



A WORD FROM TEACHER JAN

Jan teaches the Baby N Me, Explorers, Toddlers, and Movers classes! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact her at jburnham@shoreline.edu

Dear Families of Shorenorth,

What a pleasure to see almost all children and families these last two weeks in our Slow Start beginning of the year! The children remind me of happy frolicking puppies outside in their Playscape. (I give full credit to Rusty Keeler for lighting this fire in me regarding Playscapes many years ago at a National Association of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference and I enjoy this 1967 definition by the Girl Scouts: "What Is a Playscape? A playscape is a child's adventure world. It's a compact play area where the basic equipment is the child's conception of rocks, trees, and shelters.")

Now begins a different kind of work, my favorite type. It is the work of building relationships with each other and the children. No matter what class you're in, you all have a commitment of one work day. The children are at work each day and it is our job to observe them, follow their lead and extend their play. We want families to spend their work day practicing these actions, staying close and learning language that will help foster social interactions. Teacher Susie and I will model respectful, open ended, non-punitive language in class and hope you follow our lead. This is our job and we are happy and proud to share if you have any questions.

Our school song for Fall is one of my old sentimental favorites by a Folk Music songwriter by the name of [Tom Hunter](#). Each year I try to attend the NAEYC Conference for professional development and again, this is where I met, attended classes and participated in workshops with this great man and his colleague Bev Bos who recently just passed last February. Once in 2007, myself, a couple of other parent educators from Shoreline Community College and two of our own fabulous parents attended a life changing Institute at Bev Bos's cooperative preschool in Roseville, CA. I call it life changing because we focused solely on children, relationships, singing and honoring families. The song, [The Seed Song](#) that our school is learning came from that experience and already someone started singing, "A lot of schools start from a seed so small..." Please enjoy the embedded YouTube Video of our song for fall.

Thank you for helping many seeds grow!

Yours Truly,

Jan Burnham





A WORD FROM TEACHER SUSIE

Susie teaches the Groovers class. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact her at slaclergue@shoreline.edu

Dear families,

To dovetail on Teacher Jan's reference to our first school-wide song of the year – here are a few verses from “The Garden Song,” by David Mallett. It too is about growth, and small, positive changes made over time. This theme and metaphor resonate with Shorenorth right now, as we settle into our new space and the rhythms of the new school year; and as we continually seek to develop our own abilities to guide the blossoming children in our lives.

Inch by inch, row by row,
Gonna make this garden grow,
Gonna mulch it deep and low,
Gonna make it fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row,
Please bless these seeds I sow.
Please keep them safe below,
Til the rain comes tumbling down.

And [here's](#) the great Pete Seeger performing it.

My mom used to sing this when I was a little girl – softly and tenderly at bedtime; playfully as walked to the playground or we waited for the city bus; and adamantly in resistance to any hatred or bigotry that she witnessed, to assert that good things were still being sown in this world. In my head I hear it in all these voices, and it carries all these varied meanings for me.

When we sing to and with our children, we stir their souls, invoking emotions and building connections and memories. So find a little space in your day, every day, to sing to your loved ones, and to sing along with us at Shorenorth. Together we will flourish!

-Teacher Susie

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October

1—October Tuition Due

1—Fall Fest, 9:30am-11:30am

11—Parent Ed (**required**), 6:30pm-9pm

13—Board Meeting, 7pm

18/19—School Photos (Individual & Group)

November

1—November Tuition Due (Shorenorth & SCC)

1-5—Teachers at NAEYC

2—Wreath Orders due by 2:30pm

11—NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day

16—Parent Ed (**required**), 6:30pm-9:00pm

23-25—NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday

FALL FEST

Please join the Shorenorth COMMunity at Fall Fest THIS Saturday, October 1st from 9:30-11:30. This year we will be having a PANCAKE BREAKFAST! **Please RSVP/Sign-Up by Wednesday, September 28th**. Current families should sign-up in the classroom so we know how much food to buy/make. Alumni should email their RSVP to alumni@shorenorth.net. Thanks for letting us know how many to expect. ☺

Shorenorth Co-op Preschool Presents

Fall Fest

October 1st

9:30 – 11:30 am

Join us for a **FREE**

Pancake Breakfast
celebrating our new school.

Make a Mosaic Craft or Paint a Rock for
use in Shorenorth's Outdoor Playscape.

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WREATH SALES

We have kicked off our first of two annual Shorenorth fundraisers.

