



Shorewood Hills Elementary Shark Talk

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

We are excited to report that 2018 is off to a great start at Shorewood Hills Elementary School. We have many exciting events planned for February.

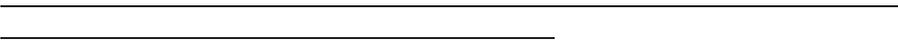
February is Black History Month. Students learn about Black history as part of our intersectional curriculum all year at Shorewood School. This month, we will take the time to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Black Americans in Science, Mathematics, Arts, Sports, and History. Each classroom and unified arts class will be focusing on Black history in a variety of ways. Ask your children what they are learning about Black history at school.

Shorewood School's Family and Community Engagement Team is planning school wide Black History Month celebrations. As part of our celebration, we are organizing special events, including **Read Your Heart Out during the week of February 19th.** The purpose of Read Your Heart Out is to teach the importance of choosing and sharing texts that feature protagonists who are Black or books that were written by Black authors. The library will be showcasing books written by Black authors as well. We are also arranging for a guest speaker and a performer. We will provide you with dates for these later in February.

There is more excitement in February! Our annual Poetry Café event sponsored by the PTO will take place on February 15th. Our very own, Roberto Rivera, parent at Shorewood School will be providing a workshop on Spoken Word style of poetry in third grade classrooms. He will be at the Poetry Cafe to support with this style of writing and performing. Artist in Residence, David Daniel will be at the cafe as well. All students and families interested in poetry writing and performance are welcome. You can write your own poem or you can read the work of another poet. Students and families can engage in a variety of styles of poetry including spoken word, jazz poetry, classical, and global. All languages and styles of poetry will be celebrated. Please join us at the **Poetry Cafe on February 15th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the gym.**

There is more! We are looking forward to the **Family Showcase on Tuesday, February 27th.** All families are invited to their children's classrooms and unified arts classes where students will show off their creative and academic successes. You will see that kids take pride in their work and they have grown quite a bit as learners. The **Family Showcase will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm.**

I predict that this will be a year of amazing opportunities for Shorewood students, families, and staff. When you are school for these events, get to know the Shorewood School community. We are lucky to have this amazing diversity. Take the time to get to know someone who is unlike you and you too will learn and grow from that experience-like our kids do everyday.



- Immunization records.

Children are welcome to accompany parents, but they are not required to attend. Parents who are unable to register on March 5th should register at their neighborhood school as soon as possible after those dates. More information [HERE](#).

Early Entrance into Five-Year-Old Kindergarten

Parents who seek early entrance in five-year-old kindergarten need to complete the [Request for Early Entrance into Kindergarten form](#) and submit supporting documents to the Department of Early & Extended Learning office. Parents may submit their request and documentation directly to Department of Early & Extended Learning at 545 W. Dayton St., Rm 125, Madison, WI 53703, or ask the school to forward the documentation for you.

Children must be five years of age on or before September 1 to attend five-year-old kindergarten. The only exceptions are:

- Students who have completed a four-year-old kindergarten program. Applicants must provide verification of enrollment.
- Students who were admitted into five-year-old kindergarten in another public school district prior to moving into the Madison Metropolitan School District. Applicants must provide verification of enrollment.
- Students who turn five years old between September 2 and October 15. Applicants must submit verification of the student's birth date. **Such students will only be considered for early entrance into five-year-old kindergarten upon parent/guardian request**.

In order to request early entrance into five-year-old kindergarten parents/guardians MUST complete this application and submit all required verifications. Requests must be received by August 1.

Will Your Student be Returning Next Year?

Please help us by filling out this short form to indicate whether your student(s) will be returning to Shorewood for the 2017-2018 school year. Please complete BEFORE FEBRUARY 21st.

Police Chief Visits Next Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting

Aaron Chapin, the Village's new chief of police, will visit the next Shorewood Elementary PTO meeting. He is interested in meeting Shorewood parents and discussing safety and policing concerns around the school and in the Village in general.

All parents of Shorewood Elementary students are welcome at PTO meetings. This meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm in the school's library. Chief Chapin will talk with us for the first half hour of the meeting, then we will move on to other PTO business. Please join us whenever you can make it, and stay for as long as you like. Childcare will be available while you are at the meeting.

[First Edition Shorewood Hills Elementary International Cookbook](#)

Share your cultural recipes with Shorewood families! **Email Nandita Geerdink (ngeerdink@yahoo.com) for a recipe template and to hold your spot in the book.** Please note, to ensure accuracy we will only be accepting electronic submissions, nothing handwritten. **Deadline is Friday, March 2nd.**



Pre-registration required at www.mscr.org.

