JANUARY February 2023

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! I will be offering open tours to new families starting at 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM, January to February. We ask for families to drop off by 9:20 so the parking lot is free for tours and deliveries at 9:30 AM. Please make sure to call the school by 10:00 AM with attendance information. I will not be able to check e-mail until after 11:30 AM. Please let me know if you would like a tour of the next classroom your child would move into or have any questions.

On January 25th I will pass out **<u>Re-</u>** <u>**Enrollment forms for current students.**</u> I need parents to update the information sheet (*please double check all the addresses and phone numbers*) and return it to me with your schedule information for Summer and Fall 2023-24. It will be very helpful if you update information before January 15th on MyProcare.com yourself. Please add addresses for contacts and your phone server so you can received text messages.

I NEED A RE-ENROLLMENT FORM FOR ALL STUDENTS BACK. A Re-enrollment form lets me know your plans. If the plan changes, you give a Month's notice to release the spot. Please return the re-enrollment form FOR ALL STUDENTS. if you will <u>not</u> be attending summer or fall **RE-**TURN IT with a <u>last date of attendance.</u>

We will continue in house registration for children currently enrolled **through February 9, 2023**. You are guaranteed your current schedule when you re-enroll. *We do not schedule for Tues, Wed, Thurs, because the Monday, Friday opposing schedule is hard for another family.* Please enroll now to get the schedule and space you want in your class for next school year. *Schedule changes will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.* January is the time to register siblings that have not yet attended The Shyne School. March 1st we will open the enrollment spaces up to new families in the community. They have already started turning in Pre-registration forms. *I* would be very sorry to turn down a current family, so please return the re-enrollment form!!

e Shyne School Family Newsletter

Please update me on all vaccinations for your student's file.

We will post a list of Kindergartens the students will be attending next fall from our Pre-K class, I'll email it and post it on the Sunshiner Parent Board by the end of **March**.

Please talk to your teacher about what class they recommend for the next year if you have concerns about placement for your child. We use the WA school cut off date of August 31st to move to the next class. If you want to do Early Entrance into the next class you must have your teachers recommendation. **Students must be potty trained for Preschool, Stargazers and Sunshiners by August 1st.** 

The majority of students will move to their new class in the fall. We will talk to individual parents if we would like to move your student to the next class in the summer. This is usually for a few students with fall birthdays (Sept, Oct, Nov.) by teacher recommendation.

**VALENTINES DAY**—Please feel free to send in cards for your child's friends.

REMINDERS

Each teacher will let you know your classroom plans for that day. **Do not** address the cards to students, sign who they are from. This makes it easy and quick for the children to pass out their own cards to all their friends. For Dewdrops send (11) student cards. Teachers are Amy, Sima and Bianca. Rainbow send (18) cards. Teachers are Colleen, Michele and Lyv. Stargazers (22) Cards and the teachers are Krystal, Courtney, and Jo. Sunshiners have 20 students with Katy, Lindsey & Jahan. Other teachers your child may want to include are: Ms. Alyson, Chef Patrick or Ms. Kris, Ms. Tina (Sub).

Parent Communication is very important to us! I hope families feel settled into a routine, if you started school in September. Please remember my door is always open and you can call or e-mail me anytime if you have questions or concerns about anything!!

To eliminate e-mails in your inbox I post all events, weather photo's and parent education to **The Shyne School Facebook page**. Please remember you can contact teachers or myself to use as a resource if you have a parenting question.

> Smile as often as you can! Katrina Brooke

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#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The **YWCA**, transitional housing was very excited to receive our donations this past December. **Thank you** for all your time, effort and donations that made it so successful!! We also filled the box for Coat donations!!

#### SHUT THE DOOR—We are in Woodinville and have little critters that would love to get inside and keep warm. Please help keep them

keep warm. Please help keep them outside, and the heat in, and shut the door to our buildings! Thank you for the help!!

