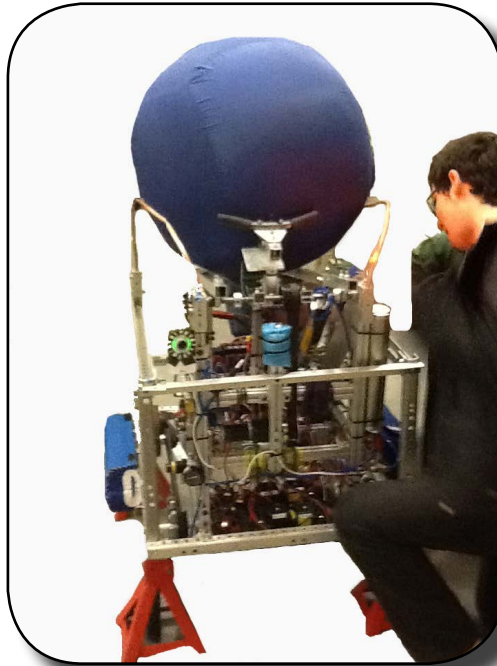
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Meet Chuck!



Meet Chuck. He's 50 inches tall, weighs 110 lbs. and has big round eyes. He can shoot a 24" diameter ball into a goal 8 feet high... that he picks up using a suction cup! He will be performing in Mt. Vernon, March 14-15, and then back at home in the Shorewood High School gym March 21-22. He is Team Pronto's 3070 robot for the 2014 FIRST® Robotics Competition game called Aerial AssistSM and he needs everyone to come cheer him on. Team Pronto will also be dressed for the occasion as will more than 32 other teams. There is no school on Friday, March 21st so get your robot face on, grab a Team Pronto spirit item, and when you hear "3070" yell like crazy.

Spring Open House

Celebrate Einstein PRIDE and the Spring Open House! At 6:30 PM there will be a brief general PTSA meeting, cupcakes and a jazz performance. From 7:00 – 8:00 PM there will be opportunities to meet and greet the teachers and view an interactive art exhibit. All families are encouraged to attend!

When: Thurs, April 3rd, 6:30-8:00 PM
Where: EMS SAC and Library

Once Upon a HIGH SCHOOL

Einstein Spring Play

The drama club will be presenting *Once Upon a High School*, a wacky comedy where your favorite fairy-tale characters have their world turned upside down as they get a fresh taste of reality! You won't want to miss it!

When: April 16 & 17
Where: Shorewood HS Theater

"I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious."
Albert Einstein



Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Unless otherwise noted, clubs meet from 3:00 – 4:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Students participating in after school clubs or athletics are eligible to take the Activity Bus on those days. (See page 12 for bus schedule.)

Einstein Climbing Club

We are off to a great start with Einstein Climbing Club! We have a full group of energetic and talented climbers. On Saturday March 15th all current and past climbing club participants will have an opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Puget Sound Bouldering Challenge at the Seattle Bouldering Project. If you are interested in being a part of the team recreation competition or wish to cheer us on, please contact Christy at (206) 801-2645 or cvien@shorelinewa.gov.

After School in the SAC (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

We meet every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:05 to 4:30 in the SAC for snack, ping pong, sports and games. We have had almost ¼ of the EMS students hang out with us at least once. We would love to meet you if you haven't had your chance to check it out yet! Stop by Thursdays in March for outdoor sports including soccer, football and ultimate Frisbee. Or join us on March 25th for a movie day! For more information, contact Christy with the City of Shoreline at (206) 801-2645 or cvien@shorelinewa.gov. You need parent permission to leave campus before 4:30.



Einstein ASB recognized the 750 students and the entire staff with a pink or red heart! Thank you Pat, Lyn, ASB and WEB for making all kids feel special!

If you are interested in starting an after school club, you need: An advisor who is willing to supervise and guide your club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, and approximately 10 students who are interested in joining your club. Talk to your PRIDE teacher, your counselor or an administrator if you need assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up [HERE](#) for volunteer help on campus! Following are two of the volunteer tasks needed in March:

- Sign up here to help with making copies during the month of March! The teachers and office staff send work down once they know you are coming. Thank you for helping make their days a little smoother!
- Sign in to check on other volunteer opportunities for the month of March. Volunteers are always needed.

Missing a Jacket or Lunchbox? Check the Lost & Found!

