

Reminders!

- Doors open at 7:00 AM. Breakfast is 7:35 to 7:45 AM. No special treats from home.
- Please arrive by 9:15
- We Close at 6:00 PM. Please arrive before 6:00 PM to allow you and your child time to gather belongings, use the restroom and be out the door at 6:00 PM.
- If your program ends at 11:30 or 2:00 please pick up as close to that time as possible, teachers take planning time. For full parking, 15 minute grace period. After that overtime is charged from your regular pick up time for actual time used. If you regularly used over an hr a day you could pay more per month than the longer scheduled day.
- Label all clothing and shoes they can take off.
- HOLD HANDS in the parking lot. PARENTS need to open doors and gates.
- When a class is in session please walk around. Please be quiet in the lobby once Stargazers has started.
- When walking through a closed classroom when dropping off or picking up please ask your child to look with their eyes only. They are not open for play.



The Shyne School Family Newsletter

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Director's Desk



Welcome back to School! Our first goal each and every year is to build a positive relationship with students and families. Please help us by leaving your cell phones off or in the car. We want to build a partnership so you are comfortable entrusting your precious children to us each day.

Please help us by letting us know if we are meeting you **and your child's needs.** If you have concerns let us know so we can keep on eye on the problem or give you an understanding of the bigger picture about what is happening at school. We are available to meet and love to help as a resource as well!

We work hard to help the children feel comfortable and transition to their classes. We see improvements everyday. If you have questions about the transition process please talk with your teacher or me. Develop a routine and keep it short, it is harder if you stay longer.

Once the children are comfortable at school we will start practicing **fire and earthquake drills.** Please help keep them safe by always logging them in and out on the time clock or correction sheet. When you hit finish after selecting your child's button, make sure it tells you it completed successfully. If it gives you a message "*procedure not completed, see the director*" then **PLEASE** sign in or out on the correction sheet so I can correct your at-

tendance log. You do not need to see me.

Please call the school for all time sensitive information such as If your child will be out for the day. If they are out sick please let us know what their symptoms are, and how high their fever is, when you call. We are required to track illness for the health department. Students must be symptom free, medication free, for 24 hours before returning to school. Please call by 10 AM to let us know the change in schedule. E-mail is not always checked until the afternoon.

Stop and notice the dew on the spider webs!

Katrina Brooke, Director

Back to School Game Night=New Fall Festival

From a past parent survey's we had parents request a "**get to know you**" fun school event at the beginning of the year. For the past two years we have done a back to school game night a Cottage Lake Park. Our turn outs have been low and we ask parents what they thought. Parents asked said that an

event later then the first week of school and inside would be better, due to fall weather.

This year we are working on renting space for an inside event we will call our Fall Festival. We would like to invite all the families to a Fall Festival filled with games!

I will let you know all the details as soon as it is set up! I am hoping to reserve a space that will accommodate all of us together for **Thursday, October 5th At 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. I will keep you informed!





Help us Go Green—No Idling

This Newsletter is coming to you digitally as well as our monthly statements to save paper.

We do not allow cars or other vehicles to idle in our designated parking areas.

We do not use scented or unscented candles or man-made air fresheners. (*Occasionally we use candles for activities—birthdays, oral stories, jack O' lanterns.*) *Please do not wear perfume or cologne into the school. Apply after drop off.*

We avoid conditions that lead to

excess moisture and we maintain adequate ventilation.

We do not permit smoking anywhere on the premises or in sight of children.

We use unscented, biodegradable, non-toxic cleaning projects (*Vinegar and water, Simple Green*).

We use the least-Toxic disinfecting and sanitizing products when they are required, they are only used for their intended purpose and in strict accordance with all label instructions.

We use chlorine bleach only when and where it is required or recommended by state and local authorities. We use it prudently and never use more than necessary.

We do not use aerosol sprays in the presence of children.

We do not use house paint when children are present.

We have non-chlorinated well water for drinking, tested monthly.

We use Mercury free, digital thermometers.

We use only non-toxic art supplies.

www.cehn.org/ehcc/resources

We recycle, compost and keep garbage covered to avoid attracting pests.



It takes a long time to become young.

Pablo Picasso

Birthdays

We leave it up to each family to talk with your child and decide what favorite food they would like to bring for their celebration. We have enjoyed watermelon, pudding, cookies, ice cream cups/bars, donuts, yogurt and berries and cake.

