



Voice of the Vikings



Shaw Middle School

June 2022

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that the school year is over. The hard work of staff and students has led to a great year for Shaw. Simply put, more students are showing more social and academic growth than ever before. By working hard, our students have developed a sense of who they are as learners. In this issue of the Viking, staff will highlight the data we are celebrating as we bring closure to the 2021-22 school year.

In addition to our celebration this spring, we will turn around and celebrate the addition of 6th graders in the fall. Both 6th and 7th grade classes will be new additions to our school. I am excited to see how our 8th graders will support and lead their younger peers.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Viking parent group, please respond by contacting the Shaw office at 354-5800. Highly successful middle schools have active parent groups supporting the work. I look forward to working with our parent group.

Thanks for sending us your wonderful students. It is always bitter-sweet promoting our 8th graders to high school. Over two school years, we become quite attached to them. We look forward to hearing about their successes in high school.



Shaw's Pacific Islander Club started this Spring.



Shaw students attending Hamilton compliments of TRiO. More information about TRiO on page 4



Inside this issue

Article Page

- New Shaw Staff 2
- Team News

- Hillyard Campus 3
- Shaw VIP
- Academic Celebrations 4
- TriO Talent Search
- 2022-23 Sports

- Students of the Month 5
- Evening of Excellence

- Dreamworks Animation Exhibit 6

The mission of Shaw Middle School is to prepare all students academically and socially for High School and beyond.

Welcoming New Staff to Shaw

We are very excited to welcome our new incoming 6th-grade students to Shaw Middle School next year. Our 6th grade students made their second visit to Shaw the first week of June to learn about expectations, have their questions answered, and view a schedule prior to next year. We sent home information regarding our Summer School Program and information about viewing our website for the Back to School Event in August. All students will be provided a binder and planner at this event, so families will only need to purchase the special pencils and pens that student like to have in their binders for the year. We will be sending a family reminder via text and email closer to the August event. We will have two 6th-grade neighborhoods, two 7th-grade neighborhoods, and two 8th-grade neighborhoods. Within the neighborhoods, the team of teachers (English, math, science, and social studies) will be sharing and building relationships with their students.

For our 6th-grade teams next year, we would like to welcome the following teachers: Madeline Ellert, Ian Jacobsen, Doug Joslyn, Lindsay Leonetti, Marks Olson, Sandra Rendle, Arlington Richards, and Melissa Small. With the addition of our 6th-grade teams, our beautiful new school will be complete. We are eager to begin the year with our 6th-grade students.

We would like to welcome other new staff to Shaw Middle School: Charles Green-music teacher, Shane Daniels- Special Education teacher, and Haikoush Rainey-Special Education teacher.

It truly is a GREAT year to be a VIKING!

welcome

Team APEx News

Thank you to APEx students for a great 7th grade year. We can't wait to see you back as leaders for 2022-2023!

Congratulations to our academic students of the year.

Math=Olivia Fielding and Jenny Ngo

Science=Sophia Booker and Sophia Martynenko

ELA=Kai Kuehl and Elizabeth Shvachev

History=Alyia Hill-Hayward and Mazin Saleh

After School=Ian Russell and Amelia Olsen



Also congratulations to the students who received peer recognition awards for helpfulness, kindness, and friendship to their classmates.

Team Drive News

Our ABLE team is having a busy and exciting Spring. Four of our students are preparing to promote from Middle School and embark on their high school careers. While we will miss them, JD and Marks have been collaborating with their future teachers to ensure a smooth transition to the next chapter in their lives. Three of our students will be attending an SPS high school and one will be relocating to embark on their high school journey.

As we approach the end of the school year, we are preparing for the big changes in store for our ABLE team. After years of working together, JD McCullough and Marks Olson will be parting ways. The Shaw ABLE program will go from two classrooms down to just one. Fortunately for us, Marks will be relocating to just across the hall from us to become a 6th grade science teacher. We will miss his presence on our team however we are comforted in knowing that we won't need to go far for a visit and to share a laugh.

We wish you all a safe, restful, and fabulous Summer!



Hillyard Community Campus T- Shirt Design Contest

Congratulations again to our Hillyard Community Campus T-shirt design student contestants and winners! Winners received free hoodies with their designs. It is fun to see these shirts out in the wild (on the street) and on the staff at our Community Center. Our newly established campus includes Regal Elementary, New Tech, On Track Academy, Shaw Middle School and the Northeast Community Center home of WIC, SNAP, ECEAP, Headstart, Hillyard Senior Center, The ZoNE, and UNIFY health, dental, and pharmacy. People were excited to receive these locally designed and printed shirts at our Farmer's Market Kickoff Party as raffle prizes. Special thanks to Mr.T-B for encouraging students to participate, Mrs. Melanee for coordinating t-shirt sizes and judges, and the Northeast Community Center for inspiration and support. With the generosity of our sponsors, **The Franz Bakery Foundation** and **CASA Partners**, we were able to provide every student a free shirt. All screen printing done by **Greenburo** Printing, 5220 N. Market Street. If you ever have embroidery/ screen printing needs, please support Greenburo.