Quick Wreath details:

- 🌿 Wreath Orders due by Wednesday, November 2nd at 2:30pm. Fundraising box is located in the office. Wreath Flyer, Order Form and Return Envelope all located in your orientation packet.
- 🌿 Shorenorth makes 50% profit on wreath sales (if you ship a wreath, shipping cost of \$25 does NOT count toward sales and profit)
- 🌿 Families have a fundraising obligation of \$50 profit.
- 🌿 \$100 sales meets your wreath fundraising obligation, giving Shorenorth \$50 profit. Yay!
- 🌿 Opt out fee: \$50

Shorenorth appreciates all your support in raising money for our school. We will once again be offering incentives to individuals who sell above and beyond, as well the class with the overall highest sales average.

- 🌿 \$500 in sales, receive \$50 gift certificate to location of your choice.
- 🌿 \$750 in sales, receive \$75 gift certificate to location of your choice.
- 🌿 \$1000 in sales, receive \$150 gift certificate to location of your choice.
- 🌿 Top average class sales will receive an additional \$100 to fieldtrip fund.

Wreath's come from a local, family owned and operated business; Bacon's Tree Farm in Bremerton, WA. These wreath's are fresh, beautiful, non-secular, and mine have always lasted well into the new year. Please try taking your flyer and order form to groups that you (and your kids) belong to, neighbors, friends, and family to sell. Any questions please contact Stina at stina.t.miller@gmail.com.



Shorenorth Alum Erin Wilson prepping wreaths last year



Wreaths all packaged and ready for distribution

COMMunity Parent Ed Night

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, October 11th will be our first Parent Ed of the 2016-2017 school year! Parent Ed is critical for us both as a COMMunity and for us individually as parents. This first (of six total) Parent Ed of the school year will take place in the Church Basement Café and is the only Parent Ed to take place on our Shorenorth campus. Future Parent Ed night will take place elsewhere.

The topic for this Parent Ed is COMMunity: what it's good for, who it's good for, why it's good, and how to build it. The evening will include community building exercises, competition, good food, time to meet with your class(es), and door prizes!

Attendance is highly encouraged at this REQUIRED event. The class with the highest attendance over ALL Parent Ed for the year will win an ice cream social! If childcare is an obstacle for you, please connect with your PC.



Emily Poe Crawford, Em Dash Paper

A passive way to raise money for Shorenorth

Shorenorth friends, please take 30 seconds to sign up for Amazon Smile, which is a very easy way to passively earn money for Shorenorth. Every little bit helps our school, and we think we can earn more money through Amazon Smile than we did through our weblink last year. Please join in!

To sign up:

1. In your browser, go to smile.amazon.com.
2. Select your charitable foundation: Shorenorth Parent Education Center.
3. Bookmark smile.amazon.com.
4. The next time you shop at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com, rather than amazon.com. (Don't worry, it looks and feels the same, your items are still in your cart, etc.)
5. Share this easy list with your family members and friends - anyone can support Shorenorth in this way.



So easy! Every time you buy through smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com, 0.5% of your sale goes directly to Shorenorth. Your school thanks you!

Building the “new” Shorenorth

This summer our Shorenorth community put time, sweat and effort in to many updates needed to get our newly found indoor & outdoor spaces ready for school. See the classroom bulletin (next to Communications Board) for pictures and info, but here are some highlights, noting some of many discounts/donations from local sources.

Indoor space:

- * DOORS between classrooms (Monte + Frank the Door store)
- * Many rooms PAINTED (thanks members, friends, alumnae!)
- * SHELVES made (Blockhus/Miller families)
- * Cubbies/cabinets installed (Grodin family)
- * Reused OVEN/stove (Free- community pick-up)

Outdoor space:

- * TIRES for Wonderland Garden (Free- Les Schwab)
- * WOODCHIPS & Sandbox logs (Free – via local tree service & member Ellie)
- * BOAT for sandbox area (Free – community member)
- * Mosaic pieces for Stepping Stones (discounted – Art tile & Bedrock Ind.)
- * Green SLIDES (free – member & alumnae families!)
- * Sandbox pit dug & filled
- * Fir trees trimmed 9/22; healthy report!

NEXT up:

- * Heating system upgrade (discount- King's Heating)
- * Last safety/childproof latches (kitchen, entry, etc.)
- * Outdoor security (gates, simple cameras)
- * Climber safety issues
- * & more!!

Please reach out to our Facility Manager Lena Garcia with concerns/needs, offers of help or ideas!
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Classes enjoying our new space!



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