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## AVID Students Help Out at The WORKS Food Drive

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## STEM Students Hard At Work!



STEM students built a glider, catapult and more. Read about these projects and the the STEM Festival on page 3.



## Your Official Assistant Principal!

Following a thorough selection process, Rebeccah Emanuel has accepted the position of assistant principal at Einstein Middle School. The appointment is pending school board approval at their February 8 meeting.

“We are very excited to have Rebeccah filling the assistant principal position,” said Superintendent Rebecca Miner. “Her performance in the selection process and her work experience left no doubt that she is a perfect fit for this important role.”

Rebeccah joined Shoreline Public Schools in 2014 as the dean of students at Shorewood High School. She most recently served as the interim assistant principal at Einstein. She also has prior experience as a music teacher, leadership teacher, athletic/activities director and dean of students in Seattle Public Schools and spent a year teaching music in Quito, Ecuador. She earned her bachelor's degree in K–12 music education from Montana State University and master's degree in classroom technology from Grand Canyon University. Rebeccah received her administrative certification from the University of Washington. She also holds other professional certifications from Washington State University and University of Washington.



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## 2015 Einstein Reflections Arts Competition

Einstein middle school submitted ten entries to the Shoreline Council Reflections Arts Competition to compete against all Shoreline school entries.

Congratulations to the Einstein students listed below for being Einstein finalists!



### Visual Arts

Ashley Han- "Imagination Will Take You Everywhere"; Fred Liu- "A Tour of Imagination"; Malia Megargee- "Painting The Sky", "Wings"; Natalie Ositis- "Left Brain's Right-Hand Man Tells No Lies"

### Photography

Eyael Getachew- "Santa Monica, CA"; Karsten Lomax- "A Cracked Sky"

### Music Composition

Imran Majeed- "Thoughts Outside The Box"; Malia Megargee- "Soaring"

### Literature

Malia Megargee- "Just My Imagination"

The district reception was held on January 7, and the council finalists and honorable mention awards were announced. Council finalists' entries go on to compete at the state level.

### The finalists selected were:

Fred Liu- "A Tour of Imagination"; Imran Majeed- "Thoughts Outside The Box"; Malia Megargee- "Soaring", "Wings", "Just My Imagination"; Karsten Lomax- "A Cracked Sky".

### Honorable mentions were awarded to:

Ashley Han- "Imagination Will Take You Everywhere" and Malia Megargee- "Painting The Sky".

Congratulations to all our talented Einstein students! PTSA would also like to thank the Einstein staff for the continuing support of the Reflections program.

## Mid-Winter Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

February 12 is the mid-winter Teacher Appreciation luncheon. This is a wonderful way to let our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication. A potluck signup link has been emailed to families. There are still has remaining items that have not been volunteered. Your contributions are much appreciated!!

## Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Grants

THANK YOU to the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation for awarding the following grants to Einstein teachers to enrich opportunities for our students!

Mary Thurber—Clean Energy Project; \$575

Mary Thurber—Edible School Yard; \$600

Anne Dame—Novels in Verse; \$298

Tamara DuBois—AVID Tutorial Whiteboards; \$806

Deanna Baldi—Biology & Botany: Public Art Installation Project; \$850

Linnea Wheaton—Una Biblioteca; \$252

## S is for Student

A reminder to check in with the [S is for Student webpage](#)! When we find opportunities or information for our middle schoolers about college and careers, we post it there. Newly posted are the Expanding Your Horizons conferences, coming up in March. For just \$15, your kid can spend the day in STEM workshops, exploring career opportunities!

Summer opportunities will be going live soon! Keep checking in so you don't miss registrations!

## Yearbook Alert!

This is the last sales window (through February 12, 2016) to guarantee your yearbook for 2015-2016. We have 100 left and they will go fast. Don't be disappointed in June when they are gone!

\$25 with an ASB card and \$30 without an ASB card. Full-color yearbooks will be distributed on June 22 at the 8th grade party and the morning of the 23rd to the 7th graders. You can purchase yearbooks (cash or check) in the main office before school, at lunch, or after school.



## Shoreline STEM Festival

The Shoreline STEM Festival has been moved to May 14 (originally scheduled for April 30) at Shoreline Community College. More information and registration details can be found here: <http://shorelinestem.org/>

The Shoreline STEM Festival is soliciting designs submissions for a t-shirt design contest. More info [at their website](#).



STEM students and the car they built.

## Introduction to Engineering & Robotics

Students in Einstein's STEM elective finished the first semester with a field trip to the University of Washington. The trip included a workshop at the Center for Sensorimotor Neural Engineering and a tour of the Paul Allen Center for Computer Science and Engineering.

