



# Einstein News

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## *Holiday Baskets and Gift Drive*

Holiday Baskets provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in need. There are many ways you can help:

- Sign-up to volunteer with Ms. Duboise or email Brandon Becker [bbecker10@hotmail.com](mailto:bbecker10@hotmail.com).
- Donate non-perishable food items, gift cards or teen gifts. Donation can be taken to PRIDE rooms. The main item assigned to Einstein this year is toilet paper, but any food or gift donations will be appreciated.
- Make a donation to the Shoreline PTA Council. Note "Holiday Baskets – Food or Teen Gifts" on your check, and mail to Shoreline PTA Council 6.12, P.O. Box 55832, Shoreline, WA 98155. You can also donate using PayPal at [www.shorelinepta.org](http://www.shorelinepta.org), under Family Services. Donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations will also be accepted at school.



## WEBingo!

WEB Leaders joined their 7th grade WEB Groups during lunch on Friday, Nov. 14th for a competitive game of WEBingo! Group #14 was victorious and won cupcake prizes. All students enjoyed sweet treats and group team building during this WEB connection activity.



"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

- Albert Einstein

## Volunteer Opportunities

Please sign up [HERE](#) to help with December events at Einstein. December 16th is an ASB fundraiser and we need parent/guardian help after school!



**Interested in Joining Einstein Clubs or Afterschool Activities?**

An ASB card is required for all students participating in after school activities. They are \$25, and available in the main office before and after school, or during lunch. Please see your counselor if you need help with a scholarship. Club Advisors will be checking to see that all students have an ASB card. Get your card so you are able to attend your favorite Clubs!

**ACTIVITIES**

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. Unless otherwise noted, activities are 3:00 – 4:30

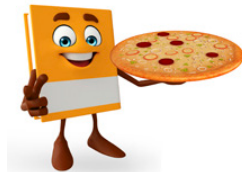
**TUESDAY ACTIVITIES:**

- Advanced Jazz Band (H-15, Halferty) 7:30-8:20 AM
- City of Shoreline Activities (SAC and Gym)
- AV “SOFA” Club (H-15, Halferty)
- Robotics Club (L-4, Thurber)
- Tiger Tutoring (Library, Teeters)
- GSA (D-5, Flatters & Zwack):  
12/9, 1/13, 1/27



**WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES:**

- DACB Club (D-11, Moreno)
- Yearbook Club (E-8, Wheaton)
- Video Game Club (A-7, Riley)
- Tardy Tank / Afterschool Detention (B-2, Aspen)
- Pizza and Books (Library, Dame)
- Drama Club



**THURSDAY ACTIVITIES:**

- Advanced Jazz Band (H-15, Halferty), 7:30 – 8:20 AM
- Latino Club (E-8, Wheaton)
- Math Club (A-7, Riley)
- City of Shoreline Activities (SAC & Gym)
- Newspaper Club (L-4, Thurber)
- Tiger Tutoring (Library, Teeters)



**FRIDAY ACTIVITIES**

- Jazz Combo (H-15, Halferty), 7:00 – 7:30 AM
- Jazz Band / Advanced Jazz Band (H-15, Halferty),  
7:30 – 8:20 AM

**NOTE:**

**NO sports practices on Dec. 19th and no after school clubs on the Dec. 18th.**



8th Grade Web Leaders leading their 7th grade WEB groups in Webingo!



**Spring Play Auditions Now!**

Come audition for all parts in *The Tale of Snow White* on **December 10th** at promptly 3:10 in the cafeteria. Please bring a book or homework to work on while others are auditioning, we will dismiss by 4:30. Callbacks for larger roles will happen on **December 17th**. Please prepare a short 30 second monologue for your audition.

Contact the director, Grace Whalen for more info.  
[Grace.waylen@shorelineschools.org](mailto:Grace.waylen@shorelineschools.org)

**ACTIVITY BUS SCHEDULE**

Activity Bus – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	
4:45 PM	Bus 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



## Could Your Family Benefit from a Holiday Basket or Toy Donations?

The Holiday Baskets program provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in need. This year's basket distribution will be Saturday, December 13, from 11:30 am- 4:30 pm at Kellogg Middle School. Advanced registration is required. Register now – spots are limited. Ways to register:

- **NEW!** Preferred method! Register online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). In the "Search for events field, enter ""Holiday Baskets.""
- Call (206) 393-4916 (Shoreline PTA Council line). Leave a message and we will return your call to complete registration.
- Fill out a registration form and give it to your school Nurse or Family Advocate. Forms are available in their offices and at [www.shorelinepta.org](http://www.shorelinepta.org) under Family Services. You can also mail the form to Shoreline PTA Council, P.O. Box 55832, Shoreline, WA 98155-5784.