Students are encouraged to stop by and check for any misplaced items in the Einstein Lost & Found. Items remaining in Lost & Found at the end of the day on Friday, March 14, will be collected and donated to The Works for local families in need.





Principal Clark's *Comments*

Shoreline Middle Schools Move to Semesters

To provide students with more choice, and to assist students in aligning their learning pathways with the high school, both Shoreline middle schools will move to semester (18 Week) grading periods during the 2014-2015 school year. At Einstein, all students will still be required to have a full year long course in English, Math, Social Studies and Science. Students can choose standard grade level courses or, for those interested and ready for more rigor, honors or accelerated courses. Those students interested in honors or accelerated courses should read the registration guide carefully. The registration guide is located on our website. **Please read it carefully before March 4th.** Counselors will visit 7th and 8th grade classes the first week of March.

In addition to the core academic program, each student must also take one semester (18 Weeks) of PE/Health in both 7th and 8th grade. Students also have the opportunity to take yearlong electives (Music or World Language) or semester electives described in the back of the registration guide. Students who are committed to extending their school day and want to take two yearlong electives (music and world languages) must take a zero period PE/Health class to fulfill the Washington state requirement of Physical Education. If you sign up for both music and a world language you will be required to take a zero period PE/Health class starting at 7:30 AM, Monday through Thursday, for one semester. This is a change from the current zero period schedule.

We have several semester electives offerings next year in visual arts (Painting and Drawing, Ceramics, and Design Studio), Drama and Theater, PE (Walking Yoga, Advanced PE), Engineering and Robotics and technology (Digital Communications 1 and 2).

Students will be asked to choose their courses the first two weeks of March. Students should talk to their parents, their current teachers, and counselors. Do not hesitate to call or email your grade level counselor if you have questions. The 2014-15 seventh grade counselor is Lauren Lochner Paulhamus (lauren.lochner@shorelineschools.org) and the eighth grade counselor is Kelley Flatters (kelly.flatters@shorelineschools.org).

8th Grade Field Trip

In addition to registering for classes for the next school year, March is also the month we prepare our 8th graders to "picture" their life after high school. We believe it is never too early to start thinking about important life choices students make after high school.

The Einstein Staff and Site Council have worked to develop a field trip opportunity for all of our 8th grade students on **Friday, March 28th**. There is convincing research that shows students who have visited a college campus are more likely to attend college. Students will spend the morning at the University of Washington engaged in a scavenger hunt called



"Picture Yourself in College". Students, staff and parent chaperones will go on a self-guided tour exposing students to educational institutions, seeing interesting architecture, and learning about the lifestyle on a college campus.

In the afternoon, students and staff will spend time with Amy Stapleton and Shoreline Community College students to learn more about classes and programs available in our community. At the community college, students will have the opportunity to see the automotive, dental and nursing programs in addition to academic classrooms.

If you are interested in chaperoning this field trip, please send your name and email contact to kim.alford@shorelineschools.org. We will leave campus at 9:15 AM and return to school at 2:45 PM. All chaperones will need to be cleared as a volunteer through our front office. Feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or contacts that will make our trip meaningful.

Stephanie Clark



Important Dates for 6th to 7th Grade Transition:

- Mar 4 6th Grade Parent Night for Echo Lake, Highland Terrace, Parkwood, Brookside: 7:00 PM EMS Cafeteria
- Mar 3-7 EMS Counselors Visit Shoreline Feeder Elementary Schools and 7th Grade SS.
- Mar 14 Last Call for Registration Materials
- April 17 Private School Tours
- May 15 "Are you Ready to be a Middle School Parent?" Presentation at 7-8:30 PM EMS Cafeteria

If you have questions about 6th to 7th grade course registration, email lauren.lochner@shorelineschools.org

Important Dates for 7th to 8th Grade Transition:

- Mar 3 7th Grade EMS Counselors will provide your child with registration information and materials through their Social Studies Classroom.
- Mar 5 7th Grade Parents **Coffee meeting with the** Principal and Counselors for information and answers to questions about next year's classes: 9-10:00 AM
- **Mar 14 EMS Registration Materials Are Due**

If you have questions about 7th to 8th grade course registration, email counselor [kelley.flatters@shorelineschools.org](mailto:kelly.flatters@shorelineschools.org).