During the semester-long elective, students used the Engineering Design Process to create and build projects including a glider, helmet, catapult, motorized vehicle, and bridge. Students created designs on the computer and printed them out on the 3D printer. Students also put together and programed a vex robot using easy C.

## Recommendations for Outstanding Educator, Advocate, and Volunteer

Each year Einstein PTSA recognizes three special individuals who have made significant contributions to the Einstein community. These individuals include an educator, an advocate, and a volunteer who work hard for our students throughout the year.

*The award categories include:*

**Outstanding Educator (Golden Apple)** award for exemplary teaching service to a special teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, or administrator who has contributed his or her time and talents to enhance the education of our children.

**Golden Acorn** award to a volunteer who has contributed to our children and community in an exceptional way. A Golden Acorn Award is very special and is given for continued and dedicated service.

**Outstanding Advocate** award to an outstanding advocate – a PTSA grassroots advocate, teacher, assistant, administrator or community member, who has continued and dedicated service to ALL children and demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.

To make a recommendation for one of these awards for the 2015–2016 school year please complete a nomination form (available on the PTSA website) and submit to Jennifer Youngblood [via email](#) by February 26, 2016.

Award winners receive a pin, a certificate, and a donation to the Washington State PTSA Scholarship Foundation for post-secondary scholarships in their name at the Shoreline PTA Council Recognition Dinner in April.

Show your appreciation for our dedicated volunteers, educators, and advocates through this special recognition program today!

### PTSA Meeting Date

The February meeting will be  
**Thursday, February 11 at 6:30pm**

This is a date change from the regular Tuesday. Email [Kim Ositis](#), [Einstein President](#), if you would like to know more!



## Principal Fritz's Message

# Transition Time is Around the Corner

It's hard to believe, but we are indeed getting ready to register students for the 2016–2017 school year! Spring is a time to prepare students for a great transition. To the right are important dates for you to mark on your calendar. For more detailed information please refer to our course catalogue on the [Einstein](#) website (posted by February 12) and/or the [Shorewood High School](#) website.

We are working hard to welcome 6th graders to middle school, preparing 7th graders for 8th grade, and working with Shorewood High School for a smooth transition for our 8th graders to high school.

## 8th Grade Field Trip Friday, March 25

On the last Friday in March, the entire 8th grade and many teachers and staff will participate in what is now an Einstein tradition: the 8th Grade Field Trip to the University of Washington and Shoreline Community College.

The goal is to get students to picture themselves in college and let them experience a brief visit to some of the options open to them. Research shows that students who have some goals for life after high school will do better in middle and high school.

We will need many parent chaperones, so please consider taking the day off on Friday, March 25 to be with our 8th graders. Parents who are chaperoning will need to fill in a Washington State Background Check and show photo ID by March 11, 2016. If you have already completed the background clearance at a district elementary school, or if you are a district employee, please call the main office to let us know. If not, please come to the office to complete the background clearance by 3/11/16.

## Students of the Quarter

*Second quarter Students of the Quarter have been announced!*

### 7th grade:

Ajurae Banducci, Amya Lipsky, Armie Bada, Briyan Garrido, Dakota Edwards, Eleanor Allen, Jade Sorenson, Katrina Weiler, Kyle Mitchell, Louis Shapiro, Malikai Pezzi, Matthew Zeleke, Mia Alfonso, Michael Wymer, Michelle Schmidt, Netson Angkel, Nicola Rice

### 8th grade:

Abby Larson, Alana Walton, Arjun Thomas, Benjamin Kang, Brandon Hozjan, Caroline Gugger, Chloe Giles, Daniel Fazleev, Elma Lu, Enola Wilcox, Haley Wong, Hannah Schiedegger, Jeffrey Coe, Logan Gnanapragasam, Mari Okumoto, Sam Alam, Samantha Combs, Sebastian Wooster

### Important Dates for 6th to 7th Grade Transition:

- Friday, Feb 26: 6th graders visit Einstein during their school day
- Week of February 29–March 4: Einstein Counselors visit elementary schools
- Wednesday, March 9: 6th grade parent night at Einstein! Join us in the gym at 7:00pm to learn all about Einstein
- Week of March 14–18: Einstein counselors pick up registration materials at elementary schools

### Important Dates for 7th to 8th Grade Transition:

- Friday, February 13: Registration Guide Available on our website by February 11
- Week of February 29–March 4: Counselors work with students in English classes
- Week of March 14–18: Einstein counselors pick up registration materials in Science classes

### Important Dates for 8th to 9th Grade Transition:

- Monday, March 14: 8th Grade Parent Night, 6:00pm at Shorewood High School Theater
- Tuesday, March 15: Shorewood Counselors visit Einstein English classrooms
- Tuesday, March 22: Registration materials due



## PTSA President Kim Ositis' Message

Thank you to everyone who attend the General Membership meeting on January 12! We were excited to welcome a larger-than-usual crowd of parents!