*Pajama day!  
"Puttin' bullying to bed"*



*Superhero Day!*



*Einstein Spirit Day!*



## *Congratulations to the Students of the Quarter*

### **7th grade**

Aidyn Laycock  
Annika Fleming  
Camille Valencia  
Cynthia Ruelas  
Fraol Debele  
Gonzalo Ruelas Beltran  
Hunter Lowdon  
Jaidlynne Wilson  
Jenny Nguyen  
Jonathan Birchman  
Joseph Tedros  
Kayla Calhoun  
Kokoro Holcomb  
Lauren-Brooks Wilson  
Manoli Tramountanas  
Molly Stamey  
Savannah Truncer  
Sofia Boetes  
Tiffany Veeder



### **8th grade**

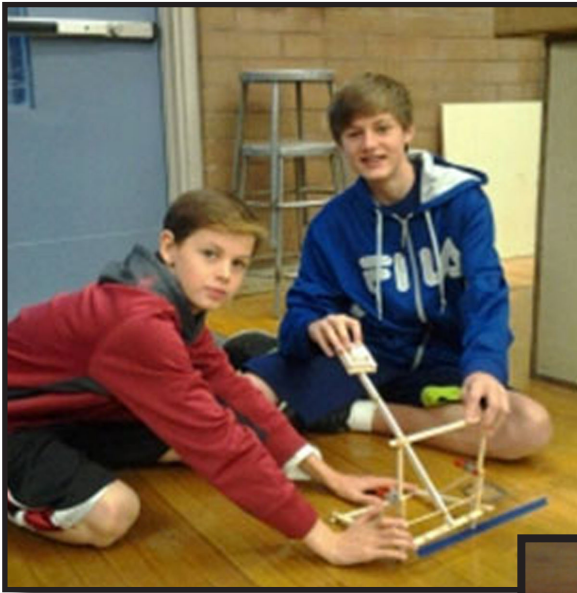
Alonso Rodriguez  
Daniel Fazleev  
Daviana Borromeo  
Eden Tadesse  
Jarod McCue  
Josiah Tveit  
Julia Gaynor  
Katie Stellwagen  
Leah Beard  
Malcolm Jacobson  
Naod Gezai  
Nate Brown  
Olivia Manning  
Romha Bereket  
Sophia Rice





## New Elective at Einstein: Introduction to Engineering and Robotics

Check out some of the projects we are working on in the new elective, Introduction to Engineering and Robotics. Pictured below students tests their catapult designs, show off their 3-D printed artwork, work on an air filter, and a collision proof package to ship a Pringles chip to Kellogg Middle School. Next quarter we are assembling and programming Vex Robots.





## ❧ 2014 Reflections Arts Competition ❧

Twenty nine Einstein students – a record number – participated in this year’s Reflections Arts Competition. Reflections is a themed, national, PTA-sponsored arts competition for students K-12. This year’s theme was, “The world would be a better place if...” Participating Einstein students are listed below by type of submission.

- **Music Composition:** *Imran Majeed*
- **Photography:** *Samantha Combs, Stefan Mueller, Athena S. Pentcholov, Samantha Lee*
- **Visual Arts:** *Emily Nguyen, Elizabeth Hickman, Mia Rose Perritt, Kayla Cossey, Elma Lu, Heran Gessesse, Fred Liu, Angel Marie Hern, Alexis Cambronero, Sarah Barrett, Tresa Galley, Malia Takasaki, Ella Marie Anderton, Emily Alice McDowell, Evangelia Amalia Koceski, Isabelle Sabine Jones, Jasmine Pritikin, Lily Anderson, Samantha Ayers, Rebecca Alice Talavera, Nate Alexander*
- **Visual Arts / Special Artist:** Forrest Neander

