



# Einstein News

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WELCOME ALL  
NEW 7TH  
GRADERS



## Student Picture Day

**Friday, September 12th**  
**During Social Studies Class**

Every child will have their picture taken on Friday, September 12th. Picture packet information was in the back to school packets. If you want to purchase a picture package, send the completed paperwork and cash or check with your child on picture day. Students will be photographed during their Social Studies class. Students will hand their order and check directly to the photographer.

**We need volunteers from 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM**

If you can help out, please click [HERE](#). For more information, email Allison Taylor at: [einsteinvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinvolunteers@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in receiving emails with information about volunteer activities? Email [einsteinvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinvolunteers@gmail.com) with your contact information and the grade(s) you are associated with to be added to the list. We need and appreciate your help!

"Creativity is  
intelligence  
having fun."

Albert Einstein



WEB Leaders welcome 7th graders!



Welcome class of 2020





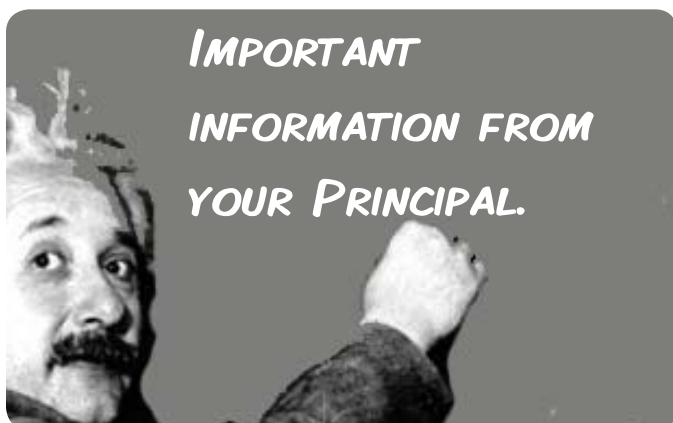
## Principal Clark's *Comments*

### Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year!

We are excited to welcome over 350 new 7th graders and over 380 8th graders to the 2014-2015 school year. We are very fortunate to have students who are creative, kind and energetic. I want to ensure that students know they attend a very special middle school, with excellent teachers who care about the important academic learning that takes place during middle school, and who also care and assist with the social and emotional development that occurs during this age.

Because we are very proud of our school, we have adopted the acronym **PRIDE** as our guideline for success. **P.R.I.D.E** stands for **Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Determination** and **Excellence**. In September, we will focus our efforts around teaching the important aspects of **PREPARATION**. We want to make sure every student is prepared to learn and excel in school. It is our goal that all of our students are prepared to succeed in high school and begin thinking about college and future careers.

We hope parents will help their Middle School students be **PREPARED** by establishing the following routines:



- **Eat breakfast! School breakfast is served from 8:10 - 8:25.**
- **Make sure your child has a lunch or lunch money every day. Free and reduced lunch packets are available in the office.**

- **Stay Hydrated. Bring a water bottle and refill it at one of our hydration stations.**
- **Designate a time to organize backpack and notebooks. Sunday evening is often the perfect time to check backpacks.**
- **Stay Organized. Every evening check to see if your child is recording major homework or classwork in the planner. Use the websites to help them keep an updated planner.**
- **Ensure your child has school supplies: pen, pencils, paper and calculators are essential for middle school.**
- **Establish a time and place for homework or have your child review what they learned in class that day.**
- **Monitor your child's academic progress with the Data Dashboard. The first update will be Tuesday, September 23rd.**

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your student's teachers, counselor, office staff, or administrators. We are here to help!

At school we expect your child to be **PREPARED** to learn. Student preparation at Einstein means the following:

- **Be on time. If you drive your child to school, please be sure to arrive at least 10 minutes before the bell - between 8:00 and 8:20.**
- **Have and utilize your planner for every class and after school activities.**
- **Organize and use your binder as a tool for learning.**
- **Have your supplies, PE clothes, and a positive attitude.**

Middle school is important preparation for high school. We hope your child receives a world class education at Einstein.

**Please join us for curriculum night,  
September 18th at 6:30 pm in the  
cafeteria.**



## PTSA Board 2014-2015

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# PTSA President's Message

Anne Alonzi-Aw and Patty Austin, PTSA Co-Presidents

## Welcome to the 2014-15 school year!

Information is the key to successful organization! This newsletter is one of the best resources for all that is happening at Einstein. You can also access our [PTSA Newsletter](#) publications on our website at anytime. Two other important resources are the [Einstein Middle School](#) and [PTSA Websites](#). These sites have all the answers you need. Further, Einstein posts a [Daily Bulletin](#) so that you can read first-hand about the daily happenings on campus. Updates are coming.