During the business meeting portion of the evening, we voted to accept the recommendations of the Grant Committee to fund the grants as listed below. Every year, the Einstein PTSA provides staff grants to fund classroom projects. This year, we had \$3,500 in budgeted funds available. We were thrilled to receive 13 applications totally more than \$7,700—we wished we could have funded them all! See the box for a list of grants made.

We also elected three members to the Nominating Committee: Lisa Surowiec, Diana Ensenat and Michelle Carroll. These intrepid volunteers will be looking for candidates to fill the elected offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2016–2017 school year. Elections will take place at the General Membership meeting held before the Spring Open House on Wednesday, April 6. [Contact Lisa](#) if you are interested or have questions!

At the end of the business meeting, we had a special presentation from Tanya Laskelle and Julia Keller from the Center for Human Services about understanding the teenage brain. Tanya and Julia gave an overview of brain development and talked about symptoms to be concerned about. The duo also talked about the many programs offered by the [Center for Human Services](#)—a community-based nonprofit youth and family services agency that has been a resource to children, youth, adults and families since 1970. Many thanks to Tanya and Julia for the great presentation!

Be sure to turn in your recommendations for the PTSA awards by February 26! We hope to see you at our next Board of Directors meeting on **Thursday, February 11** (this is a date change!) at 6:30pm in the Staff Lounge.

### 2015–2016 PTSA Grants

Mariko Lane - Solo & Ensemble Duets, Trios and Quartets for Band: \$200.00  
 Heidi DiVirgilio & Anne Dame - Bilingual books for ELL: \$189.53  
 Cristi Camp & Anne Dame Learning - Science through Graphic Novels: \$285.74  
 Mary Thurber - Einstein Edible School Yard: \$275.00  
 Maura Curran - LIFE Program Functional Skills–Cooking: \$150.00  
 Tamara DuBois College - Pennants and class supplies for AVID: \$100.00  
 Cathy Haskins and Kelley Flatters - WEB Coordinator Training: \$1,572.37  
 Deanna Baldi Biology and Botany Public Art Project: \$300.00  
 Brandon Glasser - Chef School Smart Sticks: \$234.24

## PTSA Meeting Dates

PTSA meetings are typically on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Staff Lounge (unless otherwise noted), 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! Our next meeting is **Thursday, February 11**.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kim Ositis, Einstein PTSA President, at [einsteinpresident@gmail.com](mailto:einsteinpresident@gmail.com) or call 206-229-7948.

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# Legislative News

Suzanne Gugger and Carrie Campbell, PTA Legislative Chairs

The 64th WA State Legislative session started on January 11 and will run for 60 days. There are many critical issues to be debated and voted on, including dealing with our teacher shortage and compensation, infrastructure and capital project funding, and agreeing on a new funding strategy for education, stemming from the 2012 McCleary decision and recent Supreme Court ruling that is fining the legislature \$100,000/day for failure to adopt a plan to fully fund public education. There are more than 132,000 PTA members in Washington State. That is a lot of power and we can make our Governor and Legislators listen if we all speak up!

How, you ask?

- Join Einstein PTSA and be one of the 132,000 voices to help make a better education system for our kids.
- Educate yourself on the issues that the WA legislature will be investigating and voting on this session at: <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/>.
- Track the bills that interest you (see the list below).
- Write a postcard, drop it off at Einstein office by Tuesday February 2, and we will get it in the hands of our Legislators. A quick note is fine! (PDF link below.)
- Email a note to our District 32 Legislators: Sen. Maralyn Chase, Rep. Cindy Ryu, and Rep. Ruth Kagi
- Attend Focus Day in Olympia on Wednesday February 3rd. Carpooling from Shoreline will be arranged.

## 2016 Legislative Focus Day

2016 Legislative Focus Day is Wednesday, February 3, 2016 in the Columbia Room in Olympia from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. To RSVP, visit [http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus\\_day/index.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html)

For resources, download the 2015-2016 Legislative Priorities Handout.

To make Focus Day a worthwhile experience:

1. Make an appointment with your legislators. Visit [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov) or call the Legislative Information Center (360) 786-7573 for information.
2. Know Washington State PTA'S legislative priorities.
3. Connect with other parents, teachers, and education advocates. Take time to network with other advocates at Focus Day. Find out what issues you have in common and what issues other families are experiencing.
4. Make sure to leave it in writing. Any information you provide, whether to legislators, other parents, teachers, or education advocates should be in writing—a letter, postcard, or personal story.