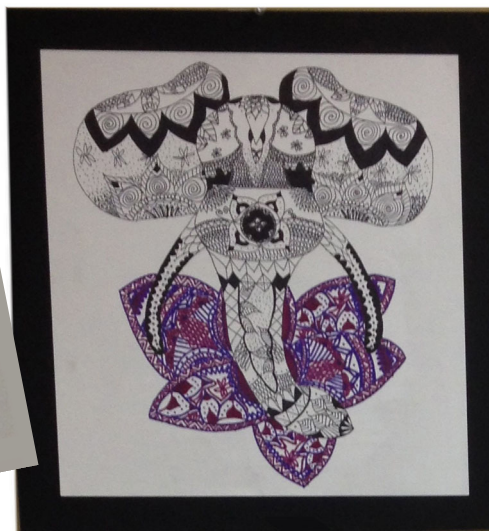
The entries were judged by a panel of four judges. Fifteen finalists were chosen to move on to the district competition. An evening reception will be held on Jan. 8th at the Shoreline Center where the finalists’ work will be on display and the district finalists (moving on to state competition) will be revealed. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### The Einstein finalists are:

- **Music Composition:** *Imran Majeed* (Duet in D Major).
- **Photography:** *Samantha Combs* (Leaps and Bounds and Close Up); *Athena Pentcholov* (The world would be a better place if there was a cure); and *Stefan Mueller* (Freedom Tower).
- **Visual Arts:** *Emily Nguyen* (A Glimpse of Hope); *Elizabeth Hickman* (Hungry); *Mia Rose Perritt* (Words Kill); *Kayla Cossey* (The Colors of Friendship); *Elma Lu* (Masks); *Heran Gessesse* (Love Begins Early); *Fred Liu* (The world would be a better place if we kept the environment clean); *Angel Marie Hern* (Soaring to Peace); *Alexis Cambronero* (The world would be a better place if elephants represented peace and wisdom).
- **Visual Arts / Special Artist:** *Forrest Neander* (If Love Came First).

### Congratulations to all participants! We have very talented students at Einstein.

Einstein PTA would like to thank the Einstein teachers and staff for all their support of this program. Special thanks to *Deanna Baldi* and *Kim Alford* for going the extra mile to make this program a success at Einstein.





## Principal Clark's *Comments*

We hope all students had a positive first quarter at Einstein. We know that the Middle School time period can come with with challenges, trials and tribulations. Some students may be excelling academically but are struggling with some unexpected social challenges; while others may be facing some academic challenges while excelling at the social aspect of Middle School. I know that being a parent of a middle school child can be challenging, but rest assured, these struggles are a valuable part of growing up. I hope through the next few years we are able to help our children learn how to solve and work through problems and challenges.

Teaching students to struggle through a challenging course, assignment, activity or social situation results in important life lessons. December is "Determination" month at Einstein. Determination is the "D" in PRIDE. We hope all students have the opportunity to develop determination and perseverance this school year. When your child is feeling frustrated and wants to give up...please use one of my favorite Albert Einstein quotes. "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

Stephanie Clark

### Celebrating Einstein's Amazing Diversity!

#### ***Did you know...***

- There are currently 24 clubs running at Einstein. Wow! Our students have so many interests- from anime to coding to singing to cooking, we've got a club for every student at Einstein.
- In addition to English, there are over 30 languages spoken at Einstein by our students and their families! Spanish is the second most common language, followed closely by two others. Check next month's newsletter to find out what the next two most common languages are! What do you think they might be?
- 172 students turned out for Einstein's first sport season! That's almost a quarter of our student body.
- We have 41 classroom teachers at Einstein! Check next month's newsletter for some fun trivia about their interests and special talents.
- Einstein students shared their political views in a mock election. Here's how they voted:
  - o Initiative 1351 (smaller class size)
    - Yes – 48.28%
    - No – 51.72%
  - o Initiative 591 (confiscation of firearms)
    - Yes – 39.31%
    - No – 60.69%
  - o Initiative 594 (background checks for firearm sales and transfers)
    - Yes – 81.24%
    - No – 18.76%
  - o Congressional Representative – District 7
    - Jim McDermott (democrat) – 72.05%
    - Craig Keller (republican) – 27.95%



Everyone counts day!



