



Shaw Island School District 10

Dear Shaw Community,

What a busy time we have had at Shaw School. The state mandated that in the fall the students be tested on last year's skills, and we have recently received the scores. Once again, our students are at grade level or above grade level in all areas! Despite the difficulties of the pandemic, all students continued to make great progress on their educational endeavors. This is a huge testimony to our wonderful teachers and the amazing support of our families. We are so proud of our students' accomplishments!

COVID continues to shadow our lives at the school. We have been fortunate to report that we have had no cases amongst students or staff, and we test whenever anyone feels the need. We will continue to abide by the state mandates and think that soon some of the restrictions will be eased. We will wait and see. In the meantime, glad we are all keeping safe!

Shaw School has set two goals: to improve communication with families and the community and to enhance student learning opportunities through nature and the arts. To date we have made great progress on both accounts. Families report satisfaction on the communication efforts, and teachers report creating more opportunities for student outdoor learning, prior to the winter cold and needing to curtail some guest teachers due to COVID rules. We are hopeful that as things open up more and the weather warms, we can have more guest teachers and increased outdoor learning time!!!

Although so much is going well with the school, we do, however, have some major challenges. Without adequate teacher housing options, we will be hard pressed to keep our amazing staff . . . and without teachers there can be NO Shaw School. The District does own just over two acres off Blind Bay Road and has saved money in their reserve account for that purpose . . . but it will not be nearly enough. We desperately need community help to ensure that working teachers have a place to live. We have started seriously investigating what it will take to create teacher housing and will be looking toward our wonderful community to help provide additional support. Stay tuned as we hope to ensure the functioning of our school for many years to come.

As the weather starts to slowly warm up, I wish for each of you the coming of a delightful spring time.

Be safe and well,


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