## Bills Tracked by WSPTA in 2016

### House Bills (HB)

- HB 1293: Concerning paraeducators.
- HB 1295 : Concerning breakfast after the bell programs.
- HB 1541: Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap
- HB 2295: Eliminating the reduction in state basic education funding that occurs in counties with federal forest lands.
- HB 2006: Concerning a model policy and procedures for language access by limited-English proficient parents of students.
- HB 2361: Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.
- HB 2366: Concerning basic education obligations.
- HB 2373: Making provisions to evaluate student mental health services and provide students with skills that promote mental health and well-being and increase academic performance.
- HB 2381: Establishing a legislative task force on school counselors, psychologists, and social workers.

### State Bills (SB)

- SB 6183: Concerning local school district levy authority
- SB 6195: Concerning basic education obligations.

## PTSA Membership and Pass-the-Hat Donation

Cut here and return to Einstein PTSA

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



## Upcoming Events

Things are ramping up for the late winter season in the Einstein Music Department. Here are the February (and one March) performance dates for our groups! Parents, please refer to your ensemble's calendar for more specific details.

Wednesday, 2/3—Wind Ensemble at Shorewood HS for the Westside Band Festival, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 2/4—Select Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Choir members to participate in the SKMEA Honor Band, Orchestra, and Choir. School day rehearsals and a 7:30 concert at the Edmonds Center for the Arts

Saturday 2/6—Jazz Band at Shorewood HS for the Big Band Dance! Come get a swing dance lesson and dance the night away with live music provided by the Einstein and Shorewood Jazz Bands!

Thursday 2/10—Einstein Orchestra and Band Concert. EMS Gym, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 2/13—Select students participating in the WMEA Junior All State Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Yakima, all day.

Tuesday 3/8—Sno-King (SKMEA) Middle School Choir festival



Einstein All-State musicians.

## Sno-King (SKMEA) Middle School Honor Festival

The annual Sno-King (SKMEA) Middle School Honor Festival takes place this year on Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Edmonds Center for the Arts. This festival, founded in 1990, features the top middle school band, orchestra and choir students, nominated by their teachers, from the Sno-King region (comprised of the Shoreline, Edmonds, Mukilteo and South Whidbey school districts). The students are bussed in during the day for intensive rehearsals with prestigious music educators, culminating with the evening concert. The 250 students selected for this event represents the top 10% of the middle school music students in the region.

*Congratulations to these Einstein students selected for the 2016 festival:* Orchestra—Logan Gnanapragasam, Nghi Huynh, Isabel Jackson, Na Eun Kim, Imran Majeed, Brandon Mochizuki, Daniel Neufeldt, Cole Nouwens, Curt Tanaka, Arjun Thomas, Jonathan Zhou, Band—Chris Cummings, Jonathan Holdridge, Max Luthy, Ashley Mochizuki, Oliver Reiman, Colin Scharff, Rachel Shoop, Manoli Tramountanas. Choir—Estella Clapper, Dario Estrada, Isabella Falkin, Beau Hardin, Rayna Highet, Isabella Hoffman, Molly Kirk, Tyler Kunlholm, Karsten Lomax, Kyra Lomax, Sabella Mellard, Leah Peterson, Cooper Warren.

## Junior All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir

Nine Einstein students are set to perform with the Junior All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir. Junior All-State, chosen through recorded auditions, represents the highest honor a middle-school music student can achieve in Washington state. These students will attend a one-day rehearsal, followed by a gala concert, on Saturday, February 13, in conjunction with the Washington Music Educators (WMEA) state conference in Yakima.

*Honored from Einstein Middle School are:* Christopher Cummings (clarinet), Logan Gnanapragasam (string bass), Isabella Hoffman (alto), Nghi Huynh (string bass), Brandon Mochizuki (violin), Cohen Noel (alto saxophone), Oliver Reiman (bass clarinet), Sophia Stevenson (viola) and Johathan Zhou (violin).



Einstein music teachers Dan Wing, Mariko Lane and John Hendrix



## Lines from the Library

Anne Dame, Librarian

[Library Website](#)

The library is exceedingly fortunate to be the recipient of three different grants this year. The first is from the Shoreline Foundation to purchase novels in verse. We will be using these this spring in Ms. Monpas-Huber's honors English classes for a book club project. Of course, they will always be available for all students to read and check out as well.

The second grant is from the PTSA to purchase books in foreign languages such as Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Amharic. Students who are learning English and read in their home language as well as English have been shown to learn at a faster rate than those who do not.

