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8th Grade End of Year Party

It is hard to believe the end of the year is just around the corner. We are in full swing planning our celebration for our 8th graders and need your help. If you would like to send in some goodies, drinks, or help out, please sign up at the following group by clicking **HERE**, or by visiting PerfectPotluck.com and locating the schedule by coordinator name (Lori) and password (E2014). Thank you for helping to make this a great celebration for their last days as Einsteinians! If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the committee, please email our 8th Grade Party Committee at einstein8thgradeparty@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who made the Open House a wonderful success!

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."
Albert Einstein

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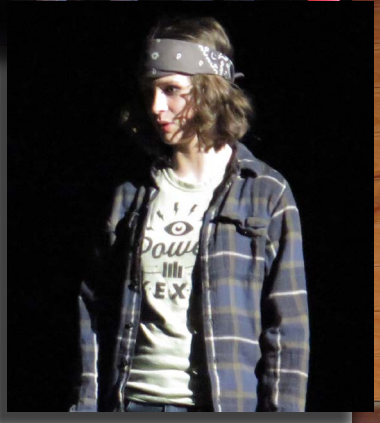
Once Upon A Highschool



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Principal Clark's Comments

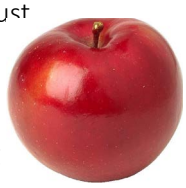
MSP Testing This Month

Statewide, all students in grades 7 and 8 will take the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP). 7th grade students will take tests in reading, mathematics and writing; while the 8th grade students will take tests in reading, mathematics and science. Einstein students will be testing May 6, 7, 8, and 9. Please plan in advance any appointments and other events in order to avoid taking students out of school on test days. Students who miss a test day will be required to make it up when they return. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

In order to help students do their best on the MSP test, please consider the following:

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Have a healthy breakfast.
- Bring a water bottle and healthy snack to school on testing days.
- Bring a book to read or other school work if you finish early.
- MSP tests are not timed. Please encourage your students to take their time and do their best. Students will have time to work until they are finished or until the end of the school day at 3:00 PM.
- Classes will not be interrupted during the testing session. Messages will be delivered to students when testing is complete.
- No cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed in the testing environment.

Also, please know that your students are well prepared for these tests! Formal testing can create anxiety for some students. One of the best things parents can do is to remind their students that they are prepared to do well and encourage students to relax and just do their best!



MSP Snacks!

Many of our students continue testing beyond the scheduled time frame. This is OK and we encourage kids to take as long as they need! However, even after lunch, their tummies can start to grumble. If you'd like to donate some healthy snacks (fruit, pretzels, etc.) for these kids, please drop them off in the main office on Monday, May 5th. Thanks so much!

EINSTEIN MSP TESTING SCHEDULE
MAY 2014

MONDAY MAY 5	TUESDAY MAY 6	WEDNESDAY MAY 7	THURSDAY MAY 8	FRIDAY MAY 9
NO TESTING: ALL STUDENTS ATTEND PERIODS 1-6	7TH Grade: Math **8th Grade: Reading**	**7th Grade: Reading** 8th Grade: Math	7th Grade: Writing 1 **8th Grade: Science**	7th Grade: Writing
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PTSA President's Message

Lori Ramsay and Jamie Kirkwood

Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended and worked on the Open House to make it such a wonderful success! Thanks especially to all who made it possible for us to enjoy a record 700+ amazing cupcakes. Thank you also to Jennifer Gettmann for coordinating the collection of those cupcakes and for her hard work on the awards. The interactive art display is something that the students work really hard on and it shows. Thank you students and staff who made that happen. We are sure that many wishes were made and many will come true!

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards: Outstanding Educator awards:

- Outstanding Educator: Christina Nelson and Linnea Wheaton,
- Golden Acorn Outstanding Volunteer: Lori Ramsay
- Outstanding Advocate: Lyn Ching

Each of these recipients is truly appreciated for her hard work and dedication to Einstein and its students. Einstein's Open House is always a fun evening.

Jade Ramsay and Kelly Williams provided the beautiful cupcake display!

General PTSA Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th @ 6:30 PM – Staff lounge. General Membership Meeting to vote for 2014-2015 President(s). Please join us! If you have questions, please contact Janina Pacunski at einsteinsecretary@gmail.com

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UW Bothell student volunteers help Einstein students plant lettuce and spinach starts (grown in our greenhouse) on April 18.