Important Dates for 8th to 9th Grade Transition:

- Mar 3 9th Grade Parent Night at Shorewood High School Theater, 6:30 PM
- Mar 4 Shorewood Counselors provide your child with registration information and materials through their Social Studies Classroom.
- **Mar 10 Last Call for Shorewood Registration Materials**

If you have questions about Shorewood registration, email nancy.elder@shorelineschools.org.



**DON'T FORGET! YOU
MUST REGISTER
YOUR STUDENT FOR
NEXT YEAR!**



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PTSA President's Message

Lori Ramsay and Jamie Kirkwood

Our future is Bright!

Welcome back from Midwinter break! The nominating committee has been hard at work recruiting for next year's PTSA. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the nominating committee.

Our meetings are always filled with excitement and great information about what is going on at your child's school. They are open to all and we welcome all. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM in the Einstein staff lounge. The next general membership meeting will be April 3rd at 6:30 PM- the first part of the Einstein Spring Open House. During this meeting we will be honoring our **Golden Acorn** recipients, and nominating and voting in next year's PTSA. We look forward to seeing you!

PTSA Meetings

- Tuesday, March 11th @ 6:30 PM – Staff lounge
- Thursday, April 3rd @ 6:30 PM – Cafeteria (followed by open house activities)
- Tuesday, May 13th @ 6:30 PM – Staff lounge

Please join us! If you have questions, please contact Janina Pacunski at einsteinsecretary@gmail.com

PTSA Membership

Reiko Shigemoto, Ways & Means, and Ania Babcock, Membership Coordinator

The Einstein PTSA is at the center of a unique, close-knit community where each one of us makes a difference. By joining the PTSA, your membership dues make it possible to supply our students and families with fun, educational activities and other events that enhance the educational experience, while promoting school spirit and civic responsibility. Please show your support today!

Use the Membership form on page 6 or use the form found on the Einstein PTSA website [Join Einstein PTSA](#). Membership forms can be dropped off at school, sent in with your student, or mailed to the Einstein school office anytime. Thank you for your support!



SEAHAWK PRIDE!



Cut here and return to Einstein PTSA via the school office:



PTSA Membership and Pass the Hat Donation

Name(s) _____	Membership for individual \$15.00	\$ _____
Address _____	Membership for two \$25.00	\$ _____
Student's Name _____	Pass-the-Hat (your donation)	\$ _____
Student's 6th period teacher _____	Total amount in envelope	\$ _____
If you would like to receive PTA legislative updates via email, please provide your email address: _____		

Membership Card(s) and Student Directory will be sent home with your student. This process changed in the 2013-14 school year.

Please make checks payable to Einstein PTSA. The Einstein PTSA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. To double your impact, check with your employer about matching donations. Thank you for your support! Mail to: 19343 3rd Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177



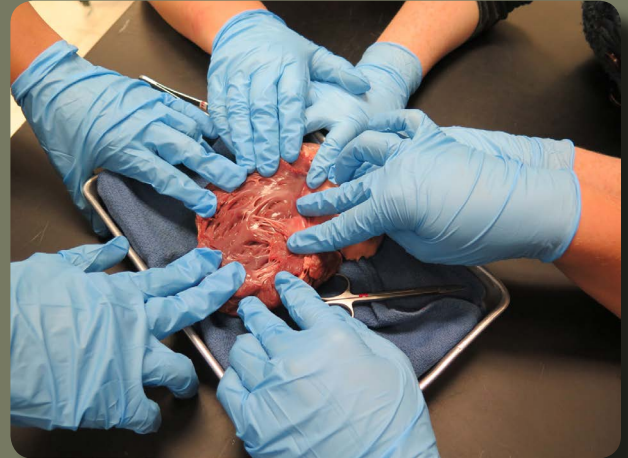
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On Thursday evening February 6, Einstein 8th graders helped out at Echo Lake Science Night. Eighth graders ran a booth in which they conducted the Jelly Bean Experiment and the Stroop Test on willing test subjects. The Jelly Bean experiment was designed to determine if sight is also involved in our ability to taste and the Stroop test investigated how the brain interprets mixed signals. Students also helped with other exhibitors as needed.