## PTSA Board 2014-2015

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## PTSA President's Message

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

December is full of cold weather, hot cocoa, and time with family. Students and parents alike are anxious for Winter Break and the holidays to start. Before that, however, we have some exciting things going on at Einstein.

The Shoreline Food Drive and Teen Gift Drive is a great way to help out local families in need. Donations accepted Dec 1st – Dec 12th. Einstein's assigned item to collect this year is toilet paper. Please consider picking up a package of T.P. or other items while you are doing your holiday shopping, and send them in with your student fill our Holiday Baskets.

We are looking for volunteers to be on our Nominating Committee, to help identify candidates for next year's PTSA board. This is only a short commitment, yet is so vital to keeping the PTSA going in the future. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact us at [Anneaa4@gmail.com](mailto:Anneaa4@gmail.com) or [paustin820@gmail.com](mailto:paustin820@gmail.com).

Please join us for our monthly PTSA board meeting on December 9, at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge. We will have a General Membership meeting January 13 at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for word of the specific location in the school.

We'd like to thank all our Einstein families for your continued support volunteering, your contributions to our fundraiser, and your membership. Without your help, we couldn't bring all the wonderful programs to our students. This month, your contributions are supporting The Works and our Food Drive & Teen Gifts Drive. A huge thank you for your generous giving spirit!

We wish you all a wonderful Winter Break, and a happy and peaceful end to 2014. We will see you all in 2015!

### PTSA Meetings

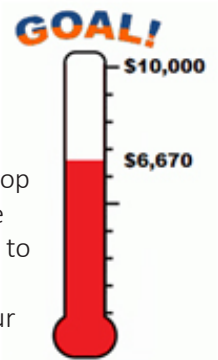
PTSA meetings are typically on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, although the schedule may change from month to month. Dates will be posted in the newsletter, and also on the PTSA and school websites. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Please join us!

#### Upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday 12/9/14 @ 7:30 PM  
– Einstein Staff Lounge
- Tuesday 1/13/15 @ 6:30 PM – General Membership Meeting – Einstein MS, specific location TBD

### Pass the Hat Fundraiser

Give the gift that keeps on giving! Donate today to our PTSA Pass the Hat Fundraiser. So many children will benefit from these dollars, teacher grants, supplies, field trips, you name it. Just drop off your check in the office to say, "I want to make a difference!" We'd appreciate your holiday gift.





# 10 Myths About Joining the PTSA

**#1. Only moms and teachers need to join the PTSA.**

A strong PTSA needs the support of parents, family members, teachers, school staff, and community members. Anyone who cares about children belongs in the PTSA!

**#2. Joining the PTSA means I have to volunteer.**

The PTSA appreciates everyone's membership, whether or not one is able to volunteer. You will not be sucked into a black hole of volunteering!

**#3. I have to be a board member or chair a committee to join the PTSA.**

You do not have to serve on the PTSA Board or chair a committee to join the PTSA. Your beautiful smile and wonderful support will suffice!

**#4. PTSA membership never expires, I only have to join once.**

Each new school year begins a new PTSA membership year. Your PTSA membership will be good for the entire school year!

**#5. I don't have the time to join the PTSA.**

If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider becoming a member of the PTSA and give your financial support. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your support helps fund events and activities for the children throughout the school year!

**#6. I'll get roped into volunteering if I attend a PTSA meeting.**

There will be opportunities to get involved, but no pressure. Just pass along the signup sheet if you are unable to participate. No judgment here!

**#7. The PTSA is only for stay-at-home parents with nothing else to do.**

Your fellow PTSA members are family and community members who want to support the kids and the school. Most members are juggling work, bills, household chores, kids, sports, and homework, just like you!

**#8. My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTSA.**

Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and teachers, it shows you child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

**#9. The PTSA has all the help they need.**

The PTSA always wants and always needs volunteers! If you choose to volunteer, you decide your time commitment!

**#10. I have an idea but the PTSA isn't interested.**

New ideas are always welcome! It's important to keep our PTSA fresh and exciting!

*From Reiko Shigemoto, Ways & Means VP for Einstein PTSA*

Cut here and return to Einstein PTSA via the school office: 19343 3rd Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177



## PTSA Membership and/or Pass-the-Hat Donation Form

(Einstein's ONLY PTSA Fundraiser!) You do not have to be a PTSA member in order to donate to Pass-the Hat!