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) _____
Address_____
Student's Name_____
Student's 6th period teacher_____
If you would like to receive PTA legislative updates via email, please provide your email address: _____

Membership for individual $15.00	$_____
Membership for two $25.00	$_____
Pass-the-Hat (your donation)	$_____
Total amount in envelope	$_____

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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Student Support Team

7th Grade Counselor
Kelley Flatters
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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

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Joni Wishaar
206-393-4734

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Liz Aspen
206-393-4738

Center for Human Services On-Site Counselors
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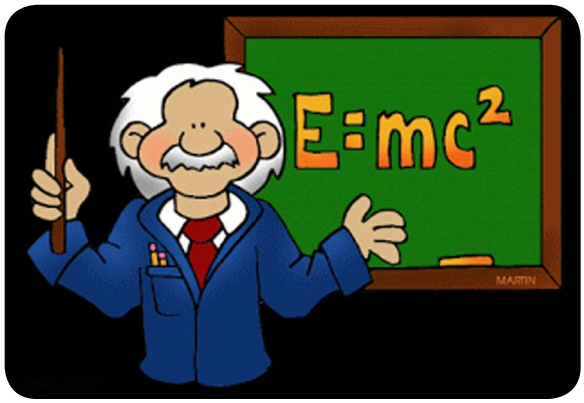
Linda Fieldhouse
206-631-8820

IPS Challenge Test

Most Shoreline students take Integrated Physical Science (IPS) in the 9th grade. Some students may elect to enroll in Biology or Honors Biology in 9th grade, if they have the recommended math preparation for the course, they meet standard on the IPS Challenge Test, and they have sufficient grades in their 7th & 8th grade science classes. Students who do not take IPS must substitute another Lab Science Elective to fulfill the graduation requirement in science.

There are two parts to the IPS challenge process. The first is the IPS Challenge Test. This is a multiple-choice and short-answer test of the scientific content knowledge and skills outlined in the Washington State Standards covered in the IPS course. The test does not assess material from Shoreline 7th and 8th grade science courses, and preparation materials or tutorials are not provided. The list of concepts from the Washington State Science Standards for grades 9-12 are as follows:



- Systems: Predictability and Feedback
- Inquiry: Conducting Analyses and Thinking Logically
- Application: Science, Technology, and Society
- Newton's Laws
- Chemical Reactions
- Transformation and Conservation of Energy
- Evolution of the Universe
- Energy in Earth Systems
- Evolution of the Earth

To successfully challenge IPS and enroll in Biology, a score of 75% is required to pass both the multiple-choice and short-answer portions of the IPS Challenge Test and students must have also earned an average grade of B or higher in their science classes. Students who earned a score of 80% or higher on both the multiple-choice and short-answer portions of the IPS Challenge Test and earned an average grade of A in their science classes have the option of enrolling in Honors Biology.

To be successful in Honors, students must already possess an established skill base which includes: basic algebra, above grade level reading in English, and writing that communicates ideas with a high level of supporting detail and attention to standard English writing conventions. In addition, there are required summer homework assignments for Honors Science courses.

Einstein Middle School will be offering the IPS Challenge Test during Science class on Monday, May 19th or Tuesday, May 20th. All 8th grade students in Honors Science will take the exam. Other 8th grade Science students may elect to take the test by submitting the Opt-In Form to the office by May 9th.

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First Ever...La Copa Mundial,

after school soccer team.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible, especially Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans!

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LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Anne Dame, Librarian

THANK YOU so much for your generous support of our book fair! We were able to purchase over 30 books for our library and classroom libraries! We are in the process of getting them catalogued and can't wait to put them in the hands of our students.

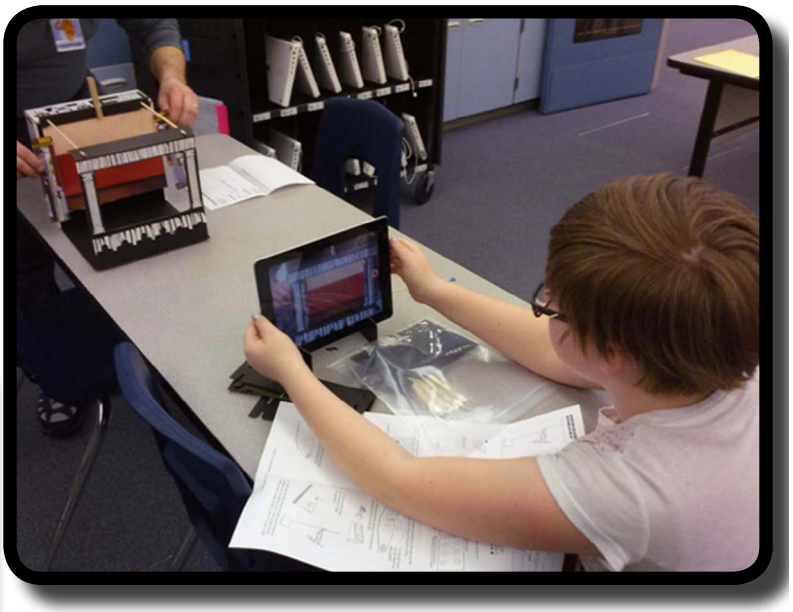
THANK YOU to the PTSA as well for their generous support of the library with a grant for 2 iPads for the library. I've spent some time getting them set up and have started to put them to use with The WRITE Stuff club after school. The students are writing a script and we are going to use the iPads to film their table top movie. I am also hoping to use them with students who want to listen to an audio book, film a movie, create info graphics, etc. They are going to be a great asset to our library program.

