



Shaw Island School District 10

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Dear Shaw Community,

Another school year is coming to a close, and I suspect that all of us are looking forward to a wonderful summer season. Our students are grateful to have the state testing behind them and are looking forward to some wonderful field trips off and on island. We are all looking forward to our Spring Concert on June 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the school. We hope you will join us for a wonderful song-filled celebration!

Although, the state legislature definitely did not prioritize educational needs in this past legislative session, Shaw Island was able to get a little more money in regionalization . . . up from 12% to 18%. This is the money the legislature sets for districts in higher cost of living areas to be able to attract and retain teachers. Every little bit helps, and we are grateful.

We are excited to announce that starting this fall, we will be creating a Transition to Kindergarten program at Shaw School. This means that any child who is 4 years old by August 31st will be able to go to school in a pre-kindergarten program. Our "TK" students will be in the same class as our other primary students and will experience a modified kindergarten curriculum and the full kindergarten curriculum the following year. Of course, the joy of being a Shaw student is that our teachers will meet them educationally wherever they are!

We are also excited to tell you that both of our teachers, Ms. Abi Ellingson and Ms. Diane Clifton, and myself will be returning next year in our current roles. Even though this school year has not ended, our staff is busy making plans for next year! We will keep you posted.

A couple of weeks ago we were happy to share all of the updates on teacher housing with the community. It was a good turnout and a productive time for all in attendance. If you haven't done so, please check out the PowerPoint from that meeting and the conceptual plans on our district website (<https://www.shawislandschool.org/>). The Teacher Finance Housing Committee will continue to meet to determine how we might find local donors to help us continue the quest that ensures we have great teachers who have a place to live on Shaw Island!

It looks like we are well into a wonderful summer time! I wish each of you the warmth of our summer days and the wonderful memories that they will make.

Best Wishes,

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