PTSA does amazing things at this school! Your membership fees and donations help to provide grants to teachers and students, fund dances, student and teacher recognition, college readiness programs, the 7th grade heart dissection program, the 8th grade UW College field trip and many other events throughout the year.

PTSA can't provide all these wonderful programs without your generous donations. If you would like to support the enrichment programs at Einstein please participate in the PTSA [Pass-The-Hat-Fundraiser](#).

All parents and students are welcomed to join the PTSA meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the staff lounge. Please check the PTSA website to confirm the time of the meetings. Our first guest speaker will be Rebecca Miner, our new Superintendent.

Want to volunteer? Check out the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) webpage to sign-up or get the latest volunteering details.

We hope to see you at our **Back to School Night/General Membership PTSA Meeting on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria.**

Looking forward to a great year.

## PTSA Meetings

PTSA meetings are typically on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, although the schedule may change from month to month. Dates will be posted in the newsletter, and also on the PTSA and school websites. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Please join us!

### Upcoming meeting dates:

- **Tuesday 9/9 – With special guest, superintendent Rebecca Miner**
- **Thursday 9/18 – General Membership meeting (in conjunction with Curriculum Night)**
- **Tuesday 10/7**



## Become a PTSA Member!

Reiko Shigemoto, Ways & Means VP for Einstein PTSA

I would like to thank everyone who joined PTSA during the Back to Business Days! If you have not yet joined, please use the Membership form and envelope provided in your Back to Business folder or the form at the bottom of this page.

Membership forms can be dropped off at school, sent in with your student, or mailed in anytime. We will also collect membership forms at the Einstein Fall Open House to be held on Thursday, September 18th.

### Why join the Einstein PTSA?

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Speak Up.** PTSA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Enjoy Substantial Benefits.** Thanks to the National PTA's Member Benefits Provider Program, members can take advantage of a host of benefits such as discounts at Hertz, MetLife Auto & Home, Sharp, Staples, Sylvan Learning and Great Wolf Lodge.

## Pass the Hat Fundraiser

Pass the Hat is the only Einstein PTSA fundraiser of the year. Your generous donation will fund the things that help make our children succeed. Some examples include:

- Science Heart Dissection Program — *Kids in Medicine*, through the Seattle Foundation, for all 7th grade students.
- Student activities including dances, *Reflections* (PTA arts competition), and 8th grade graduation party.
- UW and Shoreline Community College field trip for all 8th grade students.
- Classroom grants for teachers including past support for: the Life Program cooking supplies, Read 180 classes comfy chairs, special education reading curriculum, iPads for the library, instrument changes and locks for PE lockers.
- Scholarships for students and emergency assistance programs (binder scholarships, angel lunch fund).
- Watch D.O.G.S. Program.

Donations will be accepted at Curriculum Night (9/18), and can be dropped off in the main office any time.

Thank you for your support!

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 Cards and Student Directory will be sent home with your student.

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



## Legislative News

Over the summer there has been great discussion about the state of education in Washington, specifically regarding fully funding public education for our youth and the status of the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Act of 2001. This year, Einstein PTSA will try to provide you with current and relevant legislative information that will affect your child(ren) and their education, and on occasion, will encourage you to act by writing local and State Legislators, sharing information and getting involved.

Shoreline, along with many other districts, has been identified as a district in improvement because the district did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) provisions AYP for two consecutive years in English language arts. View specific AYP data used to make this decision [HERE](#). As a Title I, Part A district in improvement, we are required to notify families and institute changes to our District Improvement Plan which are posted on the district [website](#). If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Lynn Ashenbrener in the Title I office at (206) 393-4117 and a hard copy of the report will be provided. Is it reasonable to assume that nearly every Washington school is "failing" because they did not meet the NCLB Requirements in 2014? Some of our state's and districts' most successful and highly recognized schools are now being labeled "failing" by an antiquated law that most educators and State and U.S. Congressional elected officials – as well as the U.S. Department of Education – acknowledge isn't working.

### What can you do?

- Write the Washington State [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) and the [US Department of Education](#).
- Check out the Washington State [School Report Card](#) and [Adequate Yearly Progress](#).

Information above is excerpted from a letter to Shoreline families from Superintendent Rebecca Miner. Read the complete letter (including translated versions) [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to read a summary article in the Seattle Times.