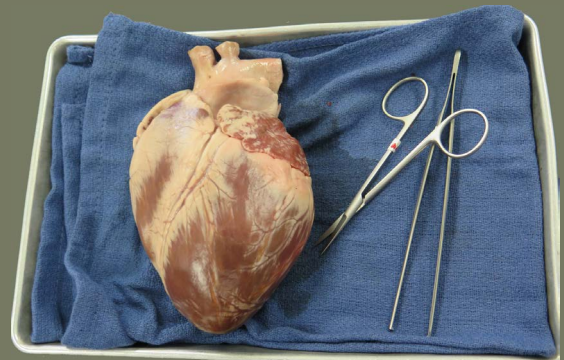
The UW Zero Gravity Team visited Einstein in February. Engineering students from the University of Washington shared their proposed experiment planned for the Vomit Comet (NASA's reduced gravity aircraft). They also gave students an engineering challenge to try.





The **Seattle Science Foundation's Kids in Medicine** program visited all 7th grade science classes on February 26 and 27. Students dissected a pig heart, learned about technologies used to repair the heart and got to

see and touch a human heart and lungs. This was a great STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity that enhanced our study of the human body by giving students an amazing hands-on experience while introducing them to a variety of medical technologies and career paths. **Thank you to the PTSA for funding this opportunity and thank you to all of the parent volunteers who were able to participate!**





Einstein Students in the News

Forrest Neander. When people see photos and videos of 13-year-old Forrest Neander skiing, they understand what he can accomplish.

Forrest, who has cerebral palsy, has been skiing for half of his life. His mother, Julia Neander, of Shoreline, volunteers with the [Outdoors for All Foundation](#), a Seattle-based nonprofit that provides outdoors recreation for children and adults with disabilities. The organization has 14 employees and more than 700 volunteers. They work with more than 2,300 people with disabilities.

"It gets (Forrest) out there in the great outdoors with his family because we all ski together as a family," Julia Neander said. "It's given him the chance to be on the mountain and not just be sitting in the lodge waiting for us to finish. He can actually have his own thing going on."

To read the complete article, click [HERE](#).



Olivia Manning. It was the summer of 2010 when Julie Manning joined a friend at a private Aspen fundraiser for [Extreme Sports Camp](#). Manning, who grew up in Aspen, was introduced to the camp director and told him about her autistic daughter, Olivia, who was 8 at the time. The director then insisted that Manning go back to her home in Seattle and bring her daughter to the camp. "I told the director Olivia was too severe to participate... she has seizures and she's nonverbal," Manning said. All he said was, "So? Go get her."

Manning did bring her daughter to the camp and was shocked at how Olivia responded to the outdoor activities. Autistic children often have a physical motion they revert to called "stimming," which is short for self-stimulation, seemingly related to their sensory output.

"When Olivia came back from the camp, there was less stimming, more eye contact and she slept great," Manning said. "She was so full of life. I couldn't believe my daughter could zipline, go rafting, go wakeboarding. ... It was amazing. These were goals we worked towards every day, and it happened so quickly at the camp." Like many parents, Manning saw her daughter respond to the newfound freedom and opportunity to participate in things that Manning never expected.

"To come back home to the place I grew up and see Olivia doing many of the same activities I did growing up was unbelievable," Manning said. "I just never thought it could happen. I trust the people at the camp 100 percent. They really know how to relate to the kids. They're very inclusive, accepting and totally relaxed. I think autistic kids realize they can be themselves at the camp, and that's huge."

To read the complete article, click [HERE](#).



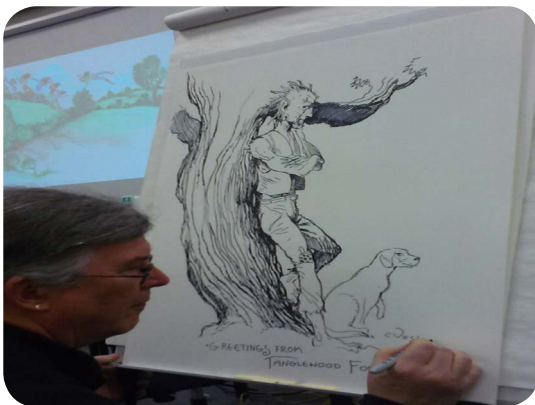


LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Anne Dame, Librarian

I think my favorite day in February was when Ms. DiVirgilio's 4th period ELL (English Language Learners) class came in to make timelines of their lives. We had an awesome WATCH D.O.G. dad working with us that day as well. We spent the time talking about where the students came from, how old they were when they moved to the US, their families and siblings, pets, sports, and other important things and people in their lives. We all learned a little bit about each other and other languages including: Spanish, Korean, Hebrew, Swedish, Latvian, Tagalog, Twi, Arabic and more. It was a great lesson with a great group of students. I can't wait to see their completed drawings and timelines!