Please talk to your teacher and make arrangements to bring in a treat in advance.

We will supply a crown for the birthday person and candles.

Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. If you have a special song or ritual from your family or culture, we would love you to share that with us if you would like to, otherwise we will have fun singing "Happy Birthday".

If your child has an allergy or diet restrictions you are welcome to bring in an alternate treat to keep in the freezer for us to substitute. Please remember we are a not free school.

Chaperones for

Field Trips are always needed! To drive other students parents need to submit a copy of their insurance coverage and get a STARS ID# and portable background card. Start at:

<https://apps.del.wa.gov/MERIT/Home/Welcome?ReturnUrl=%2fMERIT%2f>

The background check is \$12 and fingerprinting is \$42. It is good for five years at any preschool you attend. If you will drive for all your students field trips we will reimburse you the cost.

Daily 10 hour Limit!!

Please keep in mind 10 hours is the limit on the number of hours a day a student can attend The Shyne School. Keep in mind that a 10 hour day is a VERY LONG day for your child! If you go over 10 hours I will call to see if we can brainstorm to find a way to reduce the length of their school day.

Parent Communication

Parent communication is very important to us. If you would like to meet please set up a time in advance for an in person or phone conference so we can talk without little ones listening in.

I get so many wonderful e-mails about raising and educating children. Instead of e-mailing the information out I post them to our **web site blog and Facebook page**. Occasionally I am asked by

the Department of Early Learning to forward information directly to parents.

Our **web site is updated weekly** with lesson plans, menu and parenting information and reminders of coming events, dates and times.

A **Communication Notebook/Calendar** is in the lobby by the payment box so parents can note any schedule

changes, important information, pick up changes or helpful information about your child that is non-confidential. I also note when staff will be out and special events. Great way to keep everyone in the loop.

If you have question or concerns about the program, teachers, schedules or tuition please contact me at 425-882-1981 or e-mail me at

director@shyneschool.com



Individual School Photo's



We use Osborne photography (253) 529-4133.

Renee Osborne will be here October 10 & 11th to take individual **photo's of students that have ordered packets.**

We will take photos for those ordering Tuesday, Oct 10th at 10:00 AM for Dewdrops and 10:30 AM for Stargazers and

Wednesday, Oct 11th, we will take photos for those ordering at

10:00 AM for Rainbow and 10:30 AM for Sunshiners in the Lobby.

Please make sure to drop off well before at 9:15 on these days because we will be using the lobby 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Order envelopes will be placed in parent pockets. If you would like to **order and have your child's photo taken please return to the teachers. If you do not order a photo will not be taken.**

We will do class photo's and indi-

vidual photo's in the spring March 8 & 9, 2018.

If you do not attend school on either photo day please join us between 10:45 and 11:00 am **to have your child's photo taken. Go to the photographer and give them your photo order envelope—NOT your teacher.**

If your child is here on either day with an order envelope we will have their photo taken.

If your child has a photo taken we will use it on the time clock and you will receive a black and white year book at the end of the school year for free.

Curriculum Night

Each teacher plans the individual lesson plans for their class based on their observations of the children. Teachers will use Teaching Strategies Gold to track and assess children's progress and learning.

Join us at Curriculum Night and learn about the goals and objectives for this year and opportunities to volunteer and help in your child's class.

Meet other parents and see what your child has been doing and what is to come.

Curriculum Night is for parents only from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

We ask for at least one parent for each child to attend. We will offer limited childcare. We will have a sign up sheet on the front door by the Friday before the event.

Oct. 3rd Stargazers Ms. Katy

Oct. 10th Dewdrops Ms. Coleen W.

Oct. 19th Rainbow Ms. Colleen H.

Oct. 25th Sunshiners Ms. Anita

You can double park for this event only! If you do, be prepared to leave 1st.

Teachers look forward to meeting with parents to explain curriculum, answer questions and give you a look at the classroom. Every year is different due to age and development and teacher.



Enrichment Classes



Currently children 3 to 5 years old can sign up for our enrichment classes. All Registration forms are in the lobby. You register with and terminate service with the instructors. Contact information is on our web site under classes> enrichment classes.