Name(s) _____	Membership for individual \$15.00	\$ _____
Address _____	Membership for two \$25.00	\$ _____
Student's Name _____	Pass-the-Hat (your donation)	\$ _____
Student's pride teacher _____	Total amount in envelope	\$ _____

The Student Directory, which is one of the benefits of joining the Einstein PTSA, 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



## Washington State Parent Teacher Association Sets Legislative Agenda

The Washington State Parent Teacher Association held its 36th Annual Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, Washington. There, delegates met to set a new platform of legislative priorities for the 2015-2016 legislative session in support of the organizational vision of "Making every child's potential a reality." The legislative platform supports the delivery of our mission:

- PTA is a powerful voice for all children.
- PTA is a relevant resource for families, schools and communities.
- PTA is a strong advocate for the well-being and education of every child.

In all, 13 issues made the short-term platform. As a whole child advocacy association, our priority issues represent health, well-being and educational needs of the children of Washington State.

### WSPTA's priorities for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions:

1. Funding McCleary
2. Create Positive School Climates Through Social Emotional Learning
3. Increasing Capital Funding
4. Increased Access to Higher Education
5. Breakfast After the Bell

### Also supported (listed alphabetically):

- Access, Equity & Opportunity for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs
  - Closing Opportunity Gaps
  - Equal Access for ELL Students
  - Family and Community Engagement
  - Inclusive Special Education
  - Playground Safety
  - Investing in Teacher Professional Learning (CTWG Implementation)
  - Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools
- Questions? Email your legislative representative for Einstein, Carrie Campbell, [campbrit@hotmail.com](mailto:campbrit@hotmail.com).

## WANTED:

## NEWSLETTER EDITORS

If you are interested in working on the Einstein newsletter next year, please contact Mary Lynn Antush or Diana Nielsen at [einsteinmiddleschoolnews@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinmiddleschoolnews@gmail.com). The newsletter is a joint staff / PTSA monthly publication, and is a great way to keep updated on what is going on at school. We would like to identify the new editors early to allow plenty of time for transition.





## Managing Holiday Stress and The Blues

Many adults feel stressed out or get the blues during the winter holidays. But we don't always realize that teens get these feelings, too. The same things can cause these feelings for teens as they do for adults: a hectic schedule, financial stress, increased family conflict or misunderstanding, crowds, pressure to live up to idealized images of holidays and family life, changes in diet and routines, cabin fever, pressure to find the perfect gifts, not getting the gifts you wanted, other unmet expectations, increased grief about divorce, death, or other family changes (see below), shortened amount of daylight (a cause of serious depression for many). Also, many teens feel empty because holidays are not the same as when they were young kids. All on top of the normal stresses of growing up!

Feeling stressed or getting the blues during the holidays is normal. Some simple steps can help ease the feelings for your teen and get them through the season. Help your teens manage their feelings. Encourage them. . .

- **To talk.** Help them express their feelings. Really listen to them. Try not to judge them or overreact. Instead, help them try to solve their problems. Encourage them to talk to other trusted adults or friends, too.
- **To take a break.** Getting away from others can be refreshing. Encourage them to spend time relaxing or doing an activity for themselves. Just spending a few minutes outside can re-energize them.
- **To exercise.** This is one of the best ways to work off stress.
- **To eat right.** Holidays often come with sugary and high-fat foods. Eating some is fine, but eating too much will only make mood swings worse.
- **To do something charitable.** It can be easy to lose sight of what the holidays are really about. Doing something for others can help change one's own outlook. During this holiday season is a wonderful time to volunteer at places like Hopelink, Food Life Line or the Mission. Students can also log their hours for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

### Manage your own stress and blues, too

If you are feeling stressed or sad yourself, your children may be picking up on your feelings. You can help them by taking care of yourself. Plus, they learn from watching you. If you handle your feelings well, they will learn to handle their own feelings better.

### Divorce, death, and other family changes and the holidays

The holidays can be very difficult for anyone touched by death, divorce, or other major family changes. This is especially true for kids and teens. They may have to split time between two households or spend time with new stepparents or siblings. There may be unfamiliar routines. There may be many painful reminders of the past. There is also an extra focus on cheerfulness and family togetherness. All these can increase sadness and stress.

