



The Shyne School Family Newsletter



MARCH & APRIL 2026

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It amazes me each year to see the growth that is happening to the children as the end of the year approaches. You can see how comfortable they are and the new skills they have developed.

Please remember that we ask children to **arrive by 9:20 to 9:30** each morning so they can participate in circle time. If you arrive later, have your child enter the group quietly. It is hard to continue group time & projects with late arrivals causing interruptions. It is also hard for students to arrive and join when activities have already started. If you will be dropping off later than 10:00 am please call the school to let us know if you will be attending, 425-882-1981.

Parents must let a teacher know they are dropping off their student or picking them up. **For your child's safety please make that brief contact with a teacher.**

Parents received Developmental Screenings 90 days after the children started this fall. Teachers offered parental conferences and talked with individual parents about the learning they have seen your child do this year. The CDC now has a Milestone Tracker App Parents can download and use to evaluate their own child's development on <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones-app.html>. Parents received a Winter Developmental Learning Guidelines Assessment (DLGA) by January. Teachers will follow up on any concerns in April and final DLGA will be received by parents by June 12th. You can also set up a spring conference with your teacher. Use them as a resource!

Teachers post their lesson plans to the ProCare App that emails it to parents. They are posted to classroom parent boards.

To provide easy parent teacher communication we use the ProCare App to post all pictures, messages and post all lesson plans, menus and newsletters.

I check Procare messages a couple times a week so if you need a timely response, you can reach out to me at director@shyneschool.com

To look at your full ledger for tuition and charges, print receipts for TAXES and update contact information you go to The ProCare Parent Portal at <https://www.myprocare.com/> The tax ID# is at the top right of all statements.

I want to thank you all for turning in re-enrollment forms in a timely manner. I know a lot can change before September, so please let me know if you have any schedule changes with a month's (30 day) written notice. This includes using vacation credit.

Important Dates:

March 3 Purim
March 4 Holi, Dr. Suess Birthday, Wacky Wednesday
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 20 First Day of Spring

- ☺ April 3rd
Classroom Egg Hunts
- ☺ April 5th Easter
- ☺ April 6-10 SPRING BREAK
for Only or Plus students
- ☺ April 11th to 17th The Week
of The Young Child.
- ☺ April 14th Ms. Katy's Reptile
Visit
- ☺ April 21 & 22, Wed & Thurs
CLASS and individual
Photo's.

Coming:

- May 1st Day
- May 5th Cinco de Mayo
- May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation
Week
- May 25th, CLOSED memorial Day
- June 18th Last Day of School, Pre-k
Graduation 4:30 & end of
school picnic 5:30 to 6:30 at
Cottage Lake Park.

Parent communication is very important to us. Please continue to keep us informed! During peak drop off/pick up times, be aware that other parents are waiting, we ask that you keep your conversations brief but still share important information.

Please make nonconfidential notes in the communication notebook in the lobby—our staff reads it daily. Message teachers about changes using the Procure app. Double-check the calendar to ensure your notes are recorded for the correct date and day!

We understand our driveway is steep, and driving too fast may cause your car's undercarriage to scrape if it's low as you leave. The driveway is wide enough for two cars to pass. Please stay on the right side of the driveway to avoid accidents, and park between the lines in the parking lot. **Hill spots are reserved for staff** and compact cars only.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

Have a wonderful spring, Katrina Brooke, Director



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 11-17, Early Childhood Educators and programs around the country will celebrate! The week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families.

Childhood is a unique and a valuable stage of life; a time of enormous opportunities; a time to grow, to learn, & to build the future.

Each of us can help make the most of children's opportunities. Speak out for children in your community. Encourage others to get involved. Thank someone who is making a difference for children.

PARENT EDUCATION

We post all our Parent Articles, resources and community events to our Facebook page. Please check out our page if you are looking for information to assist you in parenting. <https://www.facebook.com/TheShyneSchool>



CLASS PHOTOS AND SPRING INDIVIDUALS

When will Kathleen Williams Photography be at our school?

Tuesday, **April 21ST** (10:00 Dewdrops 10:30 Stargazers) and Wednesday, **April 22ND** (10:00 Rainbow and 10:30 Sunshiners). **I hope your child can join us for the Class Photo!** All students will have an individual and a class photo taken. Sunshiners also do a photo with a graduation cap!

How will I order?

1. There are no order forms—simply have your child show up for picture day. (Please come by if you can, for the class photo time and day)
2. Within two weeks of your child's photo day, the school will email you the link to a class proofing gallery. There will be 4-6 images of each child.
3. I do not choose which photos you order; you do.

