



# Einstein News

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## Math is Cool Masters

While you may have been snug in your bed on Saturday, December 7th, two math teams, made up of four 7th graders and four 8th graders, made their way through Snoqualmie Pass and to Moses Lake for the Math is Cool Masters, an invitational math competition. Teams and individuals from around the state faced off in a series of written tests and quiz show-style matches.

By 2PM, the temperature outside had started to creep up towards freezing. Inside, all of the competitors had been tested to the limits of their abilities, everything had been scored, tabulated and collated, and the best of the best began to emerge. Among them were our very own seventh grade team, which received 1st place in Division I, and the eighth grade team, which earned 3rd place in Division I, missing second place by only a single point! Spencer Lu received the additional honor of earning the seventh highest individual score among all Geometry students.

If you see these Tigers around campus, be sure and congratulate them on their hard work and success.



7th Grade Team



8th Grade Team

## Food Drive Success

Thank you to all who participated in the annual food drive. Whether you brought food or volunteered along the way (or both), Einstein smashed its goal of 500 rolls of paper towels and significantly contributed to the non-perishable food items. The district was able to provide staple items to every family that requested help and filled a box truck full of food and gifts for Food Lifeline, an organization that also helps local families. Einstein families can be proud of their community involvement. If you or someone you know needs help with food or other basic needs, please contact your family advocate or school nurse any time of the year. Your community cares and wants to help.

## Winter Weather is Here!

Sign up for inclement weather notifications. [SchoolReport.org](http://SchoolReport.org) has joined FlashAlert Newswire. If you have subscribed to SchoolReport.org in the past to receive closure messages you will need to create a new, free account in FlashAlert's Messenger service to continue receiving closure messages and other news. There is a new option that allows you to get closures via the free Android/iOS app FlashAlert Messenger. It uses Push Notification to reach you fast and reliably and you may link as many phones to your account as you wish. Sign up today at [FlashAlert](http://FlashAlert).

Albert Einstein said, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."



## Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Unless otherwise noted, clubs meet from 3:00 – 4:30 each week (days listed below). Students participating in after school clubs or athletics are eligible to take the Activity Bus on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. (See page 13.)

### Einstein Climbing Club

The Einstein Climbing Club (ECC) will fill up fast; Reserve your spot today! Visit [www.shorelinewa.gov/teens](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/teens) or call the Spartan Recreation Center at (206) 801-2645. ECC meets Wednesdays, February 5th – April 2nd from 3:00 – 6:00pm for indoor rock climbing and bouldering at Vertical World. Scholarships available based on financial need; please inquire.

### EMS Cooking Club (Wednesdays)

Join us for a special 3 week cooking session! January 8th, 15th & 22nd (3:00 – 4:30 PM). We will cook pizzas, enchiladas and bake cookies. We will meet in the cooking room (B-14).

### After School in the SAC (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Hang after school in the SAC! Come for the awesome snacks, stay for the fun! Play ping pong, sports, or games, or just kick it with your friends listening to the music. Check the daily bulletin for the calendar of activities. The best part, it's all free! Be prepared to go outside to play sports on the field. We will be outside most days if the weather allows.

### Auditions for "Once Upon a High School"

7th and 8th grade theatrical production. Auditions will be held Wednesday, January 8th and Thursday January 9th from 3:05- 4:30 pm. To audition you must sign up for a time slot in advance in the main office and pick up a packet with audition information and forms that need parents' signature. Performances will be April 16 and 17. Rehearsals will be after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information contact Mr. Gill (E-5).

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.



### WEB Leader Celebration Pizza Lunch!

Thanks WEB Team for your Leadership!  
Thanks to volunteer Mom, Lori Ramsay for helping make this event happen! GO WEB!





## Principal Clark's *Comments*

*Happy New Years to all Einstein students and families.*

I have truly missed the students and staff at Einstein. My wish for the New Year is for everyone to have a happy, healthy, and productive 2014. I am ready to get back to work and hope students and parents are gradually getting ready for a successful second trimester.