Please contact members of our Counseling Team about concerns regarding your student. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Counseling Team website.

Source: *education.com, Rhode Island Dept. of Education*

### Student Support Team

#### 7th Grade Counselor

Lauren Lochner Paulhamus  
206-393-4743

#### 8th Grade Counselor

Kelley Flatters  
206-393-4744

#### School Psychologist

Kathryn Zwack  
206-393-4745

#### Drug/Alcohol Interventionist

Devin Rodger  
206-393-4736

#### School Nurse

Joni Wishaar  
206-393-4734

#### Security Monitor

Liz Aspen  
206-393-4738



Pajama Day!



## LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Anne Dame, Librarian

First quarter is already over and we're looking at the end of another calendar year! It's hard to believe how quickly time passes. (For me, anyway; the students may have other thoughts about that.) With that in mind, here are some of the statistics from the library in regards to what's been happening here in the past few months:

- 3575** - the number of books checked out since the beginning of the school year
- 18** - highest number of checkouts for any book this year (*Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins)
- 5** - most holds currently on a book (*Maze Runner* by James Dashner)
- 311** - number of books Ms. Dame has read so far in 2014 (as of 11/19/14).
- 16** - average number of students at **Pizza & Books**
- 8** - average number of students at **The WRITE Stuff**
- 109** - average daily number of students in the library, not counting classes

### New Titles:

- ***The Young Elites***, by Marie Lu. First in a new series. After a deadly plague swept the country, some of the survivors were gifted with extraordinary powers. The government is seeking to wipe them out while in turn, these few are seeking to wipe out the government.
- ***Just One Day***, by Gayle Forman. "A book about love, heartbreak, travel, identity, and the "accidents" of fate, *Just One Day* shows us how sometimes in order to get found, you first have to get lost. . . and how often the people we are seeking are much closer than we know." (From the book jacket.)
- ***Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking***, by Susan Cain. This book highlights the valuable contributions and significance that introverts add to our society, even though they are generally ignored or dismissed in our extroverted world. There is also advice for introverts on how to get along, even thrive, in this type of environment



*Teacher Appreciation Lunch!*

**Thank you!**  
*We would like to say a resounding thank you to all the parents who volunteered to provide food for the Southern-themed teacher luncheon! We heard so many comments from teachers and staff on how much they appreciated the lunch and how delicious the food was! Your recipes, time and generosity helped to make this lunch quite a success!  
 Thank you all!!*

*Staff Appreciation Co-chairs, Jen Salvione and Rosemarie Cross*





## Washington Music Educators Select Einstein Students for Junior All State Performance Groups

Recently, WMEA (Washington Music Educators) announced the selection of students statewide for Junior All State Performances to be held in Spokane in February. The following five Einstein students were selected based on recorded auditions that were submitted in October:

- Maria Babcock (French Horn)
- Carissa Flaherty (Euphonium)
- Jamie Forschmiedt (Clarinet)
- Nghi Huynh (Double Bass)
- Kevin Lee (Alto Saxophone)

## Getting Large Instruments to School

Children who play larger instruments in orchestra or band can no longer take their instruments on the school bus. Lorraine Flaherty, a band parent, is trying to organize car pools to help out. If your child needs a ride or you can offer a ride, please email her at [lmf7b@yahoo.com](mailto:lmf7b@yahoo.com), and we can try to put together a list.

### *Did You Know?*

As explained in the article, "Does Music Instruction Help Children Learn to Read?" evidence of a Meta-Analysis by Jayne M. Standley, the combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills. Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

## *Christmas Ships at Richmond Beach*

Come join the Einstein and Syre Elementary School Choirs at Richmond Beach as we wait for the Christmas Ships to pass. Listen to the singing of carols, warm yourself by the giant bonfire and meet neighbors and friends. **December 9.** The singing starts at 7:30 with the Syre Singers, then Einstein choirs at around 7:50 ; the ship comes in around 8:10-8:20.



