

## Reminders!

- September 1st is the first day fo school for Full Day students, 2, 3 or 5 days, they move to their new classrooms.
- September 10th is the first day of school for Only (9:00-11:30) and Plus students 8:30-12:30/9-2).
- CLOSED September 7th for Labor Day
- Please arrive by 9:25 so your child is here for group time to be included in the concepts for the week. It is also hard to join a group already started. Deliveries, tours, visits are also scheduled at 9:30 AM.
- If your program ends at 11:30/12:30 or 12:45/2:00 please pick up as close to that time as possible, it can effect teachers planning time.
- If parking is full we give a 15 minute grace period. After that, overtime is charged from your regular pick up time for actual time used for Only and Plus students.
- Overtime: If you regularly use over an hr a day you could pay more per month than the longer scheduled day, for Only and Plus students.
- Label all clothing and shoes they can take off.
- HOLD HANDS in the parking lot. ONLY PARENTS open doors and gates PLEASE.



# The Shyne School Family Newsletter



## 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. **As you drop off at the door of your classroom, teachers will check your students temperature.** We are asking all parents to wear a mask. Drop off at the classroom door and then clock in. At pick up please clock out and then pick your child up from the classroom. 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

## Annual Fall Festival

**We are currently not planning for the Fall Festival, but will wait and see how the virus evolves.**

Last year we had sparkly Flubber, cup cakes, treat bags to take home, crafts,

happening at school. We are available to meet and love to help as a resource as well! You can request a conference or phone conversation with your teacher at any time.

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 attendance log. You do not need to see me.

**Please call the school for all time sensitive information.** If your child will be out for the day let us know by 10 AM. 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 72 hours before returning to school. At this time we are only providing well childcare. If your child is out it effects lunch and special dietary needs. E-mail is not always checked until the afternoon.

*Stop and notice the dew on the spider webs!*  
Katrina Brooke, Director

## PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

Please wait at the top of the hill for a spot. Please do not pass the car waiting, unless waved around. If you are a large vehicle and can not park in a spot open please wave the next vehicle around you. Only pass if you are waved around. NO DOUBLE PARKING. Please bring your patience the start of school can be a new time for many parents. **BE KIND!!**





# 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](http://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 **nut free school**.

## Chaperones for Field Trips: Cancelled for

**now:** For Preschool and Pre-K 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, zoom 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.



# Individual School Photo's



We have a new Photographer this year. Renee Osborne retired **after taking photo's at The Shyne School** for over 30 years!

Our new Photographer is Kathleen Williams and you can view her work at

<https://www.kathleenwilliamsphotos.com/schoolphotos>

More information will be sent to parent in October.+

Kathleen Williams will be here

October 13 & 14 to take **individual photo's** of students.

We will take photos for students Tuesday, Oct 13th at 10:00 AM for Dewdrops and 10:30 AM for Stargazers and

Wednesday, Oct 14th, we will take photos at 10:00 AM for Rainbow and 10:30 AM for Sunshiners in the Lobby.

Please make sure to drop off by 9:25 on these days because we will be using the lobby 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Parents will then be able to view the **photo's and order online.**

If your child is here on one of the days, not the class designated date, we will have their photo taken.

If you do not attend school on either photo day please join us between 10:45 to 11:00 **am to have your child's photo taken. Go to the photographer in the lobby.**

We will do **class photo's** and individual **photo's will be an option again in the Spring, April 28 and 29, 2021.**

## 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.

This year teachers will set up a Zoom Curriculum Night so parents learn about the goals and objectives for this year. We hope on the Zoom meeting that you will be able to meet

other parents.

**You can set up a conference with your teacher for an individual chat at a later time.**

Curriculum Night is for parents only. We ask for at least one parent for each child to attend.

Teacher will be sending out handbooks and classroom information before Curriculum Night. Each teacher will set up

the time for their class to meet in October.