## Reflections



It's time to start thinking about your artwork submission for this year's Reflection Competition! This year's Theme is "The world would be a better place if..." There are many categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts, as well as the Special Artists category. Please watch for more information on submission dates. If you are looking for rules, guidelines and forms to get yourself started go the [Reflections](#) page at the Washington PTA website. Questions? Please contact your Reflections Chair, Diana Ensenat, at [densenat@gmail.com](mailto:densenat@gmail.com). More information will be posted at school and given to your Pride Teacher soon. Thank you!!

Back to School Night/  
General Membership  
PTSA Meeting on  
Thursday, September  
18 at 6:30 pm in the  
Cafeteria. Please come!



## Student Support Team

### 7th Grade Counselor

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### School Nurse

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206-393-4734

### Security Monitor

Liz Aspen  
206-393-4738

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

A quick list of important things to keep in mind these first few weeks:

Start your homework routine early!

- Set a place, preferably not the student's own room where he or she can be distracted by email, chat, the phone, TV, etc. The kitchen is usually a great idea!
- Set a time. Ask your student what might work- a half hour of "chill" time after school with a snack or sitting down and starting homework right away.
- Set a timer. Your student will most likely not have a lot of work to do these first few weeks of school; however, it is an excellent idea to require your student to work for at least 30 minutes every day. This could include completing homework, making flash cards, reading over class notes, studying for a test or simply silent reading!

Start your school routine early!

- Early bedtimes/curfews
- Pack backpacks the night before
- Eat a good breakfast

### Connect!

- Encourage your student to join clubs, school sports, the student government- these are all GREAT ways to meet new friends and feel like part of the Einstein community.
- Make an effort to meet your student's new friends and their parents.
- Sign yourself and your student up for volunteer opportunities at Einstein

We look forward to seeing you for a fantastic 2014-15 school year!! ☺

*Your School Counselors, Ms. Paulhamus & Ms. Flatters*



WEB Leaders enjoy pizza after 2 days of training

## "S" is for Student News

The Bush School will be hosting *Sisters Fair* September 10, 7-9 PM at their campus (3400 E. Harrison St, Seattle). Young women and their families can meet with visiting DEANS from Smith, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley, Barnard, and Bryn Mawr. These aren't just the best women's colleges in the country, they're among the best colleges in the country, period, and they offer extraordinary opportunities as well as generous financial aid programs. They're committed to diversity and passionate about supporting women from all backgrounds. The Fair will feature a short combined program from all five colleges, as well as opportunities to meet directly with and ask questions of the visiting officials from each institution. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register to attend.



Come join a wonderful group of athletes and coaches.  
Sign up for Fall Sports now!

**SEASON 1 SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER:** 8th Grade Football, 7/8 Girls Softball, 7/8 Cross Country

**SEASON 2 NOVEMBER-JANUARY:** 7/8 Girls Volleyball, 7/8 Boys Basketball

**SEASON 3 JANUARY-MARCH:** 7/8 Wrestling, 7/8 Girls Basketball

**SEASON 4 APRIL-JUNE:** 7/8 Track and Field

Download the Fall 2014 [Sports Schedule](#) from the Athletics Information page of the Einstein website.

#### **ATHLETICS REGISTRATION**

If you are planning to turn out for Cross Country, Football or Softball, it is essential that all required paperwork is turned in prior to the first practice. Your student will not be able to stay after school for practice if his or her paperwork is not complete. Please help prevent last minute scrambling and disappointed kids by turning in all paperwork as soon as possible! The first day of practice is **Thursday, September 4th**. A list of required paperwork is on the Einstein website.

**Sign up now! Registration forms are due  
THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH!**



**2013-14 Einstein Football Team**



**2013-14 Einstein Track Team**



## LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Anne Dame, Librarian

Welcome to the Einstein library for what I believe is going to be a fabulous year filled with research, literature, information literacy, and fun! Here are some important things to know as school gets started:

**LIBRARY HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. daily.** We open half an hour before school and stay open at least half an hour after school. We are also open for the second half of each lunch period. Students are welcome to talk to the librarian about arranging other times to use library space and materials.

**LIBRARY WEBSITE:** Here you will find links to the library website, commonly used databases, a bibliography tool, and the latest library news. The "about" page also has general information about library policies.

**LIBRARY MATERIALS:** The library has a wide range of resources available for student use. We have roughly 15,000 fiction, non-fiction, reference, and journal titles - almost all of which are available for checkout. Parents and guardians are also welcome to checkout library materials; just come into the library so we can set up an account for you! In addition, the library has computers, printers, and a scanner to help with homework completion.

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:** If you have used printer/ink cartridges that you would like to recycle, please send them to the library. We work with an agency that will collect the cartridges and give us money in return. We use this money to buy new materials for the library. Anything you can send our way would be greatly appreciated.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We would love to have parent volunteers in the library! Some projects might include: shelving books, repairing books, looking for lost books. No need for prior experience or a set schedule. Please email me if you are interested in helping out.