February also brought us a fantastic author visit thanks to the sponsorship of the King County Library System. We hosted Charles de Lindt (author and musician) and Charles Vess (author and illustrator). De Lindt lives in Canada and Vess in Virginia so it was a special treat to have both of them here at the same time. They collaborated on a book called *Seven Wild Sisters*, a modern fairy tale that was originally published with black and white illustrations 12 years ago. It has now been re-issued with full color prints. While de Lindt and his talented wife MaryAnn Harris played instruments and sang, and talked about the writing process, Vess drew a picture in front of our eyes. And he donated it to the library!



We are looking forward to March which will bring another round of book talks for book club number 5, research with science classes for natural disaster projects, and collaboration with social studies for their medieval unit. Pizza and Books as well as The WRITE Stuff are both going strong as well. In February we had to split P&B into 2 groups in order to hear about all the titles students are excited about. A published author/editor/poet was here working with our aspiring writers at TWS and will be back one more time in March.

Also happening this spring will be the Scholastic book fair. It will be held in the library a few days before the spring open house and will be open that evening as well. If anyone is interested in helping out with the book fair, please let me know. We will need volunteers before school, during lunches, and after school as well as the night of the open house.



If you are ever curious about what else is happening in the library, feel free to check out the library website; I post something just about every day at: einsteinlibrary.wordpress.com.

Book Recommendations:

Cress, by Marissa Meyer (book 3 in the Lunar Chronicles). Rapunzel meets up with Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella as they try to prevent the evil Lunar Queen from taking over Earth. (Read the other 2 first: *Cinder* and *Scarlet*)

The Midnight Palace, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Calcutta in the 1920s; twins are separated at birth in dangerous circumstances, lots of drama, eeriness, mystery, and suspense.

The Living, by Matt de la Pena. Shy leaves his small, poor California town as well as his mom, sister, and nephew to work on a cruise ship for the summer to make some money for the family. However, the ship is destroyed by a tsunami; he manages to get in a life raft, but that is just the start of the adventure. First in a series.



Pictures from author visit: Charles de Lindt, Charles Vess and Mary Ann Harris.



Upcoming Concert Dates

Westside Choral / 6th Grade Honor Festival (Einstein Choirs)
Thursday, March 6 @ 7:00 PM, Shorewood Gym

SKMEA Middle School Band Festival (Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble)
Tuesday, March 18 – All Day, Edmonds Center for the Arts

SKMEA Middle School Orchestra Festival (Symphony and Concert Orchestras)
Wednesday, March 19 – All Day, Edmonds Center for the Arts

Westside 6th Grade Honor Band and Einstein Jazz Band Concert
Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:30 PM, Einstein Cafeteria

Concert Band Concert
Thursday, March 20 @ 7:00 PM, Einstein Cafeteria

SKMEA Middle School Choral Festival (Einstein Choirs)
Tuesday, March 25 – All Day, Trinity Lutheran Church

SKMEA Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival
Saturday, May 3 – all day

Einstein Spring Band Concert
Wednesday, June 4 @ 7:30 PM, Einstein Gym

Did You Know?

Nearly 100% of past winners in the prestigious Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science and Technology (for high school students) play one or more musical instruments. This led the Siemens Foundation to host a recital at Carnegie Hall in 2004, featuring some of these young people, after which a panel of experts debated the nature of the apparent science-music link.

–The Midland Chemist (American Chemical Society) Vol. 42, No.1, Feb. 2005.



Einstein Music Students that performed at The Edmonds Center for the Arts on February 6th, at The SKMEA Middle School Honor Festival.