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 Enrichment classes are suspended in person. Sponge for Language and Amazing Athletes have on line options for parents interested, contact listed on our web site <https://shyneschool.com/classes/enrichment>



[MyProcare.com](https://www.myprocare.com)

Parents can log into **MyProcare.com** by using the e-mail we send statements to. After logging in you set up a password. Once you have set up your password you can sign into your account and **update information** for contacts, your information and immunizations. You can view **your full tuition ledger and print receipts** as you need them. **PLEASE** list your cell carrier so you can receive emergency messages. UPDATE This information please!!!

## Classroom Hours and Staffing for 2020-21

Dewdrops 7:30 to 6:00 8:30-4:30 Lead: Tatiana Cihai and 7:30 to 3:00 Lead Assistant: Lana (Svetlana) Khomchuk,; and 2:50 to 6:00 & Afternoon Aide: Brooke Steilling

Rainbow **7:00 to 5:30**: Lead: Colleen Brooks, and 7:00 to 3:00 Lead Assistant: Janeth De Niz and 3:00 to 5:30 Afternoon Aide: Ella Zamzow

Stargazers **7:30 to 5:30**: 7:30 to 3:30 Lead: Krystal McClellen, and Morning Assistant 8:30 to 9:30 Ms. Prudence and 9:30 to 5:30 Lead Assistant: Rachel Horne

Sunshiners 7:00 to 5:30 7:00 to 9:30 Morning Assistant Ashley Johnson and 8:30 to 3:00 Lead: Katy Conley & 9:30 to 5:30 Lead Assistant: Mattie Torve ; 12:30 to 4:30 Afternoon Aide Jahan Vasishth

**Cook/Afternoon Lead Assistant:** 9:30 to 1:30 Prudence Alexander

**Subs :** Kris Perkins, Beth Bishop & Toni Steward,

Director: 8:30 to 5:00 Monday to Thursday and Friday 8:30 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](http://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 please arrange times to share with classes ahead of time with your teacher)

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/weapons policy**). Our no violence policy follows the local WA 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!!!

# Covid 19

We are working hard to keep teachers, children and families safe during the Covid 19 outbreak. Our full policies are posted to our web site for you to read through.

All of our teacher are wearing masks.

Please make sure you are getting your information directly from the CDC and the Health Department.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>



## Masks

Cloth Face masks: Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a mask will help protect people around you, including those at [higher risk of severe illness](#) from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when masks are used along with other [preventive measures](#), including [social distancing](#), frequent hand washing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

## **Masks with Exhalation Valves or Vents—Please do not wear to The Shyne School**

The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow exhaled air to be expelled out through holes in the material. This can allow exhaled respiratory droplets to reach others and potentially spread the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, CDC does not recommend using masks if they have an exhalation valve or vent. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

## **Community Commitment:**

Currently we have not had reports from any of our families of Covid-19 illness. In accordance with CDC guidelines The Shyne School is discouraging staff, students, and their families from gathering or socializing anywhere. This includes group childcare **arrangements, as well as gathering at places like a friend's house, a favorite restaurant, or the local shopping mall.** As we come back together, The Shyne School will do everything we can to protect our students, families and staff and prevent the spread of Covid-19. **Despite all our effort's parents need to be aware there is no guarantee that Covid-19 will not affect The Shyne School at a later date.** Each family assumes that risk upon returning to school.

We are asking new and returning families to self quarantine at home for 5 to 7 days before entering into The Shyne School community.

If you were in a high risk situation like air travel please self quarantine for 14 days.

Here's the complete list, from lowest to highest risk:

[https://healthnewshub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NewsTexasRiskAssessment-copyPDF.pdf?\\_ga=2.194506541.1882411041.1597963207-1847618244.1597963207](https://healthnewshub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NewsTexasRiskAssessment-copyPDF.pdf?_ga=2.194506541.1882411041.1597963207-1847618244.1597963207)