**SIGNING IN/OUT**– If you need to sign in or out on the correction sheet please sign your name so I can read it. If I can't read your signature we would not have the needed information in an emergency. **PARKING**—Parents can drop off as early as 8:30 AM for Only or Plus students without an additional charge. We open at 7:00 am for full day students. If you see the parking is full please drop off quickly. It is never okay to double park or park at the top of the hill. Please wait at the top of the hill until a spot opens up. **The drive way is two way, stay to your right.**  Please do not sit in your car and text in our tight parking situation. Group time starts at 9:25 AM. We ask that parents have students at school by 9:20 AM. Deliveries and tours begin at 9:30 AM.

**BREAKFAST**—We serve a snack at 7:30 and at 9:30. If your child is eating in the car please have them finish it before coming to class/play yard.

## SCHOOL BREAKS & TUITION

We are open for Regular Classes on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 20th for President's Day. Mid-Winter Break is February 21-24, 2023 and Spring Break will be April 10-14, 2023 for ON-LY/PLUS Students. As usual childcare will be available for our FULL DAY families. (Toddler/Preschool Only (9-11:30 AM) or Toddler/Preschool Plus (8:30-12:30/8:45-12:45/9-2:00). This gives us lower ratio's in our classes during break weeks. Some days the class groups may combine/ and your child may "visit" the class he/she will be moving to next summer/fall. LWSD families can see the director about trading break days.

What this means financially: if you are billed as "*Only or Plus*" part-days

from September to June, you receive 180 school days (based on 5 days) and do not pay for breaks or closures. You will have paid for 180 days through June 16th, when you make your May tuition payment. On June 1st there will be no bill for the first two weeks of June. If you sign up for summer, your last two weeks in June will be prorated and billed June 1st. If you want or need, your child to attend during those "break" weeks, you must make arrangements in advance so we can plan for staffing. You will then be billed for the extra days scheduled, since you exceeded the 180 day school year. If we have snow days to make up they will be added to the last week of school. Our last day of school is currently June 16, 2023, closed Monday, June 19th for a teacher work day. Once we get through winter I will update the calendar if we close due to weather.



For families that attend **Full Days** (2, 3 or 5 days) your child will attend during the breaks and your bill will remain the same month to month until you give me your Month termination notice or withdrawal date for Kindergarten. You pay for 240 days, we schedule 248 days of care. We had to close for 3 days of care due to furnace repair. The only days your student is not at The Shyne School is when we are closed. Next holiday is Monday, May 29, 2022 for Memorial Day- CLOSED

A tuition summary for Jan-Dec 2022 can be printed at <u>https://www.myprocare.com/</u>

A Vacation Credit is available to our Full day families, after 4 months of attendance, if you are planning on attending summer. You will receive 100% off one week tuition. If you use a vacation credit and do not attend summer, the credit will be reversed. Please notify us in advance of a vacation

# Taxes: Tuition Summaries available in January https://www.myprocare.com/Tax ID# 91-1354888. TEACHER APPRECIATION!

Thank you for showing our teachers so much love in December! Each year in May we show our teachers how much we appreciate what they do for us and our children. This year we are again looking for parents to be in charge of organizing this event. We will need a chair to organize it and we are looking for a parent from each room to help as a parent coordinator!

Last year for **Teacher Appreciation Week** parents signed up to bring a breakfast or lunch treat and contributed to the purchase of gift cards. Families can also show their individual teacher their appreciation. **Mark your calendars for May 8 to 12, 2023** and let Katrina know if you can help organize this event or be a room parent!!



I would like to invite you to come and visit. We have an open door policy and encourage parents to join us for school or enrichment classes so you can see what your child's day is like. RSVP and join us for lunch. To join the class parents must be fully vaccinated and booster to protect the class.

We do not require parent involvement, like a parent co-op, but we welcome and encourage it! When you are able to see how the children interact and know the other children in your child's classroom, you gain a clearer understanding of the group dynamics and the developmental stages they are all going through.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

From November to January we offer parent conferences. The teachers enjoy sitting down and sharing with parents all the wonderful things your child is doing and learning. If you have not had a chance to meet with your child's teacher I encourage that you talk to her and find out the recommendation for your child's class placement for next year. A conference will be requested by a teacher if they have concerns. Preschool is doing conferences in January.

Aside from the regularly offered conferences parents are always able to set up a conference with their teacher if there are concerns at school or at home. You can also set up a phone conversation. Please use your teacher and myself as a resource. We want to support you and your child!!

