



Shaw Island School District 10

October 2023

Dear Shaw Community,

We have had another auspicious start to our school year. We were able to begin our Transition to Kindergarten program and welcomed our first 4-year-old student. Due to a lack of pre-school availability for Shaw residents, students who turn four before the end of August will now, for the very first time, be able to attend the Shaw School. Our first (TK) student is doing marvelously and fits right in with the older kiddos! If you know of children who will be 4 before next August, please share the news of our TK program or ask them to contact the school. We would love to have them here!!

Besides welcoming our youngest student, this school year will be bittersweet as we watch four of our eighth graders complete their last year with us. It is hard to believe how fast this time has gone by for them and for us. All of our students started off the school year with a field trip to Canoe Island, and our upper grade students will complete their year with a field trip to Washington, DC, in May. It should be a wonderful educational experience for all of them!

Once again, we have received news from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, that all of our students who took the state proficiency exams scored the highest scores possible! Our students' intellectual prowess is a wonderful testament not only to these bright students, but to their amazing teachers and the wonderful families from which they come. We continue to be incredibly proud of all of their achievements.

We have been lucky to receive some state grant money to be able to replace the failed heating system in the upper grade classroom. I will also be applying for other grants to replace our aged playground structure, as well as some grants to fix assorted older school systems and painting needs. Each successful grant helps us to keep our historic building in top shape while protecting our limited and fixed budget so that our money can go to supporting our students' educational needs. Wish us luck!!!

We all wish there were grants available for teacher housing, but unfortunately, such grants do not exist. That is why we need your continued support! To date, we have received over \$200,000 in pledges and actual money. We need so much more! If you can help, please feel free to contact any member of our Teacher Housing Finance Committee (Willy Borner, Jennifer Swanson, Carol Criss or Kari McVeigh). We would be happy to answer your questions and share our plans!

Fall is here with the changing of the leaves and our much-needed rain. I hope each of you is able to slow down and enjoy the changing of the seasons. We look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Program in December!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kari".

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