



## Shoreline Family Month In Preview October 2025

### Important School Information

- Shoreline Schedule: 8:35-3:45 Monday-Thursday, 8:35-2:25 Friday
- Shoreline Office: 231-893-1050, hours: M-Th 8:00-4:00. F 8:00-3:00
  - Shoreline is peanut/tree-nut free. [Snack and Lunch Ideas](#)
- Transportation Department: 231-893-1060, ext. 7003
- *Changes in end-of-day transportation must be called in by 2:30 Monday-Thursday and 1:45 on Fridays to ensure that the teacher gets the message.*
- [Parent Resources](#)

### Month at a Glance

Date	Event
September 29	Homecoming Week- <b>wear Shoreline gear</b> or anything red, white and/or black
30	Homecoming Week- <b>wear crazy socks</b>
Sep 29-Oct 10	NWEA Testing Window
October 1	-Homecoming Week- <b>wear mismatched clothes</b> -Play It Safe Lessons-Snowplow Safety by Muskegon Road Commission -Count Day -Van Amberg to Scholl Farms -3:45 Girl Scouts
2	Homecoming Week- <b>wear PJs</b>
3	-Homecoming Week- <b>wear Viking gear</b> of anything red, white and/or black -Peer to Peer trip to Snug Harbor
6	Bond to School Farms
8	Kraai to Scholl Farms
9	Dittberner to Scholl Farms
10	PTO Meeting: 9:15 at Ealy Elementary
15	3:45 Girl Scouts

16	Beda, Craner, Lakos-Rice to Sandcastle Children's Museum
17-20	No School-Fall Break
20	6:30 Board of Ed Meeting at the VAC
21-24	Book Fair
21 & 23	4-7pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
22	Safe Touch Classes ( <a href="#">Information about the classes</a> )
24	6-8 Trunk or Treat at the High School
29	3:45 Girl Scouts
30	PTO Popcorn Day
31	PBIS Celebrations, Fall Celebrations for Halloween
November 4	Election Day

### **Welcome to our New Staff Members**

- Mrs. Nicholson - Reading & Math Interventionist
- Mrs. Puflett- Secretary

### **What is the Bond Election for?**

On November 4, Whitehall voters will consider a [bond proposal](#) that would help address critical needs across Whitehall District Schools. This proposal is focused on the district's most pressing priorities, including improvements to classroom learning environments, enhanced security, and essential updates to our building infrastructure.

If approved, it is estimated that the 2026 debt millage levied would return to 5.0 mills, the same level last levied in 2024.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Whitehall District Schools! If you have questions regarding the 2025 bond proposal, please direct them to our Superintendent, CJ Van Wieren at [cjvanwieren@whitehallschools.net](mailto:cjvanwieren@whitehallschools.net)

### **District Focus on Attendance -Big Sick versus Little Sick**

We are looking forward to a great school year, with students in classes and ready to learn every day.

**Our District Attendance Target: 8 or fewer absences in a year.**

**Big Sick:** vomit, diarrhea, fever, or sore throat. If your child has a fever of 100.0 or greater, they should be kept home until fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Your child must also be kept home until they are diarrhea/vomit-free without medication for 24 hours.

**Little Sick:** fever 99.9 and below, and none of the above. For example, they may have a runny nose, but have no fever and are running around in the backyard.

## **Title 1 Links**

Thanks to all of the families who took 5 minutes from Fruit with Families to listen to me speak about Title 1 funding. It is required that I share the information with families, and it funds many of our family activities (like Fruit with Family!). Here are the links from the presentation:

- [Shoreline & Ealy Title 1 Parent Presentations](#)
- [WDS Title 1 Policy](#)
- [Shoreline & Ealy Tile 1 Policy](#)
- [Parent-School Compact](#)
- Please [provide your input](#) about how we could better utilize our Title 1 funds.

## **Drop-Off and Pick-up Update-Thank you!!**

Thank you so much for following our drop-off and pick-up procedures!