[Other Community Events & Activities](#)

Happenings This Weekend

[Recycle the Warmth](#)

Donate blanket at three area Shopko stores Jan. 26 and 27.

[Overture's Frostiball 2018](#)

Saturday, January 27th

[Ski Scavenger Hunt](#)

Saturday, January 27th at Devil's Head Ski Resort

[Battle of the Badges](#)

Saturday, January 27th at Hartmeyer Ice Arena

Summer Opportunities

- [Wisconsin Historical Society Summer Camp](#)
- [Camp Invention](#)
- [MSCR Summer Camps](#)

THIS IS A FRAGRANCE FREE SCHOOL

Please help us accommodate our co-workers and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrance and other scented products. Thank-you for not wearing any of the following: cologne, perfume, aftershave, fragranced hair products, scented hand lotion and/or similar products.

PTO-Sponsored Events This Spring

Here are the dates of some events sponsored by the PTO this spring. Mark your calendar!

- February 6: PTO meeting, 6:30pm. Police chief Aaron Chapin visits.
- February 15: Poetry café, 5:30pm.
- March 6: PTO meeting, 6:30pm. We will discuss arrangements for International Week.
- April 3: PTO meeting, 6:30pm. We will discuss the PTO's goals for next year.
- April 16–21: International Week. Food fair and Global Village on Saturday the 21st.
- April 26: Variety Show.
- May 1: PTO meeting, 6:30pm. Elections of PTO Board for next year.
- May 7–11: Teacher appreciation week.
- May 24: Family Science Night.

You can also find these dates at the PTO website,
<https://sites.google.com/site/shorewoodschoolpto>

Help Teacher Sarah McCaffrey Re-Organize and Re-Alphabetize the Book Room!

She is looking for daytime parent volunteers this spring who will help by printing, laminating, cutting and organizing books and materials. There will be one meeting to get instructions and then volunteers can come at their convenience. This is a large project, so please consider helping if you are able! You may email Ms. McCaffrey directly at samccaffrey@madison.k12.wi.us.



Submit Candid photos for the Yearbook!

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted candid photos to the yearbook—let's keep them coming! If you've taken any candid photos of students at Shorewood Elementary events, you can submit them at shorewood.pto.yearbook@gmail.com

If you have any questions, you can e-mail them to that address as well.

International Week is April 16-21

International week will be April 16-21st this year. **Look for a paper in today's Friday folder about getting involved and bring it back as soon as possible.**

Please DO NOT PARK or STAND in the Kindergarten turnaround. You will receive a \$40 parking ticket from the Police Department for parking in turnaround or parking illegally. Neighbors are asking that you do not block their driveways or mailboxes when you park. Please do not idle.

Students are expected to be in their classrooms on time. School begins promptly at 8:30am. We are helping all K-5 students transition independently into the classroom. Families, teachers are requesting your help with this! Please say goodbye to your students outside and if you need to transition your child into the classroom, please exit the classroom by 8:28am so that instruction can begin on time.

STUDENT PICKUPS: When families want to pick up their children during the school day for doctor appointments, etc., [families must wait in the main office.](#)

Students must be picked up on time each day. Dismissal times are 1:55 on Mondays and 3:27 Tuesday through Friday. Please check the school calendar for early dismissal days and days school is not in session.

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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 FACE Meeting, 8:30-9:30am Groundhog's Day Popcorn Sale, 3:27pm	3
4	5	6 PTO Gathering, 6:30-8:30pm	7	8 Buskus Bake Sale, 3:27pm	9 NO SCHOOL, Staff Only Day	10
11	12 Potency of Poetry	13 Potency of Poetry 3rd Grade Spoken Word Poetry Workshop	14 Potency of Poetry Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15 Potency of Poetry Poetry Cafe, 5:30-7:30pm	16 Lunar New Year Popcorn Sale, 3:27pm	17
18	19 Read Your Heart Out	20 Read Your Heart Out 2018 Spring Primary Election	21 Read Your Heart Out Returning Next Year Cards Due	22 Read Your Heart Out	23 Read Your Heart Out	24
25	26	27 Family Showcase, 5:30-7:30pm	28			

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Purim GYM	2 FACE Meeting, 8:30-9:30am Holi Popcorn Sale, 3:27pm GYM	3
4	5 Districtwide 4K and 5K Registration for 17-18 SY GYM	6 PTO Gathering, 6:30-8:30pm	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings	12	13	14 4th Grade Book Bowl	15 5th Grade Book Bowl	16 NO SCHOOL, Staff Only Day	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21 Naw Ruz	22	23 Popcorn Sale, 3:27pm	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break	27 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break	28 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break	29 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break	30 Good Friday Passover begins NO SCHOOL, Spring Break	31