



WELCOME to Shoreline Elementary 2025-26

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THE PROGRAMS

GSRP

- Turn 4 before December 1
- Turn 5 between September 2- December 1
- Monday-Thursday, full-day & half-day
- Breakfast, lunch, snack

Young 5

- Turn 5 between September 2-December 1
- Little to no preK experience
- Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30
- WDS Transportation
- Food Service

Kindergarten

- Must turn 5 on or before September 1
- Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30
- WDS Transportation
- Food Service

Lighthouse

- Monday-Friday, 6:30-8:30a & 3:00-6:00p
- After School Snack
- Transportation to and from school
- Tuition-Based
- No Drop-Off Care, must pre-register



WHAT IS GSRP?

Great Start Readiness Program is a state-funded, *free* program for students who turn 4 on or before September 1st, or turn 5 between 9/2-12/1.

- Qualifying Factors
- Class Size: 16 children with 2 teachers
- When does it meet?
 - Monday-Thursday
 - WLACE & Discovery School run full-day GSRP from 8:30-3:30
 - Buttons & Bows run a half-day GSRP in the mornings
- WLACE Preschool Registration is March 26th & 27th, call our office to schedule your appointment, (231) 893-1091, on-the-spot tonight at the GSRP table



WHAT DOES A DAY IN GSRP LOOK LIKE?

- 7 hour day, 4 days a week
- A minimum of 1 hour outdoors
- A combination of large and small group instruction
- Child-led activities
- 2 hours of free play
- 45 minutes of rest in the afternoon (children are not required to sleep)
- Breakfast, lunch and snack provided daily
- Follows the Connect 4 Learning or Montessori Curriculum
 - Interdisciplinary approach across 4 domains (Math, Science, Social Emotional, and Literacy)

MONTESSORI GSRP

- In addition to the previous GSRP information, the WLACE Montessori classroom will:
 - Utilize the Montessori philosophy and materials
 - Provide an environment that calls to the developmental level of each child through hands-on, concrete before abstract lessons
 - Provide a peaceful, respectful environment
 - Educate the whole child to reach their full potential
 - Provide five areas of activity: Practical Life ("CCIO") and Art, Sensorial, Math, Language, Cultural (Science and Geography)

Young 5 & Kindergarten



SHORELINE BELIEFS



- Young children learn best through hands-on, child-led play.
- Every child learns at their own rate and in different ways.
- Ready for school means that we are ready for your child. All they have to do to be ready is have the right birthday.
- No one knows what your child needs to succeed better than you -we need you!

THE Y5/K STAFF

- Ms. Whaley-Principal
- Mrs. Napier & Mrs. Mann-Office Staff
- Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Pate-Young 5 Teachers
- Ms. Beda, Mrs. Craner, Ms. DeJohn, Mrs. Lakos-Rice, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Sigmon, Ms. VanArkel –Kindergarten Staff
- Mrs. Morningstar, Mrs. VandenBosch & Mrs. Varso-Stevens-Specials Staff
- Mrs. Carey & Mrs. Przeworski-Resource Room Staff
- Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Ritzema -OT Staff
- Mrs. Baker - School Psychologist
- Mrs. Kreisel, Ms. MacArthur- School Social Workers
- Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Gonder–Speech Pathologists
- Mrs. Becklin-School Counselor

ELIGIBILITY FOR Y5 & K



- Must be 5 before September 1st
- Must be toilet trained
- Kids on the age waiver (birthday between 9/2-12/1) have first priority for Y5

WHAT IS YOUNG 5's?

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Pate teach Young 5's which is a pre-kindergarten experience for kids who are young for their grade, have limited experience in groups, and could benefit from a year before Kindergarten

- Students must be 5 on or before December 1 . Students who turn 5 between September 2 and December 1 can attend on an age waiver.
- Class Size- 16:1 ratio
- Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:35, at Shoreline, follows WDS calendar
- WDS Transportation and Food Service
- Outcomes: mid-year K outcomes are end-of-year Y5 outcomes
- Play-based academic emphasis



WHAT DOES A DAY IN YOUNG 5 LOOK LIKE?