Our final grant is also from the PTSA to purchase non-fiction scientific graphic novels for our collection. These accurate graphic novels put scientific concepts that our students are learning about into an alternative format to help those with different learning styles. Thanks to the Foundation and the PTSA for their generous support!

Mid-winter break is going to be here before you know it! Do you have a book to read? We also have audio books (on both CD and cassette tape) if you are going on a road trip. Regardless of whether you are traveling or staying home, be sure to swing by the library to get something to read over break.

Here are some of the new titles available for you to check out:

*Sunny Side Up* by Jennifer and Matthew Holm: Sunny is excited to spend the summer with her grandpa in Florida. However, she is disappointed to discover that he lives in a retirement community full of (duh) old people. While she holds out hope for trips to Disney World and the like, her grandpa's idea of field trips are places like the grocery store. However,

Sunny is excited to meet Buzz, the son of one of the workers in the community. They bond over comic books and finding lost golf balls. While it all sounds like a good time, there is actually a darker sub-text concerning the reason that Sunny was sent to Florida in the first place. Sunny's older brother has some (drug and alcohol) issues that need to be dealt with as they are affecting the whole family. Sister/brother pair Jennifer and Matthew Holm collaborated to create this semi-autobiographical graphic novel. It is a great read-alike for Telgemeier fans and also does an excellent job of introducing difficult content in a meaningful but not overwhelming or dark manner.

*Hoop City* series (LA, Baltimore, Washington DC, Chicago, Detroit, NYC) by Sam Moussavi: This set of six basketball stories is great for those looking for an interesting basketball story and a gritty, urban setting. In each book, the main character faces a challenge on the courts as well as in their home lives. For example, in the Chicago story, Serge was born in Sudan. He witnessed a lot of violence including seeing his father and older brother being killed. He is recruited to come play basketball for a high school in Chicago. In addition to dealing with the drastic changes in lifestyle, teammates who do not seem to like or trust him, he also is dealing with his losses.

*Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon: Madeline is one of those rare kids who is allergic to everything. Her mom is a doctor and has turned their house into one big bubble that Madeline can never leave. Only her mom and the nurse are allowed in - and only after they have been completely decontaminated before they enter. When new boy Olly moves in across the street, Madeline develops a crush from her side of the window. Olly seems similarly stricken and they begin a relationship through IM (instant messaging) and window pantomimes. Lots of drama, good plot twists. An excellent debut novel and a good read-alike for *Fault in Our Stars*.

### Library Staff

**Anne Dame**, Librarian

**Lyn Ching**, Library Technician

**Robert Dong**, Computer Technician

## Einstein Boys' Basketball

Einstein boys' basketball wrapped up their season January 15 with an awards ceremony! Voted Most Improved Player on the 7th grade team was Shane Moses. Most Inspirational was Jalen McGehee. Nic McCuiston earned the Coach's Award. MVP honors went to Julian Partman. This year's 7th grade team had the distinction of earning Coach Erikson his 100th victory as an Einstein basketball coach.

The 8th grade boys' basketball team started with a roster of 14, but due to illness, injury, and academic challenges, played its last two games of the season with only 9. In spite of these obstacles, the team progressed steadily throughout the season and finished with an overall record of 7 wins and 3 losses. Voted Most Improved 8th grade player was DeShawn Alexander. Most Inspirational was Jonathan Birchman. Edgar Bernabe earned the Coach's Award. Leading the team throughout the season and earning the MVP award was Sean Santos.

Some of the things that make these teams stand out are the players' willingness to play team defense; their never-quit, never give up attitudes; their respect for one another; and the fact that they are all scoring threats. Congratulations to all!



## Drama Elective Classes at Einstein Middle School

*Mrs. Wallis, English & Theatre Teacher*

Drama/Theatre I is a class that introduces students to the basics of acting through development of different acting techniques, performance styles, and theatre games. Students will strengthen their ability to work together as a group and gain confidence as speakers and listeners in this fast paced, high-energy class.

This year's students had the following to say about the course:

- "In my opinion everything about this class was great."
- "I had so much fun with every performance we did and every game we did. Everything in this class was so much fun."
- "It was a good way to be social and get rid of energy while still doing work."
- "Because of this class I became a lot more social and was able to express myself."
- "Being able to play the games with my friends while learning skills for me to be able to become a better actor was a pleasure."
- "I would totally say that I improved very much in being more outgoing."

In addition to Drama/Theatre I, Einstein also offers Play Production (Drama II), which is a great continuation of the skills and concepts students develop in Drama I. This course picks up where Drama/Theatre leaves off and asks students to create more advanced scenes and scripts while also exploring the world behind the curtain. Students will learn about the technical side of theatre through projects that explore costume, scenic, lighting and sound design. The semester culminates in a staged production from a published playwright with students running the show performing in front of a group of their peers.

