



THE SHOWALTER COMMUNICATOR

May 2, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Thank you to all our parents who were able to join us recently for Culture Fair. We had another great turnout this year and it was a true pleasure to see the hard work students put into their displays and hear from them as they shared aspects of their heritage. Thank you also for your participation at our recent Poetry Slam last Thursday night, April 27th.

State Testing:

This week, all 8th students will be taking the Measurement of Student Progress or “MSP” assessment in science. Testing for MSP will be on Thursday, May 4th. After MSP Testing, all students will be taking part in the Smarter Balance Assessment. This test, the SBA is given to students grades 6, 7 & 8 in the areas of literacy and mathematics. SBA testing will begin on Tuesday, May 9th and conclude on Tuesday, May 16th. Students will be testing in their language arts, math, social studies and science classrooms over the course of six testing days. It is important that students make every effort to come to school on those days. Please assist your student in doing their best by making sure they get a good night’s sleep, a full breakfast, and by making sure they get to school on time.

Student Led Conferences: Student-Led Conferences are coming up on May 24th and May 25th. Students and their advisors will soon begin the process of scheduling a conference time with you. Please make sure your student confirms the date and time of their conference with you.

A Message From Communities In Schools: Hello, my name is Maryan Abdow and I am the Site Coordinator with Communities In Schools of Renton at Showalter Middle School. I help students succeed academically. I provide support services and enrichment experiences to meet student’s academic and non-academic needs. CISR Site Coordinator services are free to students and their families at participating schools. CISR provides community resources and wrap around support to help students and their families succeed. My aim is to empower students to stay in school and achieve in life. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at [206.901.7838](tel:206.901.7838) Monday-Friday 7:30AM-4PM, email me at any time at Abdowm@tukwila.wednet.edu, or stop by at Room A225. Thank you!

- **College Bound Scholarship Reminder:** It is never too early to think about college for your student, even in middle school. The State of Washington has the College Bound Scholarship program available for students. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must:
 - Be currently enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade and apply by June 30th of their 8th grade year
 - Submit the college bound scholarship application
 - Graduate from a Washington high school or home school
 - Maintain a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 2.0
 - Be a good citizen and stay crime free
 - Apply for admission to an eligible college in Washington
 - Complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Meet the family income requirements at the time of graduation
- Be a resident of Washington

For more information contact our Career and College Specialist, Ms. Fichamba at 206-901-7822 or call 1-888-535-0747. To complete the application online please visit: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/PreparingForCollege/CollegeBound>

FLASH Unit: Science teachers and the health teacher will be teaching the FLASH (Family Life and Sexual Health) Unit as one of the topics in the health units. Letters are being sent home to parent with information about the curriculum. The materials are available to be previewed at school with our school nurse. If you are considering excusing your child from the unit, please call our school nurse to discuss it and if you decide not to have your child participate you can get the district's waiver form at that time as well.

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination is a college prep program that will be available to secondary students here in Tukwila. AVID is offered as an elective course that, like any other class meets regularly. Each weeks students receive two hours of instruction, two hours in tutor led study groups and one hour in motivational activities and academic survival skills, including critical reading and writing skills. AVID students are encouraged to take honors level classes in middle school and advanced placement courses in high school. AVID is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The mission of the program is to ensure that all students, and most especially the least served students in the middle, capable of completing a college path are given the opportunity to succeed in a rigorous curriculum, engage in mainstream activities of the school, increase their enrollment in four-year colleges and become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society. We are asking students to speak with a counselor if they would like to apply to this program.

The Tukwila School District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin (including language), religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), veteran or military status, non-program-related physical, sensory or mental disabilities, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, or in the recruitment and employment of personnel. The Tukwila School District provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Tukwila School District will also take steps to ensure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact the Student Services Department at 206-901-8025. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator located at 4640 South 144th Street, Tukwila, WA 98168: Richard Maloney, Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer (206.901.8005) and Joan Lawson, Section 504/ADA Coordinator (206.901.8035). Rev. 5/8/12