8:45-9:15 Opening, breakfast, Learning Stations

9:15-9:45 Morning Meeting, Question of the Day, Phonemic Awareness, Nursery Rhyme,

9:45-10:00 Recess

10:00-10:30 Letters and Language, Handwriting, Story

10:30-10:45 Recess/Lunch Prep

10:45-11:30 Recess/Lunch

11:30-12:00 Quiet Time

12:00-12:30 Second Step SEL with the counselor

12:30-1:00 Writing

1:00-1:30 Math

1:30-1:45 Snack

1:45-2:00 Shared Reading/Focus Time

2:00-2:45 Purposeful Play in the Reef

2:45-3:00 Recess

3:00-3:20 Pack Up/Dismissal



HOW ARE Y5 & K DIFFERENT?

- Y5 pace allows for more brain development time
- Purposeful Play daily allows time for discovery, small group interaction, social skills practice and teacher-supported exploration
- The teacher to student ratio is smaller in Y5
- Y5 provides a transitional year to allow additional development time around language, motor skills, social-emotional learning, and academics
- Three recesses allow for increased gross motor and social practice
- Specific SEL curriculum taught daily from the social worker
- Overall, a more hands-on approach to learning.

WHAT DOES A DAY IN KINDERGARTEN LOOK LIKE?

- Breakfast and welcome work
- Morning Meeting
- 90 Minute Literacy Block (reading, writing, listening & speaking)
- 30 Minute Intervention Block
- Lunch/Recess
- Quiet Time
- 80 Minute Math Block
- Science/Social Studies
- Specials: PE, Art, and Integrated Arts
- Purposeful Play/2nd Recess
- Closing Circle

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

We welcome parents into the classroom!

- Volunteering time at school or at home
- Field trips
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Special events & classroom parties
- Join the Shoreline/Ealy PTO
- This summer:
 - Independence: dressing, zipping, shoes on, clearing the table, getting out of the car
 - Fine Motor: scissors, play dough, tweezers, droppers, tongs, chalk, drawing, coloring
 - Reading: read to them, summer reading at the library, tell stories and ask questions
 - Math: play games (Hi Ho Cherrio, Candyland, War, Uno), count the things you see, set the table



ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION

- Enrollment packets are available:
 - tonight
 - Shoreline Office
 - Print it
 - WDS website: whitehallschools.net
 - Schools
 - Shoreline

The screenshot shows the website for Whitehall District Schools, specifically the Shoreline Elementary page. The header includes the school logo and navigation links. The main content area features a photo of the school building, followed by sections for the Shoreline Schedule, Upcoming Events, and contact information for the principal and administrative staff. A blue hand-drawn circle highlights the contact information for Tanya Napier, the School Secretary.

WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

STAFF DIRECTORY | STAFF RESOURCES | PARENT/STUDENT RESOURCES

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Shoreline Elementary

- About Shoreline Elementary
- Calendar
- Information for Parents
- Lunch Menu
- News
- Staff Directory
- Annual Education Report
- Summer School

Shoreline Schedule:

Monday through Thursday: 8:35 am - 3:45 pm
Friday: 8:35 am - 2:25 pm

Front doors open at 8:30 am

Reminder! Shoreline is a PEANUT-TREE NUT FREE ZONE
[Approved Snack List](#)

[24/25 District Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events:

- February 17th-21st: Mid-Winter Break - No School
- March 19th: [Y5/Kindergarten Parent Info Night](#)
- April 4th-11th: Spring Break - No School
- May 24th-26th: Memorial Day Break - No School
- June 6th: Last Day of School

If you have a child who will be turning 5 on or before Dec. 1st, please join us for Y5/Kindergarten Parent Information Night on March 19, 2025. Join us in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:30pm. [See flyer for more info.](#) Enrollment packets can be [accessed here](#), or picked up at the Shoreline office.

Contact Us

Shoreline Elementary
205 E. Market Street
Whitehall, MI 49461

Office: 231-893-1050
Fax: 231-893-4705
Office Hrs: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-Th
8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Fri

Beth Whaley
Principal
[231-893-1050](tel:231-893-1050), ext. 6001

Katie Mann
Administrative Assistant
[231-893-1050](tel:231-893-1050), ext. 6003

Tanya Napier
School Secretary
[231-893-1050](tel:231-893-1050), ext. 6007

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION

- Current Young 5 students are automatically enrolled in Kindergarten
- *Current PreK students must register.* It is not an automatic process.
- After you are enrolled, you will receive a letter from your child's teacher in August, welcoming them to an open house.
- All registration paperwork must be completed to confirm your child's class placement.
- The School of Choice window is open from May 1st-30th. Contact Kirsten Bolles (893-1003).