Stephanie Clark

[stephanie.clark@shorelineschools.org](mailto:stephanie.clark@shorelineschools.org)

### Ugly Sweater Day. (Who are these people?)





## PTSA Board 2013-2014

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# PTSA President's Message

Lori Ramsay and Jamie Kirkwood

## HAPPY 2014! A LOOK AHEAD...

## Celebrating Our Accomplishments & Preparing to Pass the Torch

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

What an incredible year 2013 was and it is hard to believe we are already in 2014. As we take a moment to breathe and reflect, we realize we have so many things to be grateful for and people we need to thank. Our community is amazing and we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to so many people: Volunteers (Library, Office, Watch D.O.G.S., Chaperones, Food Drive, Teen Gifts, Bakers, Cooks, Fundraiser Donors, Special Events, PTSA Members/Supporters, PTSA Board and any other volunteers we may have forgotten). THANK YOU as well to the Einstein staff for all that you do. Thank you to EVERYONE who gives so much to make our community strong and vibrant.

In the coming months we will be passing the torch of many of our Einstein PTSA Executive Board positions for the 2014-2015 school year (Presidents, Secretary, VP for Student Affairs, & VP for Ways & Means). We are still looking for volunteers for the nominating committee which works to identify PTSA volunteers for the coming school year. This committee's work runs from January to mid-March, so it is a short time commitment. If you would like to volunteer or have more questions, please contact Jamie or Lori at [einsteinpresident@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinpresident@gmail.com). This committee needs to be voted in by our General Member Meeting on January 8, 2014.

Speaking of which... our next General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 7PM in the cafeteria. Please come join us to learn more about the Shoreline School District Levies. Special guest Sue Walker, Superintendent of Shoreline School District, will be providing information and answering questions. Einstein PTSA Members will vote on whether to support these levies and on our Nomination Committee. Everyone is welcome, so please join us and let your voice be heard.

Again, thank you for making 2013 an incredible year. We are excited to see what 2014 will bring!

## PTSA Meetings

- Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM – General Membership meeting – Cafeteria
- Tuesday, February 11th @ 6:30 PM – Staff lounge
- Tuesday, March 11th @ 6:30 PM – Staff lounge

Please join us! If you have questions, please contact Janina Pacunski at [einsteinsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinsecretary@gmail.com).



## Replacement Levies

The Shoreline School Board has unanimously approved placing two replacement levies for voter approval on the Feb. 11, 2014, special election ballot. The District projects that these replacement levies will allow for continued stability of school tax collections for the next four years.

Proposition 1 is Replacement of an Expiring Levy for Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations.

The Shoreline School District's current four-year educational programs, maintenance and operations levy will expire at the end of 2014. This levy provides the District with approximately 26 percent of its General Fund operating revenue.

The levy pays for the basic education programs not supported by state and federal funding, including nurses, family advocates, librarians and instructional materials. It helps support smaller class sizes, special education, highly capable, remedial and vocational education programs, building maintenance and utilities, and transportation. Funds are also used to support extra-curricular student activities, including music, drama and athletics.

Proposition 2 is Replacement of an Expiring Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support.

A four-year Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support would be used to meet the District's ongoing technology needs for capital improvements. This includes student computers and expanded online curriculum for classroom use, instructional specialists, equipment upgrade and replacement (including lab and library computers, printers, classroom audio-visual equipment), professional development and training, server and network

replacements and upgrades, administrative software systems, online and subscription resources, and virus and firewall protection.

### More Information

There will be two Levy Information Forums held in our two new high school theaters:

- Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 PM at Shorecrest High School
- Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 PM at Shorewood High School

For more information about the replacement levies, including a levy fact sheet, see the [Shoreline SD](#) website, or contact Sherry Edwards at [dsma@comcast.net](mailto:dsma@comcast.net).

## 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 below 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!

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



## LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Anne Dame, Librarian

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fabulous and relaxing winter break. My mantra was eat, read, sleep. As we begin the new year, I am also beginning my new reading goal. Once again I will try to read 365 books this year. (As of Dec. 17th, I was at 329 with several stacks of books to read and enjoy over break.)

Alton Chung, an extraordinary storyteller, joined us one day in December. Thanks to the generous funding from the Richmond Beach Friends of the Library, Alton shared stories about the Japanese-American experiences in internment camps as well as some combat stories from the 442nd regiment comprised solely of Japanese-American soldiers. Our 7th grade social studies students, who are currently beginning to study this topic, were a very attentive audience with insightful questions for our guest speaker. Alton generously donated two videos to our library featuring his stories. We were so fortunate to have him share his talents and stories with us.