Interested students can choose one or both of these semester electives when they register for classes in the Spring. The stage is calling!



Fun at the Drama cast party!

## Digital Communications

Digital Communications is an exploratory technology class with emphasis on computer coding, video production, and HTML web pages. Students will work on projects that can be used directly with the middle school or high school curriculum. This class also offers a beginning Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway for students interested in CTE Technology classes at Shorewood.



Digital communications students trying out the class' new GoPro camera.



## Considering a Foreign Language?

We hope you will join the ranks of the many Einstein students who have benefited from learning a World Language! About 75% of Einstein students are enrolled and thriving in a Spanish, French, Japanese, or Mandarin Chinese class!

The many benefits of studying a world language:

- Improves your cognitive and critical thinking abilities. Students who study another language score higher in science, math, and language arts.
- Receive high school credit! World Language classes you take at Einstein can be a part of your high school transcript and give you a head's start on satisfying your graduation requirements.
- Having two or more years of language study will give you an advantage when applying to college.
- Our lives are enriched by learning to communicate with people in their first language and by having an appreciation of their cultural backgrounds.
- Knowledge of a second language gives you an advantage in many jobs, helping you to stand out in the increasingly-competitive job market!
- World Language classes at Einstein ARE FUN!!!



French students studying hard and making crepes.

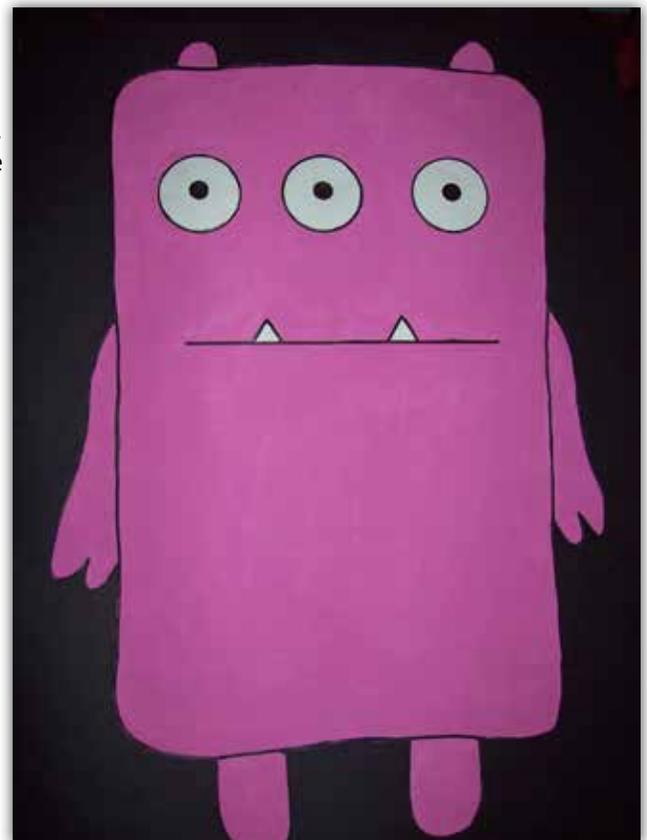


## Art Classes

Einstein Artists have been hard at work expressing their creativity in Art classes through painting, drawing, printmaking, and building ceramic works of art.

Participation in Visual Arts classes builds strengths beyond artistic skill. Research shows that students who participate in the Visual Arts score higher on standardized tests, develop flexibility of thinking, persistence, patience, creative problem solving and collaboration skills that translate to other academic areas and future success.

Einstein's artists have a lot of fun in Art classes, while experiencing the joys of expressing their creativity through art making!





AVID field trip to Seattle University.



AVID students in class.

## Attention Current 7th and 8th Grade Students – Get Ready for AVID!

AVID is a full-year elective class offered to 8th grade students at Einstein and to Shorewood High school students by application only. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a class for students in the academic middle who have the potential for honors/Pre-AP work in school, but need academic and emotional support paired with the rigor. AVID develops students as readers and writers, teaches specific strategies for critical thinking and higher level inquiry, and provides support so students can meet high expectations. A “typical” AVID student is motivated, has academic skills that meet or are close to meeting standard, has a desire to go to college, may be the first person in their family to go to college, and may be underrepresented racially, culturally or economically on college and university campuses.

If you are interested in learning more about AVID please plan on attending one of these informational meetings or contact your school counselor!