- Pull all the way up to the end of the sidewalk. Once the cars are unloaded, we will wave the whole line forward. [Here is a map](#) of the bus line-up and carline.
- Front doors close at 8:40. If you are in line at that time we will hustle your kiddos in, but after that, please come up to the window to sign them in.
- It is so great to see more families riding their bikes to and from school! Please walk your bike on the sidewalks, since we have so many little people milling about during those times.

## **What are we Learning in Math?**

IM 360 is all about giving students a full-circle learning experience. It's hands-on, creative, and designed to get kids thinking in new and exciting ways. Through projects, teamwork, and problem-solving, students get to make connections across subjects and see how their learning fits into the bigger picture.

Most of all, IM 360 encourages curiosity and confidence. Kids aren't just memorizing facts—they're exploring, experimenting, and discovering how to apply what they learn in real life. It's about helping them grow into creative thinkers who are ready for whatever challenges come their way.

## **Spotlight on EL Ed: How We Grow Readers in K-2**

At our school, we use the EL Education English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum to help students build strong speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. EL Ed is grounded in the Science of Reading and contains two essential areas of literacy: foundational skills and knowledge-building.

**Skills Block** - A hands-on, structured time where students build the foundational skills they need to become confident readers and writers. During whole group lessons and small group follow-up, they practice phonics, spelling, handwriting, and decoding strategies through joyful routines that help make learning stick.

**Knowledge Block** - A time to dive into rich, knowledge-building units centered on meaningful topics. Students build vocabulary, strengthen listening and speaking skills, and develop comprehension as they read, write, think, and talk together about big ideas.

Together, these two blocks ensure that children are not only learning how to read but also growing in what they know and understand. By weaving skills and knowledge, EL Ed helps students become curious, capable, and joyful lifelong learners.



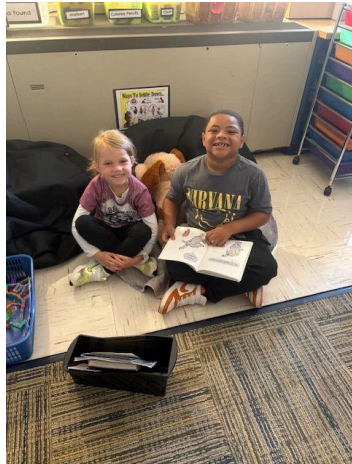
## Meet Mrs. Ambrose-our "new" PE Teacher

We are so excited to welcome Mrs. Ambrose as our PE Teacher! She may be new to the role, but she is not new to us-she has taught Kindergarten and 2nd grade at Shoreline for years! [Read her welcome letter here!](#)

## What is Integrated Arts?

Mrs. Varso-Stevens is very passionate about her Integrated Arts class because she created the whole curriculum! [Read her Vision Letter here.](#)

## Catching Kindness



## Breakfast & Lunch Menus

[Use this link](#) to access each week's breakfast and lunch options. Everyone at WDS gets free breakfast and lunch!

## Join the PTO

Calling all parents and family members! We would love to have you join the Shoreline/Ealy PTO. Our goal is to provide fun activities for our students and to offer support to our hard-working teachers. Please consider joining us at our

- Next Meeting: *October 10th at 9:15 in the Ealy Conference Room*
- Facebook: Shoreline/Ealy PTO
- Email: [ShorelineEalyPTO@gmail.com](mailto:ShorelineEalyPTO@gmail.com)

Families can sign up for PTO email announcements if they aren't on Facebook



- Shoreline & Ealy are both [Box Tops schools](#)! The money our schools raise through Box Tops is used by our PT0 to supplement the various activities and events we host throughout the year! Download the app to start supporting our PT0 through Box Tops!