**The WRITE Stuff and Pizza and Books** clubs continue to be a popular after school choice even though they each only meet once per month. Aarene Storms (KCLS)



Alton Cheung, storyteller at Einstein

and I feel very fortunate to be able to work with such talented aspiring writers and to hear so many energetic reviews about books students are reading. One activity we did with the writing group was to create our own holiday. Some examples were: Fake Snow Day where you throw sticky white foods at your friends; Make Your Own Sunshine Day where you crank the heat up to 90, eat foods on sticks, decorate with flamingos and palm trees, and listen to Jimmy Buffett; Curl Up with a Classic Day, and many more. What would your personal holiday be??



Parents and families are always welcome in the library. We can create an account for you if you would like to check out materials. We have audio books, magazines, graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from. We also have some books specifically for parents and families to borrow.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, I would love to hear them to continue making our library a great place for kids in 2014!



This is my new stash of books from WASHYARG (Washington Young Adults Review Group). As soon as I read and review them, they will be added to our collection! How awesome is that?! I think my favorite title that I picked up is "Confessions of a Hater."



## The Einstein Concert Choir and Advanced Jazz Band performed on December 12 for The Shoreline Center Staff Holiday Banquet.

### *Upcoming Concert Dates*

#### Westside Band Festival (Wind Ensemble)

Wednesday, February 5 @ 7:30 PM, Shorewood Gym

#### SKMEA MS Honor Festival

Thursday, February 6 @ 7:30 PM, Edmonds Center for the Arts

#### District Orchestra Festival

Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30 PM, Spartan Gym, SLC

#### Einstein Bands and Orchestras

Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:00 PM, Einstein Gym



The Einstein Advanced Jazz Band performing at The Shoreline Center Staff Holiday Banquet.

### *Did You Know*

In her recent NY Times article *Is Music the Key to Success?* (10/12/2013), Joanne Lipman explores the connections between highly successful people and their musical background:

The connection isn't a coincidence. I know because I asked. I put the question to top-flight professionals in industries from tech to finance to media, all of whom had serious (if often little-known) past lives as musicians. Almost all made a connection between their music training and their professional achievements.

The phenomenon extends beyond the math-music association. Strikingly, many high achievers told me music opened up the pathways to creative thinking. And their experiences suggest that music training sharpens other qualities: Collaboration. The ability to listen. A way of thinking that weaves together disparate ideas. The power to focus on the present and the future simultaneously.

Look carefully and you'll find musicians at the top of almost any industry. Woody Allen performs weekly with a jazz band. The television broadcaster Paula Zahn (cello) and the NBC chief White House correspondent Chuck Todd (French horn) attended college on music scholarships; NBC's Andrea Mitchell trained to become a professional violinist. Both Microsoft's Mr. Allen and the venture capitalist Roger McNamee have rock bands. Larry Page, a co-founder of Google, played saxophone in high school. Steven Spielberg is a clarinetist and son of a pianist. The former World Bank president James D. Wolfensohn has played cello at Carnegie Hall.

"It's not a coincidence," says Mr. [Alan] Greenspan, who gave up jazz clarinet but still dabbles at the baby grand in his living room. "I can tell you as a statistician, the probability that that is mere chance is extremely small." The cautious former Fed chief adds, "That's all that you can judge about the facts. The crucial question is: why does that connection exist?"

You'll find the rest of this very interesting article [HERE](#).



## Student Support Team

### 7th Grade Counselor

Kelley Flatters

206-393-4744

### 8th Grade Counselor

Vollie Berry & Lauren Lochner

206-393-4744

### School Psychologist

Kathryn Zwack

206-393-4745

### Drug/Alcohol Interventionist

Devin Rodger (Wed & Thurs)

206-393-4736

### School Nurse

Joni Wishaar

206-393-4734

### Security Monitor

Liz Aspen

206-393-4738

### Center for Human Services On-Site

#### Counselors

Aileen Loranger

Linda Fieldhouse

206-631-8820

## Welcome back to Lauren Lochner (Paulhamus)!

Lauren, who was on maternity leave first trimester, will be back in January! Lauren and Vollie Berry will share the 8th grade Counselor position. This will be their schedule for the rest of the school year:

- Vollie Berry: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Lauren Lochner: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

### ATTENTION! FREE Legal help for immigrants

The Northwest Immigrants Rights Project (NWIRP) is offering FREE legal help for students and families interested in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Legal Clinics are held weekly by NWIRP's Seattle office at various locations from 5pm-7pm and monthly at NWIRP's Granger office. Individuals wishing to make an appointment for the Seattle legal clinics should call (206) 587-4009 or (206) 957-8618 and note that they want to sign up for the Deferred Action legal clinic.