Recommended Reads:

The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co. #1), by Jonathan Stroud
Start of a new series by Stroud. So much fun! Teens are more sensitive to the paranormal, so they are trained and then used to capture ghosts and ghouls. Most teens work under a supervisor within an agency. However, Lucy joins Lockwood and Co., which is just Anthony Lockwood and his colleague George, both teens. They get involved in a mysterious case involving a locket, monks, and a staircase. Lots of action and adventure. Great for upper elementary kids who are looking for a challenge, as well as middle school and maybe even up to 9th grade.

Smash: Trial by Fire, by Chris and Kyle Bolton
A graphic novel about a boy who gains super powers and fights evil in his homemade costume- all the while juggling a secret identity, homework, and bullies. Colorful illustrations and a good plot add up for a successful and fun read.

Foul Trouble, by John Feinstein
Terrell and Danny are both excellent basketball players, but Terrell is being heavily recruited by colleges who are trying to tempt him with money, clothes, cars, and other promises. While this is illegal by NCAA terms, it certainly doesn't seem to stop everyone from offering- or players from accepting. Danny and Terrell try to stick together to resist temptation, as well as finish out their high school careers, but the offers are very beguiling. Feinstein takes a step away from sports mystery to explore the dangerous and pervasive role of recruiting in the sports world. A bit pedantic but absolutely realistic and will appeal strongly to sports fans. Some mild swearing, drug and alcohol use, and sexual references, but nothing graphic.



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Upcoming Concert Dates

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

Einstein Wind Ensemble, Shorewood Wind Ensemble and Shoreline Community College Band – In Concert with The President's Own Marine Band flute soloist, Ellen Dooley
Tuesday, May 20 @ 7:30 PM, Shorewood Theater

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

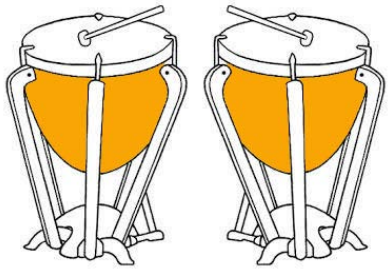
Einstein Spring Choir Concert
Wednesday, June 11 @ 7:30 PM, Shorewood Theater

Einstein Spring Orchestra Concert
Thursday, June 12 @ 7:30 PM, Shorewood Theater

Did You Know?

In 2006, SAT takers with coursework in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 43 points higher on the math portion.

Source: The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors National Report for 2006.



Einstein Wind Ensemble Performs with the Shoreline Community Band

On May 20, at 7:30pm in The Shorewood Performing Arts Center, The Einstein Wind Ensemble will perform with the Shoreline Community Band. A highlight of the evening will be the band's performance of "Flight of Fancy", by Timothy Johnson, featuring Guest Flute Soloist, Ellen Dooley. Ellen is a member of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, based in Washington D.C. Admission is free so plan to get there early so that you can actually find a seat.

The EMS Jazz Band performs at the Einstein Open House on April 3rd.

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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.

More on "Chuck"

In the March issue you were introduced to Chuck, the robot designed and built by Team Pronto 3070 for this year's FIRST® Robotics Competition. Chuck has retired and is working on his memoir. Here are some highlights.

After I was built, the team wrapped me in plastic and locked me in a huge green and orange box at Shorewood High School. I could only come out for a total of six hours to be worked on before I had to compete. It was a rough start but the drive team finally figured out my strengths and I made it to the semi-finals. I knew I had to work harder the next weekend since we would be back home at Shorewood. The match began on Thursday, March 20. It did take a few matches for me to get warmed up and I wanted to make my team and school proud so I gave it my all the rest of Friday and Saturday morning.