### *Upcoming Concert Dates*

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>December 9</b>  | Einstein & Syre Choirs at Richmond Beach for the Christmas Ships                   |
| <b>December 10</b> | Shorewood and Einstein Orchestras, 7:30 PM, Shorewood Theater                      |
| <b>December 19</b> | Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble- 9:00 AM, Einstein Gym |
| <b>February 3</b>  | Westside Band Festival – Wind Ensemble – 7:30 PM Shorewood Gym                     |
| <b>February 5</b>  | SKMEA MS Honor Festival – 7:30 PM, Edmonds Center for the Arts                     |
| <b>February 10</b> | District Orchestra Festival – 7:30 PM, Shoreline Center, Spartan Gym               |
| <b>February 11</b> | Einstein Bands and Orchestras – 7:00 PM, Einstein Gym                              |



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.

## 2014 Richmond Little League winter softball clinics

Richmond Little League is offering 3 softball clinics for girls 7-14 who want to work on their skills. The clinics will be held at Spartan Gym (202 NE 185th St, Shoreline) from 2:30 – 4:00pm. The dates are November 15th, December 6th and December 13th. Come join us for a fun opportunity to develop the girls' softball skills. All are welcome. This is a **free** clinic you will want to take advantage of. Visit the [RLL website](#) or contact Coach Todd Bean ([toddabean@frontier.com](mailto:toddabean@frontier.com)) for more information.



## Project SAFE

Overwhelmed? Frustrated? Project SAFE is a free phone-based clinical consultation program for parents and caregivers of youth ages 12-17 who are struggling with their teen's behavior. During the call, a counselor will listen, provide tools for coping with your teen, and help you develop an action plan to take care of yourself and improve the situation for you and your teen. To access this service, call 1-888-99-VOICE and ask for a Project SAFE appointment. For more information go to [www.youthcare.org](http://www.youthcare.org)

## 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, graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA, 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.



**College Bound  
Scholarship**  
WASHINGTON



Thank you Lyn Ching for helping our students honor Veterans' Day!



# December 2014

## DECEMBER

12/1	MON	No School – staff work day
12/3	WED	Boys basketball @ College Place, 3:45 PM
12/3	WED	Girls volleyball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
12/4	THU	Season 2 Sport Team Photos, 3:15 PM
12/8	MON	Boys basketball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
12/8	MON	Girls Volleyball @ Explorer, 3:45 PM
12/9	TUE	Choirs sing at Richmond Beach for Christmas Ships 7:30 PM
12/9	TUE	PTSA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Staff Lounge
12/10	WED	Play tryouts in Cafeteria 3:10 PM
12/10	WED	Concert (Einstein & Shorewood Orchestras), 7:30 PM
12/11	THU	Boys basketball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
12/11	THU	Girls volleyball @ Olympic View, 3:45 PM
12/15	MON	Boys basketball @ Heatherwood, 3:45 PM
12/15	MON	Girls volleyball @ Heatherwood, 3:45 PM
12/16	TUE	ASB Movie Social – Elf, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
12/17	WED	Play call backs in Cafeteria, 3:10 PM
12/18	THU	Boys basketball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
12/18	THU	Girls volleyball @ Voyager, 3:45 PM
12/19	FRI	Holiday Assembly, 9:00 AM
12/20/14 – 1/4/15		Winter Break



## JANUARY

1/5	MON	Back to School
1/7	WED	Boys basketball @ Brier Terrace, 3:45 PM
1/7	WED	Girls volleyball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
1/8	THU	Boys basketball @ Meadowdale, 3:45 PM
1/8	THU	Girls volleyball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
1/8	THU	Shoreline PTA Council Reflections Reception, 6:30 PM
1/12	MON	Boys basketball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
1/12	MON	Girls volleyball @ Alderwood, 3:45 PM
1/13	TUE	PTSA meeting, 6:30 PM, Staff Lounge
1/14	WED	Boys basketball @ Einstein, 3:45 PM
1/14	WED	Girls volleyball @ Kellogg, 3:45 PM
1/16	FRI	Season 2 sports awards, 3:15 PM
1/19	MON	No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day
1/23	FRI	End of first semester
1/26	MON	No School, staff work day
1/30	FRI	Student of the Quarter breakfast, 7:30 AM

## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

The Sports Schedule can be downloaded from the [Athletics Information](#) page of the Einstein Website.

## LUNCH MENU

Here is a link to the Middle School Breakfast and Lunch [Menus](#).  
Additional information about the district's food services

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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 gym
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