- Thursday February 4 during PRIDE: AVID info meeting for students.
- Thursday February 11 at 6:30 pm in the Einstein cafeteria: AVID info meeting for parents. Families welcome!
- Friday February 12 by 4pm: AVID applications are due to the front office by 4pm.

## Fitness Electives

Einstein offers three elective classes for students who would like to enhance their fitness and/or skills beyond their required semester of PE/Health. These classes are diverse in their curriculum, void of fitness runs, and focus on various aspects of fitness and skill. Regular exercise of any kind is not only good for the body, but also the mind.

### Walking and Yoga

Do you enjoy non-competitive activities? Do you want to build strength, increase flexibility, increase your energy, manage stress and focus better in class? Einstein offers walking and yoga as an elective class in which participants will learn the foundations of practicing yoga regularly and walking for fitness.

### Advanced Fitness

If you are looking for a competitive and fun environment then this is the class for you. At the beginning of the semester you will take 6 skill tests (Mile, 400, Med Ball Throw, Bar Dips, Pull Ups and Standing Triple Jump). The top 6 scorers become the captain's and the class is drafted into teams. As a team you will complete workouts to improve your strength, speed, endurance, and agility with an overall goal of improving on the 6 skill tests. This class includes one game day per week that will be fun and competitive. This class will help you to become a better athlete.

### Recreational Sports

If you are interested in playing a variety of sports at a recreational level, this is the class for you. Some of the sports included are: Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, and Disc Golf! Einstein offers this elective PE class for those students who would like to play more sports in a game-oriented setting.





## Counseling Corner

*Ms. Paulhamus & Ms. Flatters*

Please contact members of our Counseling Team about any concerns regarding your student. Parent information and contact information can be found on the Counseling Team website at <http://learn.shorelineschools.org/einstein/ecounseling/index.php>

## Prevention and Intervention Specialist

*Dear Families of Einstein Middle School,*

My name is Molly Challman and I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Prevention and Intervention Specialist at Einstein! I'm thrilled to work with your students and am overjoyed to be a part of this strong school community.

I was born in Seattle and graduated from Inglemoor High School in Kenmore. I attended Washington State University and received my B.A. in Communication. After working in the business world for five years, I decided to follow my childhood dream of becoming a counselor. I completed my Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling in 2011 and have never been happier professionally.

Prior to this school year, I worked for a grant in Everett Public Schools that helps low-income and underserved students get to college. I also worked as a long-term substitute counselor at Shorewood High School from August-December and am thrilled to continue working in the district as the Prevention and Intervention Specialist.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns regarding healthy living, drug and alcohol issues, stress management, and healthy choices. I work at Einstein on Wednesday and Thursdays from 7:30am-3:30pm and can be reached at [molly.challman@shorelineschools.org](mailto:molly.challman@shorelineschools.org) or 206-393-4736.

## Student Support Team

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor

[Kelley Flatters](#)  
206-393-4744

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor

[Lauren Paulhamus](#)  
206-393-4743

### School Psychologist

[Kathryn Zwack](#)  
206-393-4745

### Drug/Alcohol Interventionist

[Osbaldo Hernandez](#)  
On campus Wed & Thu  
206-393-4736

### School Nurse

[Joni Wishaar](#)  
206-393-4734

### Security Monitor

[Liz Aspen](#)  
206-393-4738

## Shorewood PTSA Parent Education Event

*Marianne Deal Stephens, Shorewood PTSA*

Join Shorewood PTSA on Sunday, March 6 at 5:00pm in the Shoreline Center Auditorium for a screening of The Mask You Live In (<http://therepresentationproject.org/film/the-mask-you-live-in/>), a documentary about how we raise boys. The film is recommended for parents and guardians and is appropriate for students 14 and up. Tickets are \$7 and available from Brown Paper Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2489292>. High school students with school ID will be admitted free.

Childcare (\$15 for one child, \$25 for two) will be provided by the YMCA and must be reserved in advance. Food trucks will be in the Shoreline Center parking lot starting at 4:00pm. A 30-minute panel discussion will follow the 90-minute movie.

Whether boys are directly instructed on how to "be a man," or they infer messages from the world around them, they learn that some behaviors are acceptable and others are not. The Mask You Live In examines the culturally constructed definition of masculinity as it is presented through athletics, movies, music, gaming, schools, online material, and other areas of modern life.

Throughout the film, experts provide commentary and context about boys and men in American society. The film is provocative, and content includes profanity and clips that depict violence or include derogatory language. For details on the content, see Common Sense Media <https://www.common Sense Media.org/movie-reviews/the-mask-you-live-in>. For the official trailer of the film, see The Representation Project <http://therepresentationproject.org/film/the-mask-you-live-in/>.