Spanish Classes Mondays from 12:30 to 1:15, 9/11/17-5/14/18 for \$65 a month with a class minimum of 10 students. Sign up at:

<https://www.6crickets.com/providerDirectory/US/WA/Seattle/Sponge-fbd7939d674997cd/sessions/0c7fdc4cdc81ed78/zms3-ge2b-5g74?refer&provider=76> Questions? info@spongeschool.com

Silly Signs (Sign Language) on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:00+. Month to Month for \$42. Payment for Silly Signs is made out to The Shyne School, the charge will show up on your monthly tuition statement. Check out www.Silly-Signs.com

Amazing Athletes (PE) on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:00. Month to Month for

\$50 a month, \$15 annual Registration. Payment for Amazing Athletes is made out to them and placed in their grey & white payment folder in the lobby or to pay online, check out www.AmazingAthletes.com/southsound

Music & More (Music) Thursday or Friday 12:30 to 1:00 PM. Month to Month starting 9/7/17 & 9/8/17 for \$30 a month. Payment for Music & More is made out to The Shyne School and will be billed on your tuition Statement. Registration forms for new students will be in the lobby. You can contact Ms. Beth at travelingmusic@yahoo.com

Staffing for 2017-18

Dewdrops 8:30-4:30 Lead: Coleen Warriner, 6:50 to 2:50 Lead Assistant: Lana (Svetlana) Khomchuk, 2:50 to 6:00 & Afternoon Lead Assistant: Nancy Tyler

Rainbow 8:30 to 4:30 Lead: Colleen Brooks, 6:50 to 2:50 Lead Assistant: Janeth (Oralia) de Niz & 2:50 to 5:30 Afternoon Assistant Alexandra Harrison.

Stargazers 8:30 to 2:30 Lead: Katy Conley, & 9:00 to 5:00 Lead Assistant: Luda (Ludmila) Hlavaty-Laposa

Sunshiners 7:30 to 3:30 Lead: Anita McHarg & 8:30 to 4:30 Lead Assistant: Rachel Horne

Cook/Afternoon Lead Assistant: 9:30 to 5:30 Prudence Alexander

Subs : Kris Perkins, Beth Bishop & Misuk Seitz - *Always looking for parents interested in subbing as well!*

Director: 7:30 to 5:00 Monday to Thursday and Friday 8:00 to 11:30, Katrina Brooke

Owner: Bill (William) Shyne, school maintenance, budget, taxes & monthly well water testing.



Did you know?

Water: The Shyne School is on crisp clean well water that is tested monthly? **Waste Management:** We are on a septic system. **Organic Produce:** We get our weekly organic produce from Klesick Farms and you can too! You can pick up a weekly box in the lobby on Wednesdays, just go to www.klesickfarms.com 360-652-4663 and order by the Sunday before. **Green Zone:** We protect the students toxins in their air and environment, Keep our air clean and turn off your car!

Teachers will send home a copy of the initial **Developmental Milestones check list** by the end of November (first 90 days of school). **Parent conferences** are available upon your request and from November to January. You can view the check list on line by age at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>



Holidays—Rosh Hashanah, Halloween

So many holidays so little time! We love to keep our program **culturally relevant** for the children attending and invite parents to join us and share their holidays, traditions and customs! (Parents have an open door policy!)

Each holiday we look at a **developmentally appropriate focus**. For example Halloween and later in the year Purim, is all about how we can change: we grow, paint our face, wear a hat or mask, and change our clothes and wear costumes! We will ask families to bring costumes from home. (Teachers will send out guidelines—we have a no violence policy). Our no violence policy follows the local school districts policies.

Looking at the developmental aspect of any holiday we leave out the violent, scary and religious aspects. We want to welcome all families to share holidays, food, traditional dress, and routines. We are not a religious based program but know that many Holidays are “Holy” Day based. We work on acceptance of how we are all the same and all a little different at the same time. For example: we all have eye’s but they are all different sizes, shapes and colors.

We focus on all areas of development when we plan our curriculum. We work hard to create an environment that children can explore and experience. We want them to see themselves reflected in their classroom.

In fall I love seeing the children carrying around different size pumpkins and gourds in the class. They have a ton of fun pulling the insides out of the pumpkins. I love when classes bake pumpkin pie, one of my favorites! Love fall!!