Required Paperwork

- Enrollment Packet
- Birth certificate
- Immunizations
- Proof of Residency: utility bill, mortgage statement; if you are living with someone there is a simple form to complete
- Green medical form
 - Vision & Hearing will come to school in the fall
 - Mobile Dentist





Whitehall District Schools
**2025 Operating Millage
Quick Facts**

VOTE Tuesday, May 6, 2025
On or Before

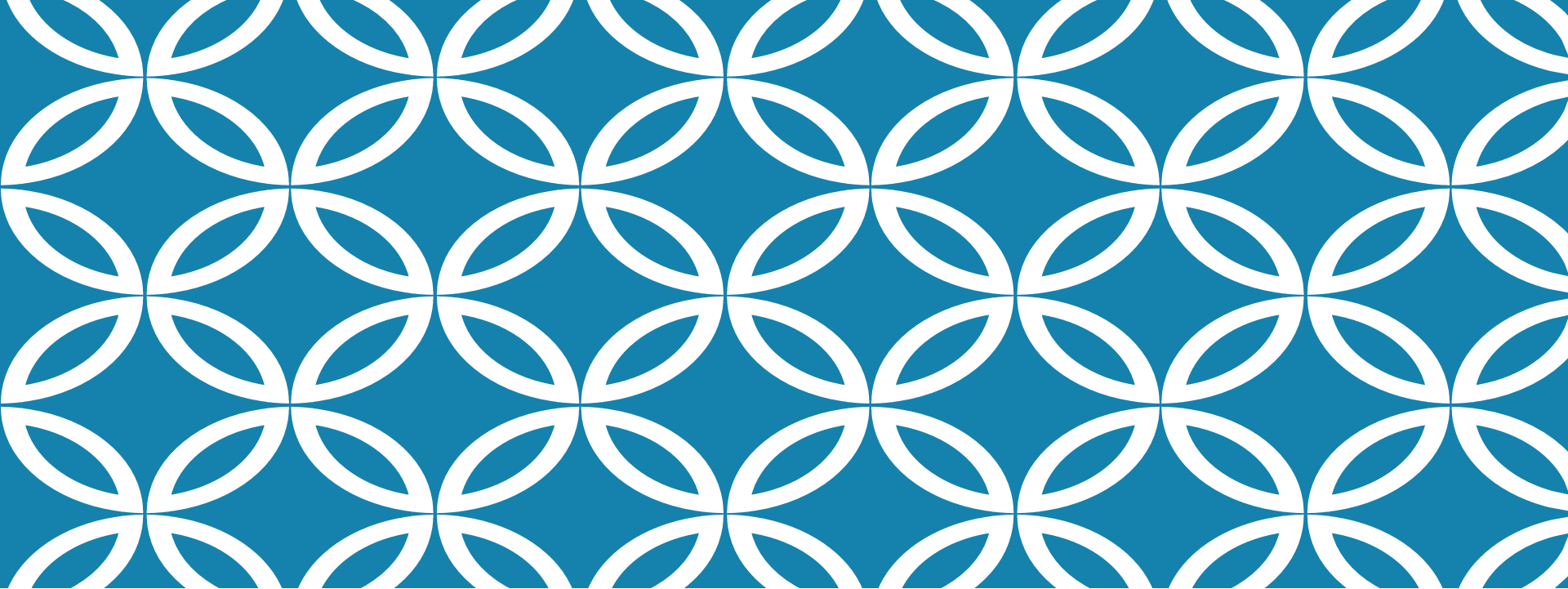
- 1** A homeowner's primary residence is exempt from this millage.
- 2** The Operational Millage brings over \$4 million into our General Fund budget; that is over 13% of the total district's budget.
- 3** Without this funding, the district would sink to one of the lowest per-pupil general fund revenues in Michigan.
- 4** The Operational Millage is part of the General Fund, which is used for **daily operations**. This money pays for staff, utility bills, classroom supplies, busing, etc.
- 5** This is **NOT A BOND** proposal. This millage would not fund any school construction, renovations, or turf field projects.
- 6** If the Operational Millage Renewal does not pass, the district would need to cut over \$4 million from the budget. A 13% cut in daily expenses would likely result in reductions in almost all programs and staffing areas.

Visit Tonight

- Peek in the Y5/K Classrooms
- Food Service
- Transportation
- Lighthouse Childcare & WLACE Full-Day GSRP & HeadStart
- Drop paperwork or pick-up an enrollment packet with Mrs. Napier & Mrs. Mann



[Y5/K Bus Request](#)



THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN
THE FALL!