I was joined by Team 2522, Bothell's Royal Robotics and Team 4131, Issaquah's Iron Patriots for the elimination matches and through teamwork and determination we made it to the finals. Our alliance team ended up in second place but that gave Team Pronto a ranking of 20 out of 153 teams in the Pacific Northwest District and meant we would be one of the 64 teams invited to the district championship in Portland, Oregon.

I was in pretty bad shape needing new motors and electronics board so when we arrived at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Wednesday, April 9th, the kids went to work to get me fixed up and I passed inspection the next day just in time to compete. I didn't do as well as I wanted but it was a great, fun experience and in the end, Team Pronto was ranked 39th in the district.

The good news is I won't have to be locked up anymore and the team will be taking me out so I can meet other kids and tell them about FIRST robotics. I know I will be at the Shoreline Science and Technology Fair and STEM Career Exposition at Shoreline Community College on May 31, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Principal Clark invited me to come to Einstein on Campus Day so I hope to meet all of you soon.

To join Team Pronto, you must be in grades 9-12 (ages 14-18). For more information, go to teampronto.com. Find out more about **FIRST** robotics at www.firstwa.org or www.usfirst.org.

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Host a Japanese Exchange Student

Experience another culture without leaving home! Host family homes are needed for male and female high school and college students. English should be the main language spoken in the home. Host families provide a warm and supportive atmosphere, room and board, and transportation to/from the school the student is attending. Host families receive comprehensive support and assistance from a program coordinator throughout the program, and a $25/night stipend for expenses.

The following summer programs are available:

- July 21 – August 2: High school students from Nagasaki. Students commute to/from UW by Metro.
- July 24 – July 31: High school students from Tokyo. Students need rides to/from Japanese Presbyterian Church.
- July 27 – August 9: High school students from Wakayama. Students commute to/from UW by Metro.
- July 30 – August 11: High school students from Kobe. Students need rides to/from UW.
- August 11 – August 20: High school students from Shirahama. Students commute to/from SPU by Metro.
- August 22 – September 15. College students from Osaka. Students commute to/from UW by Metro.
- September 3 – September 15. College students from Osaka. Students commute to/from UW by Metro.

Hosting programs are coordinated by Azumano International. For more information about hosting or for an application form, please contact Jennifer Pajonk at 206-623-7754 or seattle.edu@azumano.com. www.azumanointernational.com. (Click on "English")

(Welcome)

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.

College Bound Scholarship
WASHINGTON

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.

Fundraiser for Athlena

Show your support for Athlena Petcholov, who is battling PTLD Lymphoma, by purchasing a t-shirt to support her recovery fund at www.booster.com/prayersforathena2. Sale ends Monday May 5th.

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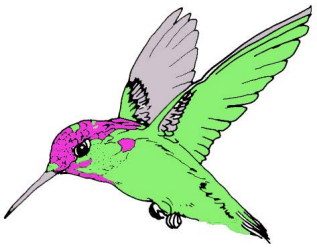


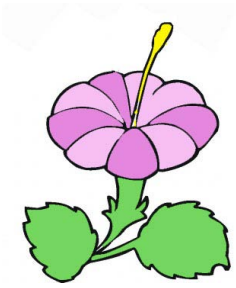
May

5/3	SAT	SKMEA Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival, Harbour Pointe Middle School
5/6	TUES	MSP: 7th Grade Math & 8th Grade Reading, 8:30 – 10:55
5/7	WED	MSP: 7th Grade Reading & 8th Grade Math, 8:30 – 10:55
5/8	THUR	MSP: 7th Grade Writing & 8th Grade Science, 8:30 – 10:55
5/9	FRI	MSP: 7th Grade Writing, 8:30 – 10:55
5/9	FRI	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
5/20	TUES	EMS & SW Wind Ensembles & SCC Band in concert with the President's Own Marine Band Flute soloist, Ellen Dooley, 7:30 PM Shorewood Theater
5/23	FRI	NO SCHOOL, teacher work day
5/26	MON	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
5/31	SAT	Shoreline Science and Technology Fair

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 Menus
Tayo'y magsikain!

Athletic Schedule

Here is a link to the Spring Sports Schedule.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up **HERE** to help as a timer at the track meets on May 1 and 8. No skills required- you'll be trained at the event.

Can you believe the year is almost over? May 9th is the final **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** and we need your help! We're feeding about 50 faculty and staff and the menu is soup and paninis made on site. Please sign up **HERE** to donate food or to help with set up and clean up!