WOYC

Music Monday (April 13): Focused on developing language and literacy skills through singing and dancing.

Tasty Tuesday (April 14): Highlights healthy eating and fitness through cooking activities that connect math and science.

Work Together Wednesday (April 15): Emphasizes collaboration and social development through building and problem-solving projects.

Artsy Thursday (April 16): Celebrates creativity and fine motor skills through open-ended art projects.

Family Friday (April 17): Honors the vital role families play as a child's first and most important teachers.

4. You will be able to order prints, canvas wraps, and **digital files** directly from the viewing gallery.
5. The ordering process is simple and secure.
6. The gallery will be live for seven (7) days. **ORDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THAT SEVEN DAY PERIOD.**
7. Once orders have been placed, your photos and/ or canvas wraps will be delivered to your home.

TAXES

TAXES: MyProcure.com. This is the parent portal that all families can log into to print statements for the month or the year for a TAX summary. Our tax ID Number is 91-1354888, always at top right of all statements. Use your email to log in and it will prompt you to set up a password the first time. The My ProCare Parent Portal is different than the ProCare Parent Engagement App you may use to log in and out and message teachers.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

We are looking for parents to sign up to volunteer to help with Teacher Appreciation Week.

Sign up Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45ACAB2DA31-63060570-teacher>

We need a parent to chair this week, and work with Katrina to get everything organized! We will need a parent from each class to **volunteer to help with class specific teacher gifts**. A Parent to buy gift cards and another to organizing a Morning Coffee run (using parent donations) and a Parent to organize the Teacher Lunch (Potluck). Let me know if you have questions. This can be organized through meetings, e-mail or over the phone. **Job descriptions are sent with this newsletter.**

We have a plan in place for parents to follow. We need parent volunteers! We will also need parents to volunteer to cover the classrooms so teachers can eat together. Once a year and the teachers look forward to it! We will send out envelopes to collect donations for the Coffee Run and gift cards for all staff, they will be in parent pockets in April! **HELP! HELP! HELP!**

DAILY ATTENDANCE

Parents can use their mobile device to clock their child in and out for the day on the ProCare App. You can set up your notifications so if your child is picked up it will let you know.

You use the kiosk time clock, drop your child off and sign in. Sign out and then pick up from the classroom.

If your app or the kiosk does not work for you to sign in or out, you must sign them in manually on the sign in sheet next to the time clock.

It is required to clock or sign your child in and out each day. I need to know who is picking up/dropping off and at what time. This is mandated by The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). Thank you for your help keeping your child safe, we check school wide attendance for fire drills. **Please make sure your child is accounted for daily.**

REMINDERS

- When you arrive **please take children to their classes first and then log in on the time clock.** When you pick them up, please log them out on the time clock first and then pick them up from their group. This eliminates congestion in the lobby
- You can use your own mobile device to clock students in or out on the Procure App.
- Children are not allowed to go to the barn, bathroom or parking lot unsupervised by parents during drop off and pick up. **Students need to be supervised 100% of the time while on school grounds. DCYF**
- **LABEL JACKETS:** As the warm weather approaches children often take off coats and hats.

**We are a school
where teachers and
students EXCELL.
Parents and community
CARE!**

Please check the lost but found basket. Make sure you are taking home **YOUR** child's clothing.

- We will **donate unclaimed items at the end of each month** if the basket is full. We check for kids' names first.
- We ask children not to share items to prevent the spread of germs/bugs.
- Please **clean out your child's cubby** and make sure they have a change of clothes that fit them that is appropriate for the season.
- **As you do your spring cleaning at home keep us in mind!** We need boys' and girls' underwear and pants in size 3 to 7, paint brushes, tents, and other real tools you use around the house. We welcome toys, books and puzzles, no violence, no commercial characters or flashing lights.
- Only and Plus schedules can drop off as early as 8:30 AM without an additional charge, full day as early as 7:00 AM.
- **NO DOUBLE PARKING!** Please wait on the hill until the parking spot is open during drop and pick up hours 7:00-9:30 and 3:00 to 5:30. We do allow parents to double park for school events. If you double park be prepared to leave first. You can also park a street over on 137th, we do not recommend parking on Avondale.

SPRING BREAK

April 6-10 SPRING BREAK *Childcare for full day families only, No CLASS for ONLY and PLUS students. To add days or time, contact the office to arrange it. We trade days for LWSD.*

REPTILE VISIT

Ms. Katy from Sunshiners will be bringing her reptile collection to school to visit all the classrooms on Tuesday, April 14th, followed by lots of supervised hand washing.



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