Shorewood PTSA hopes that this film will spark conversation and reflection in our community. The film is for anyone concerned about how we raise young people in today's world, not only parents of boys. If you have questions, please contact Shorewood PTSA Co-Communications Director Marianne Stephens via [shorewoodsignal@gmail.com](mailto:shorewoodsignal@gmail.com).



# February 2016



See page 4 for 2016–2017 transition dates and information.

## February

2/3	WED	Westside Band Festival (Einstein Wind Ensemble) Shorewood Main Gym	7:30pm
2/4	THU	End of First Semester	All Day
2/4	THU	SKMEA Middle School Honor Festival	7:30pm
2/5	FRI	No School: Non-Student Work Day	All Day
2/9	TUE	Einstein Girls Basketball Game	3:45pm
2/10	WED	Band & Orchestra Concert Einstein Gym	7:00pm
2/15–19	M–F	No School: Mid-Winter Break	All Week
2/25	THU	Einstein Girls Basketball Game	3:45pm
2/26	FRI	6th Grade Students Visit Einstein	All Day
2/29	MON	Einstein Girls Basketball Game	3:45pm

## March

3/1	WED	Einstein Girls Basketball Game	3:45pm
3/2	THU	Season 3 Sports Photos	3:15pm
3/3	THU	Einstein Wrestling Match	3:45pm
3/7	MON	No School: Non-Student Work Day	All Day
3/8	TUE	SKMEA MS Choral Festival	All Day
3/9	WED	6th Grade Parent Night at Einstein	7:00pm
3/10	THU	Einstein Girls Basketball Game	3:45pm
3/14–18	M–F	Support Staff Appreciation Week	All Week
3/15	TUE	Einstein Wrestling Match	3:45pm
3/16	WED	SKMEA Middle School Band Festival Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble	All Day
3/17	THU	SKMEA Middle School Orchestra Festival Symphony and Concert Orchestras	All Day
3/17	THU	Einstein Wrestling Match	3:45pm
3/22	TUE	Einstein Concert Band Concert	7:00pm
3/24	THU	Einstein Wrestling Match	3:45pm
3/30	WED	Westside 6th Grade Honor Band & Einstein Jazz Band Concert	7:30pm

## Lunch Menu

[Here is a link](#) to the district breakfast and lunch menus. Additional information about the district's food services is also available on the [District website](#).

## Activity Bus

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 and Thursday.

### Activity Bus Route 320 – West & South Side

4:45pm	Depart Einstein
4:50pm	Syre Elementary
4:57pm	Richmond Beach Library
5:04pm	Shorewood High School
5:08pm	Highland Terrace Elementary

### Activity Bus Route 318 – East & North Side

4:45pm	Depart Einstein
4:50pm	YMCA driveway N 192nd St.
4:53pm	Echo Lake Elementary
4:57pm	1st Ave NE & N 187th St
5:03pm	Meridian Park Elementary
5:10pm	Parkwood Elementary

## Einstein Club List

### TUESDAY

**Jazz Band** (H-15) 7:00–8:20am Lane  
**City of Shoreline Activities** (SAC & Gym) 3:00–4:30pm  
**Newspaper Club** (L-4) 3:00–4:30pm Thurber  
**Tiger Tutoring** (Library) 3:10–4:30pm Teeters  
**GSA** (E-11) 3:00–4:30pm Flatters/Zwack  
 (Meets 2/9, 2/23, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7)  
**Chess Club** (L5) 3:00–4:30pm Paulhamus  
**International Club** (E8) 3:00–4:30pm Wheaton/DiVirgilio  
**Magic the Gathering Club** (L-1) 3:00–4:30pm Mr. Crowley

### WEDNESDAY

**Anime/Drawing Club** (D-11) 3:00–4:30pm Moreno  
**Video Game Club** (A-7) 3:00–4:30pm Riley  
**The Write Stuff** (Library) 3:00–4:30pm Dame  
 (Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month)  
**Pizza and Books** (Library) 3:00–4:30pm Dame  
 (Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month)  
**Yearbook Club** (G2/Art Room) 3:00–4:30pm Baldi  
**Coding Club** (A2) 3:00–4:30pm McDowell

### THURSDAY

**Jazz Band** (H-15) 7:00–8:20am Lane  
**City of Shoreline Activities**, SAC & Gym 3:00–4:30pm  
**Math Club** (A-7) 3:00–4:30pm Riley  
**TSA/STEM Club** (H-6) 3:00–4:30pm Thurber  
**Tiger Tutoring** (Library) 3:00–4:30pm Teeters  
**Cooking Club** (B-14) every other Thursday

### FRIDAY

**Jazz Band** (H-15) 7:00–8:20am Lane