Please note: Community activities and events are included as a service to our families and students. These activities are NOT sponsored by the School District and the District assumes no responsibility for conduct or safety of the activities

TeenTix

TeenTix entitles 13-19 year-olds to a free pass, which entitles them to \$5 day-of tickets to many major live theater venues in our area. Click [HERE](#) for a calendar of events. For more information, go to their website: www.teentix.org

Test Drive 4 Kids

When Campbell Nelson Volkswagen Nissan says they're "Community Driven", they mean more than their cars are being driven by our friends and neighbors. Campbell Nelson is committed to giving back to the community, and on January 1, 2014, Campbell Nelson pledged up to \$80,000 to four local non-profits to help enrich the lives of our local youth.

Help the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation promote learning and support students: Test drive a new car at Campbell Nelson today and they will donate \$50! Program runs **January 1st, to April 30th, 2014.** Limit of one donation per household. Customer must agree to have their mailing address given to one of the participating non-profits.



College Bound Scholarship Program

The College Bound Scholarship program encourages low-income, middle school students to choose a path that will lead to educational success after high school. The program promises tuition (at public institution rates) and a small book allowance for [income eligible](#) students who sign up in the 7th or 8th grade, work hard in school, stay out of legal trouble, and successfully apply to a higher education institution when they graduate. Students may sign up in the 7th or 8th grade, and need only apply once. The deadline for all applicants is by June 30 at the end of their 8th grade year. Visit the [College Bound](#) website for more information.



Jazz Camp 2014

The mission of the Shoreline Jazz Camp is to provide young musicians the opportunity to learn and play with some of the region's most accomplished teachers and performers. Our program creates a safe and structured learning environment, in which students of varying skill levels are able to share in the joy of playing jazz. The camp includes instruction in large and small ensembles, and a series of master classes that are designed to refine the individual's skills and understanding of jazz. This program is open to students in 7th grade and above. The registration deadline is July 11, 2014. Cost: \$300. August 4- 8 and 11 & 12, 2014, Monday-Friday, 9 am-1 pm, Shorecrest High School. Camp registration forms are available [HERE](#).

Performances. The camp will showcase the students' hard work in two performances on August 12. The first will be a late morning concert at Shorecrest High School at 11 AM, and the second at 7 PM at Shoreline's North City Jazz Walk.

Scholarships. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available to Shoreline students. [Scholarship](#) information is listed on our website.





March 2014

March

3/3	MON	Counselors provide registration information to 7th graders during Social Studies
3/3	MON	Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night. 6:30 PM, Shorewood HS Theater
3/4	TUE	Counselors provide registration information to 8th graders during Social Studies
3/4	TUE	6th Grade Parent Night (Echo Lake, Highland Terrace, Parkwood, Brookside). 7:00 PM, Cafeteria
3/6	THUR	Westside Choral/6th Grade Honor Festival. 7:00 PM, Shorewood Gym
3/10	MON	Last call for 9th grade registration materials
3/14	FRI	Last call for 7th & 8th grade registration materials
3/18	TUE	SKMEA MS Band Festival (Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble). All day, Edmonds Center for the Arts
3/19	WED	SKMEA MS Orchestra Festival (Symphony & Concert Orchestras). All day, Edmonds Center for the Arts
3/19	WED	Westside 6th Grade Honor Band & Einstein Jazz Band Concert. 7:30 PM, Cafeteria
3/20	THUR	Concert Band Concert. 7:00 PM, Cafeteria
3/25	TUE	SKMEA MS Choral Festival (Einstein Choirs). All day, Trinity Lutheran Church
3/28	FRI	8th Grade Field Trip- UW and SLCC

April

4/3	THUR	Spring Open House, 6:30 EMS Cafeteria
16 & 17		Einstein Spring Play, "Once Upon a High School", Shorewood HS Auditorium

Information about clubs and other extracurricular activities can be found on the [Activities Page](#) of the website. Students participating in after school clubs or athletics are eligible to take the Activity Bus on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Activity Bus

4:30 PM	Bus parks in front of Einstein gymnasium
4:45 PM	Depart Einstein
4:50 PM	Richmond Beach Library
4:58 PM	Shorewood High School
5:04 PM	Highland Terrace Elementary
5:11 PM	Parkwood Elementary
5:18 PM	Meridian Park Elementary
5:22 PM	Echo Lake Elementary
5:26 PM	Dale Turner YMCA
5:32 PM	Shoreline Center



Lunch Menu

Here is a link to the Middle School [Lunch Menu](#).
Smaklig måltid!

Athletic Schedule

Here is a link to the [Winter Sports](#) Schedule.