The Hillyard Campus is a community we share together, and designing shirts is only just the beginning of what we can do by working together. Do you have ideas for our campus to work together on? Email Lshaw@necommunitycenter.com to share your ideas.

Shaw VIP News

Over the course of the 2021-2022 school year your Shaw students established a dream of what they want their life to look like. They developed plans to ensure that dream unfolds for them and set and worked towards goals to help make their dream and plan a reality. Along the way they have been fiercely supported by a team of teachers and other school staff to help them succeed. The results have been tremendous. Requests for intervention were less than half of what they were for the 2019-2020 school year (the last full school year). Twenty-three of our 8th graders earned Double Platinum VIP status. This means they hit every academic and behavioral bench mark asked of them every quarter of their entire Shaw career. These students were celebrated at our Evening of Excellence which featured community members, the high school principals of their next schools, and Shaw staff who spoke about each student. During the last week of school Shaw will reward two hundred and ninety students who earned VIP status with a field day for all of our VIPs, a trip to Riverfront Park for our Silver and Gold VIPs, and a trip to Silverwood for our Platinum VIPs. Great job Vikings!

Shaw Families,

We are a proud Title I School. This is a federal designation that provides our school additional resources to improve student learning. We use our Title I funds to hire additional instructional staff, provide professional development opportunities for staff, purchase additional instructional materials, and engage the family community in events. We will be planning virtual family events and hopefully in-person in the future. Please view our Shaw website for more information.

At Shaw, we invite you to continue to find ways to partner with us in your student's education. One way to partner with us was to provide input on our Title I Parent Engagement Plan, our Title I Compact, and our School Improvement Plan which were emailed out to families and placed on the Shaw website home page. We appreciated your feedback. Currently, the revised documents are available on the website. Thank you, families, for supporting your students at Shaw Middle School.

Academic Celebrations

The Shaw mission is to prepare all Shaw students for academic and social successes in high school and beyond. This year our students have shown they are taking big steps in that direction with their academic achievements. Each of our academic departments and each team sets a goal, monitoring and supporting students so they can progress in their learning.

The Lexia and MATHia software programs have been used this year to give students additional support in their English and math classes. Lexia supplements classroom instruction in the development of literacy knowledge and skills, focusing on reading comprehension, word study, and grammar. MATHia units are aligned to the district curriculum with workspaces that build conceptual understanding or that allow students to demonstrate concept mastery.

Our English department has set Lexia goals for students completing units each quarter. Our general education, special education, and ELD students have all demonstrated gains in literacy proficiency as they have engaged with the Lexia program throughout the year. Shaw students' greatest progress was in the areas of word study and comprehension.

When the district publishes MATHia results, Shaw is always at or near the top. At the end of first semester, our students led all the middle schools in number of workspaces completed. An April competition had three of our math classes placing in the top ten of all middle school classes in the district. Research has found that students who complete 30 or more MATHia workspaces will be more successful in high school math courses, and current results indicate that most Shaw students are well beyond that important benchmark. The science and social studies departments have set goals that focus on students selecting evidence to support claims in their writing. Students are making gains in their ability to use this aspect of the writing process. Academics are supported by before- and after-school programming with more than 80% of Shaw students participating in these extended learning opportunities.

TRiO Talent Search

Hello Shaw! My name is Aubriann Hale, and I am the TRiO Academic Advisor for Shaw. TRiO is a new grant-funded partnership with starting at Shaw. I provide programming for students to help them succeed and to learn about what their interests are, and how we can help them uncover their post-high school dreams. We have already been having a lot of fun. Our most recent trip was to "Hamilton", we had a great time watching the play and having lunch in downtown. We have an event this summer for you to go to the Northwest Museum of Arts Center's "DreamWorks Animation". Other events coming in the future are visits to college campuses, businesses and other places with the idea that the more they see and interact, the better idea they will have of where they want to go! I also provide one on-one support as well as interesting and fun workshops. Make sure you apply as we are currently screening for participants. This program is for 6-12th graders, so we can really get to know you for the long haul and be a part of discovering your future, and it's all FREE for your student.

For more information, please click [here](#). Click here to [apply](#).

2022-2023 Sports Season

If your child is planning on participating in sports during the next school year, please remember that a sports physical is required. Physicals are valid for 2 years. If you need support with getting your student a physical, please contact the Shaw office, 354-5800.