I am really looking forward to another great year of working with all the students here at Einstein. Being the librarian is the best job there is; I get to work with all the teachers and students in difference capacities. I love to read and recommend books- we've got all levels, genres, and interests covered. I also enjoy helping students with

research, using technology, and getting the information they want and need. We are continually adding new titles and evaluating websites for content to support our curriculum.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please feel free to stop by, call, or email me. I look forward to hearing from you!

Anne Dame, Librarian  
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### Health

*Joni Wishaar, MBA, BSN, RN, School Nurse*

#### Medication at School

If your student has a health concern that requires the administration of any medication to a student during school hours, the following procedures will apply.

Over-the-counter medication. A parent or legal guardian and a health care provider (physician, dentist or nurse practitioner) must authorize, in writing, the administration of any over-the-counter medication. The medication must be provided in the original, labeled container. Unidentified medication may not be administered.

Prescribed medication. A parent or legal guardian and a health care provider (physician, dentist or nurse practitioner) must authorize, in writing, the administration of medication. The medication must be provided in the original, labeled container. This authorization will be effective for the current school year unless a shorter period is specified.

Permission to Administer Medication forms may be found on line at the [Nurse Webpage](#) under documents.



We are very excited to get this new year started! Our music department is looking forward to another fabulous year of great musical experiences. Numerous concerts are just around the corner and we can't wait to see you there.

## *Upcoming Concert Dates*

### **Fall Concert**

Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Symphony Orchestra  
Wednesday, November 5 @ 7:00 PM, Einstein Gym

### **Fall Concert**

Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Band  
Tuesday, November 18 @ 7:00 PM, Einstein Gym



## *Did You Know?*

"Finally, art and music provide opportunities for all children to experience and express feelings and conflicts that are not yet fully conscious and cannot be expressed coherently in words. A child who is afraid of the bully, angry at a harsh father, or jealous of an attractive older sister, but cannot put these feelings into words might be able to express these feelings in art."

Excerpt from the Keynote Speech delivered by Jerome Kagan, Ph. D., Harvard University, entitled, "Why the Arts Matter". It was delivered at the 2009 University Summit: Neuroeducation: Learning, Arts and the Brain. Click [HERE](#) to read the complete speech.



**Performing groups from 2013-2014**



# September 2014

## September

9/3	WED	School Begins – Welcome!
9/9	TUE	PTSA Meeting with guest speaker Rebecca Miner – 6:30 PM, Staff Lounge
9/12	FRI	Picture Day
9/18	THU	Curriculum Night / PTSA General Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM, Einstein gym
9/22	MON	Softball vs Explorer @ Meridian Park ball fields, 3:45 PM
9/24	WED	Football vs Evergreen @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
9/24	WED	Softball vs Olympic View @ Meridian Park ball fields, 3:45 PM
9/29	MON	No school – staff work day
9/29	MON	Softball @ Evergreen, 3:45 PM

## October

10/1	WED	Football vs Harbour Pointe @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
10/1	WED	Softball vs Harbour Pointe @ Meridian Park ball fields, 3:45 PM
10/2	THU	Cross Country @ Gateway, 3:45 PM
10/6	MON	Softball @ Gateway, 3:45 PM
10/7	TUE	PTSA Meeting – 6:30 PM, Staff Lounge
10/8	WED	Cross Country @ Harbour Pointe, 3:45 PM
10/9	THU	Football @ Brier Terrace, 3:45 PM
10/9	THU	Softball @ Brier Terrace, 3:45 PM
10/15	WED	Football vs College Place @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
10/15	WED	Softball vs. Meadowdale @ Meridian Park ball fields, 3:45 PM
10/16	THU	Cross Country @ College Place, 3:45 PM
10/19	SUN	Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Phonathon
10/20	MON	Softball @ Alderwood, 3:45 PM
10/22	WED	Football @ Alderwood, 3:45 PM
10/22	WED	Softball vs College Place @ Meridian Park ball fields, 3:45 PM
10/23	THR	Cross County district meet @ Hamlin, 3:45 PM
10/27	MON	No school – staff work day
10/28	TUE	Cross Country league championship meet @ Shoreline Stadium, 3:30 PM
10/28	TUE	Softball vs Kellogg @ Shorecrest HS, 3:45 PM
10/29	WED	Football championship vs Kellogg @ Shoreline Stadium, 3:45 PM

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

4:45 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 Breakfast and Lunch [Menus](#)  
**Enjoy your meal!**

## Athletic Schedule

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