DACA is a temporary form of immigration protection called "deferred action" for individuals who meet requirements similar to those of the legislative proposal known as the "DREAM Act." Those individuals granted deferred action will also be eligible to obtain employment authorization ("work permits"). If you are interested, or would like to find out more about the process for gaining legal presence or legal status please check out their website: <http://www.nwirp.org>.

### "S" is for Student

- Community service toolkit: <http://www.randomkid.org>
- Essay contest for grades 4-8... for baseball lovers: [Breaking Barriers](#)
- One more competition, [StudentCam](#), is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. <http://www.studentcam.org/>

### Reflections

The District Reflections Reception will be Thursday, January 9, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30PM at the Shoreline Center. We have 11 Einstein Students entered for the District. The Finalists going on to the State Competition will

## 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.







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

## Teen Ski & Snowboard at Snoqualmie Summit

Hit the slopes this winter! Trip includes transportation & a light snack. Participants will need money to cover the lift ticket, rental costs & meals. Prices for a lift ticket & rental rates are available online at [www.cityofshoreline.com/teens](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/teens). Lessons for first timers are available, please inquire. Pre-registration and Waivers are required. We will meet at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center. For questions contact Christy at (206) 801-2645. To register [Click here](#) or, call (206) 801-2600.

3 Saturdays: January 18th, February 1st & February 18th;  
8:00 am – 5:00PM

Ages 12-18; \$50 w/resident discount

## Tennis Classes at TCSP

Register now for the 8-week Winter Session (January 8- March 2) at Tennis Center Sand Point. There are classes for all ages- from Junior to Adult. Check out the schedule at [www.tenniscentersandpoint.com](http://www.tenniscentersandpoint.com).



## DigiPen Summer Workshops

Registration is now open for DigiPen's ProjectFUN 2014 Summer Workshops! Applications can be submitted via online or paper application. By applying and paying a non-refundable deposit by March 5th, you will reserve your place and qualify for our Early Bird Discount of \$250.00 off the registration fee. For a list of other discounts, please visit our [website](#).

DigiPen offers two-week workshops that introduce students to Video Game Programming, Game Design, Fine Arts and Multimedia Production and Engineering. Students will explore different possible career opportunities for those with a passion for the video game industry.

To learn more about our exciting summer programs check out our webpage. [Register](#) now to reserve your seat! If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email us at [projectfunadministration@digipen.edu](mailto:projectfunadministration@digipen.edu) or give us a call at (425) 629-5007.

## Free Positive Discipline Classes for Shoreline School District Families

Dr. Julie Kang will again be offering the Positive Discipline classes for Shoreline families. The class is based on Positive Discipline, by Dr. Lynn Nelson et al. There are 6 classes in the series (1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/14, 5/5 and 6/2), held at 10:00 – 11:30 AM the Shoreline Library. To register, email [Julie.kang@shorelineschools.org](mailto:Julie.kang@shorelineschools.org), or obtain a registration form from the office.



Einstein Choirs performing at Richmond Beach for the Christmas Ships stop.



# January 2014

## January

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| 1/6  | MON  | Back to school  |
| 1/8  | WED  | PTSA General Membership meeting. 7:00 PM, cafeteria   |
| 1/8  | WED  | Auditions for drama production "Once Upon a High School" 3:05-4:30 at E-5                         |
| 1/9  | THU  | Auditions for drama production "Once Upon a High School" 3:05-4:30 at E-5                         |
| 1/9  | THUR | District Reflections Reception. 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Shoreline Center                                  |
| 1/14 | TUE  | Levy Information Forum #1. 7:30 PM, Shorecrest High School Theater                                |
| 1/15 | WED  | Levy Information Forum #2. 7:30 PM, Shorewood High School Theater                                 |
| 1/17 | FRI  | Morning Assembly Schedule Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King   |
| 1/17 | FRI  | Mid Winter Sports Season 1 (Volleyball and Boys Basketball) Awards Ceremony 3:10 in the Cafeteria |
| 1/20 | MON  | No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  |
| 1/27 | MON  | No School – Non-student workday   |
| 1/28 | TUE  | Start of the Wrestling and Girls Basketball and seasons   |

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

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| 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](#)  
**Prijatno appetita!**

## Athletic Schedule

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