First sports of the year will be: Cross Country, Softball, & Flag Football

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate in the admission, treatment, employment, or access to its programs or activities on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer and/or 504 Compliance Officer: 504 Compliance Officer: Melanie Smith, 509.354.7284; ADA Officer: Stephanie Busch, 509.354.5993; Affirmative Action Officer: Nancy Lopez-Williams, 509-354-5651; AHERA Officer: Robert Findley, 509.354.7143; ALE Officer: Heather Bybee, 509.354.7361; Certification Officer: Cindy Coleman, 509.354.7318; Claims Agent: Rebecca Doughty, 509.354.7298; Contract Officer: Cindy Coleman, 509.354.7318; Copyright Compliance Officer: Mark Martell, 509.354.7212; Equal Opportunity Officer: Nancy Lopez-Williams, 509-354-5651; Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer: Melanie Smith, 509.354.7284; Personnel Officer: Nancy Lopez-Williams, 509-354-5651; Public Records Officer: Terri LeFors, 509.354.7395; Safety/OSHA/WISHA Officer: Rebecca Doughty, 509.354.7298; Secretary, Board of Directors: Dr. Adam Swinyard, 509.354.7268

Congratulations to our April, May, & June students of the month!



Academic Tenacity

Caches Parrish, Chantal Kaluba, Miriam Mutono

Agency

Henry Jack, Jordyn Bridges, Taylor Bridges, Victoria Owen, Zahara Tadesse

Empathy

Alliance Uwajenezza, Amirah Jenkins, Carlos Alfaro, Colton Hanson, Maitolson Watak, Nevaiah Draper, Dam Dickinson, Tranquility Thomas,

Growth Mindset

Aiden Fisher, Caleb Johnston, Elijah Knox-Parker

Kindness

Alex Huzevatyi, Byron Sherman, Dickson Jabjulan, Ella Makarova, Hemilia Tom, Hemos Hemos, Jessica Dedkov, Josephine Gufsag, Kaidance Meeker, Rine Sam, Robert Timothy, Tarine Mijjena, Wyatt Apodaca, Zoey Anderson

Patience

Henry Jack, Sofia Covarrubias

Resilience

Ahmad Mahmoud, Aiden Fisher, Angel Varela Vazquez, Miriam Mutono

Self Direction

Manuel Sebastian Lorenzo, Noor Mamoori, Willow McCullum

Evening of Excellence

On June 9th, Shaw had the opportunity and privilege to celebrate our 8th grade 2-year Platinum VIP students. These students demonstrated grit and perseverance in their 2 years at Shaw by meeting academic & social goals each quarter. They earned Platinum VIP status 2 years in a row. We were pleased to host the principals of their high schools who welcomed these incoming students and provided them with some swag. Our keynote speaker was Chuck Teagarden, Executive Director of Communities in Schools. He provided some words of wisdom for these students as they embark on the next phase of their education in high school. We are thankful for partnerships like the one we have with Communities in Schools that supports Shaw students.

The following students were acknowledged by Shaw teachers and administration at this annual event.

Kane Ballman, Sarah Besmel, Eli Brown, Samuel Dickinson, Zane Flanagan, Jeremyah Garza, Alexander Hendrix, Jakota Johnson, Pricilla Littleton, Shaelin Locker, Franklin McWain, Tristan Miles, Riley Milsom, Samuel Otten, Amyahlynn Revais, Chazly Selah, Xavier Smith, Saige Stuart, Julie Tran, Tyler Veitz, Kristian Vrincean, Riley Wilson, Delilah Ying



TRIO
TALENT SEARCH

TRIP TO THE NORTHWEST MUSEUM OF
ARTS & CULTURE

DREAMWORKS ANIMATION: THE EXHIBITION—JOURNEY FROM SKETCH TO SCREEN

Appearing for the first time in the U.S., DreamWorks Animation: The Exhibition - Journey from Sketch to Screen features over 350 items including rare and never-seen-before concept drawings, original artifacts, interactives, film clips, and more!



Character Evolution

The evolution of DreamWorks most beloved characters, such as Shrek, Po from Kung Fu Panda and the gang from Madagascar.

Access to the DreamWorks archive, with over 80 exquisitely carved maquettes, original concept art and sketches, plus video interviews with illustrators, animators and production designers.



Story and World Creation

Story unpacks the story-making process at DreamWorks Animation, exploring how original inspiration transforms into a feature-length narrative.

World explores the collaborative work of directors, production designers and concept artists in creating fantastical, authentic and believable environments.



DRAWING ROOM

The Drawing Room, houses the immensely popular Animation Desk digital kiosks, allowing visitors to make their own hand-drawn, animated movie sequences on software developed by DreamWorks for its own animators.

SCAN HERE TO APPLY!



DREAMWORKS
ANIMATION SKG®