



Shaw Island School District 10

May 2024

Dear Shaw Island Community,

I can't believe it is already May! The flowers are really starting to bloom, the weather is warming up and our upper grade students are getting ready to go on their big Washington, D.C., field trip (they leave on May 11th and return on May 18th)! They are soooo excited, as are we. When they return, they wish to share with our whole Shaw Island Community what they have learned on this trip about our nation's history as well as what they learned about themselves as entrepreneurs to raise money to be able to go. If you can, they would love for you to attend the Upper Grades Open House at 4:00 p.m. on June 5th to hear all about their amazing time.

Not to be outdone, our youngers will have a wonderful time during their upper grade classmates' leave by taking time outdoors for nature journaling, a day of poetry with a visiting poet, studying the Gary Oaks and setting up an incubator to hatch baby chicks. The end of the week (Friday) will have our youngers hosting new Transition to Kindergartners and Kindergarten students for next year with "Spring into TK & Kindergarten" from 1:00 – 3:00p.m. for an afternoon of music, singing, dance, stories, art and more. I feel confident it will be a great week for all Shaw Island School students!

With such a learning packed year, our students and teachers are looking forward to a fun and relaxing summer! Not before, however, we say good-bye to Clara Borner, Maren Ellingson, Jasper Mahn and Ayla Weese-Burkhardt, our amazing 8th graders, who will leave us for their glory years called High School! We will also be saying good-bye to our amazing upper grade teacher, Abi Ellingson, who will be going off to her next great teaching adventure. She will be terribly missed, and we wish her and all of our non-returning students the best. Our school year will culminate with the end-of-the-year Spring Concert and Program! We hope you will be able to join us!

Our effort to build two units of teacher housing has been moving along with amazing speed. The permit process has progressed such that our Board will vote soon to go out for a construction bid for the project. Our architects and project manager are currently working on those requirements. We have the permit to build the initial driveway access, and the Board has approved a well to be drilled. In the not-too-distant future, we will be breaking ground! None of this could have happened without the Shaw Island Community's generous support. To date we have raised over \$900,000 and we are so close to our final goal of \$1.2 million. We have a Shaw Island second home owner challenging other second home owners to a \$25,000.00 match! We are almost to the finish line . . . but we still need your help! Donate, if you can, to this amazing project which answers such an important need! To donate or pledge you can visit our website (www.shawislandschool.org), mail a check to our P.O. Box listed below, or contact Deanna Shannon at 360-468-2570 or dshannon@shaw.k12.wa.us. We are also registered with Schwab Charitable.

As the summer approaches, I wish you all a most glorious season!

Best Wishes,

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