### Notes from the Office

- We wish Mrs. Mann all the best as she embarks on her dream job. We will miss her very much!
- Mrs. Napier is now the Administrative Assistant

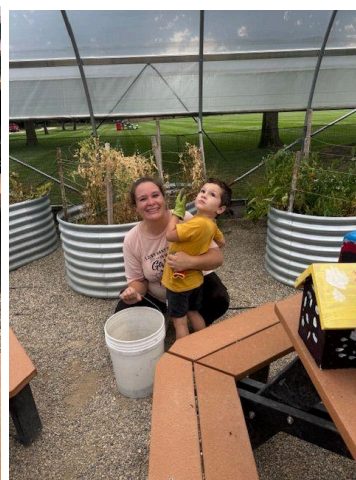
### Handbook Highlight

Every month, I am going to highlight part of our handbook. October's topic will be:

- Visiting the Building: Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit our building during the school day. When you visit, please check in at the office before proceeding to any classroom. For our students' safety, adult visitors to the building are required to complete the volunteer clearance form, receive authorization from the office to visit any classes and/or be in the building. Advanced notice would allow us to prepare for the visit.
- Inclement Weather: In the case of hazardous winter weather conditions, a decision will be made by the central office administration whether school will be held that day. Radio and television stations will be notified immediately to broadcast school closing. Parents who are listed in the students powerschool contact information will be notified through the district robocall system.

### Grapes in the Garden

Thank you to the students and family members who helped to harvest our grapes and weed our garden (especially the Girl Scouts)!

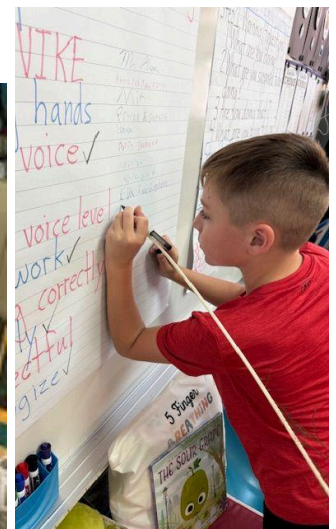
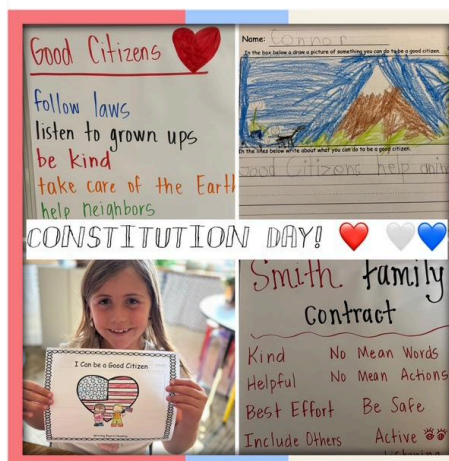






## Constitution Day

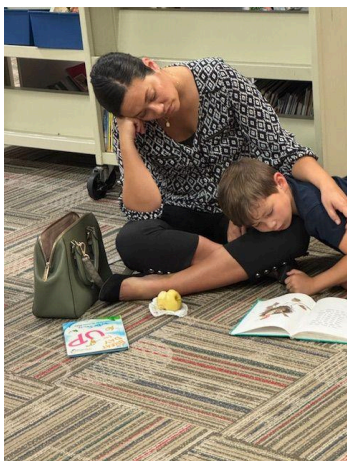
Constitution Day, observed annually on September 17th, is a U.S. federal observance that commemorates the signing of the Constitution in 1787 and promotes citizenship and knowledge of the Constitution. Publicly funded educational institutions and federal agencies are required to provide educational programs for students on this day, often involving activities like readings, discussions, and educational workshops to increase awareness of the U.S. Constitution.





## Fruit with Families

Thank you to everyone who made our first Fruit with Families a success! We have a goal to get families back into the school and this was our first event. If you could not make it, do not worry! We will be having additional opportunities throughout the year-some will be during school and some will be after school. We want to accommodate all of the different schedules that families have. Our Media Specialist, Mrs. Mason, planned the event!



## What Does it Mean to be a VIKE?

Shoreline and Ealy staff believe all students can achieve. We are committed to providing a safe, bullying-free environment. Our students will focus on VIKES expectations:

V - Value self and others

I- Integrity-doing what's right when no one is watching

K - Kindness

E- Effort-always doing your best

S- Self-Control

Go, Vikes!!!