

TOPS news



good luck to the class of 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

TODAY, Friday June 16

Year-End Recognition Ceremony, 1:30 p.m.

8th Grade Passage, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 19 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Photography and Video Showing

Monday, June 26

Last Day of School

1-Hour Early Dismissal

Wednesday, September 6, 8:55 a.m.

Back to school – first day of 2017-2018 year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th Grade Passage

Join the 8th Graders and their families on tonight, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. for the 8th Grade Passage to celebrate the end of their TOPS journey and their bright futures ahead.

TOPS Yearbooks

It's not too late to buy TOPS 2016-2017 Yearbook! The paperback yearbook is \$18.00, and can be purchased:

- [Online](#) with a credit card
- In the TOPS cafeteria between 8:00-8:25 a.m. through next week.

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 19. For more information contact Kristy Herrmann: klherrmann@seattleschools.org

Photography & Video Showing

The Scott Fierstein Photography & Video Showing is scheduled for Monday, June 19th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Come and see the outstanding work by TOPS digital media elective students.

Check Lost & Found before Friday, June 23

Remember to check for items in lost and found located outside the cafeteria entrance. It is overflowing and will be cleared out on June 23 to make room for items from next school year.

2017-2018 School Bell Schedule

The School District finalized the [school bell schedule](#) this week. TOPS regular school day will begin at 8:55 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m. Every Wednesday will be an early release day, with school ending at 2:10 p.m.

TOPS Auction Success

The 80s-theme auction was a blast! Neon costumes, a Thriller flash mob, the student band rocking the 80s top hits, we had it all! Through the amazing support of the TOPS parents and friends, school faculty, and local business community, we raised \$138,000—enough to cover roughly half of next year's Friends of TOPS program budget. Thank you!! Friends of TOPS supports important programs that enhance our student's educational experience.

The Auction Chair (and entire Committee) was impressed by the incredible dedication and support of the entire TOPS community. The committee is already planning for how to build on this year's fundraising success with another amazing 2018 TOPS Auction scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018!

Eric's Summer Basketball/Gaming Camp

Basketball and gaming camps will be offered June 27-30; July 3-7; and July 10-14. Basketball camp runs 9:00-12:00; Gaming camp runs from 12:00-3:00. Contact Eric ([206-252-3516](tel:206-252-3516); email elherndon@seattleschools.org) for additional information.

ART4KIDS 2017 Summer Art Camp

Let your child's creativity soar at art camp with Luzita Roll, art teacher at Tops K-8 for 20 years and currently teaching art at Eckstein Middle School.

The camps at two locations (TOPS K-8 and Latona Studio) will include fused glass, clay, block printing, silkscreen drawing, contemporary art, and mixed media!

- Half day or full day options are available during the week of 6/27-6/30 (T-F) at **Tops K-8** for ages 6-16.
- Full day art camp for ages 10-16 are available during the weeks of 7/3-7/7, 7/17-7/21, and 7/24-7/28 at the **Latona Studio** in the Greenlake neighborhood.

Visit the [online gallery](#), [class schedule](#) and [registration](#) at www.art4kidsnw.com

Advanced Learning Referral Window Open May 15 - Sept. 22, 2017

Seattle Public Schools provides opportunities for academically advanced students to qualify for Advanced Learning programs and Highly Capable services. Advanced Learning referrals for the 2018-19 school year of students currently in kindergarten through 7th grade will be accepted online beginning Monday, May 15. Parents will select testing date, time, and location. Paper forms in nine languages will be available online and at schools. Eligibility testing for the 2018-19 school year begins in September 2017. Complete information and referral forms can be found on [Advanced Learning webpage](#).

TOPS 2017-2018 Site Council

A huge thank you to our amazing TOPS parents who have volunteered to serve on Site Council and to all of you who took the time to vote in the Site Council Election! We have a few new members, some returning members, and a few departing members.

- K - Emma Hainer, Tina Shereen (Co-Chair)
- 1 - Ted MacGovern, Doug Stanley-Hunt (Communications Director)
- 2 - Tim Ahlers (Treasurer)
- 3 – Scott Mertel
- 4 – Christy Lesseig (Secretary)
- 5 – Rahul Gupta
- 6 – Colette Gordon
- 7 – Krista Hudson
- 8 – Sharon Grey
- Coalition for Social Justice – Anjulie Ganti
- Eastlake Community Council – Colleen Lux

Welcome to Site Council our new members - Rahul Gupta, Krista Hudson, Emma Hainer, and Colette Gordon. Welcome Back to those serving a second term - Doug Stanley-Hunt, Christy Lesseig, and Tim Ahlers. Many THANKS to Michelle Beutow, Andre Ropeta, and Justine Guarda for all the extra time and passion you have shared with this community by being on Site Council and for taking on Executive positions during your tenure.

As always, we are grateful for the staff that help guide Site Council - Lori Eickelberg, Kristy Herrmann, Nanci Spieker, Courtney Jarman, and Amy Schwentor.

Middle School Sports 2017-2018

5th Grade – 7th Grade parents! Prepare now for next year’s middle school sports. All participants are required to have a [Seattle Public Schools Athletic Participation and Physical form](#) on file with Don and Eric before participating. The fall season starts right away with Ultimate Frisbee and Girls Soccer so the best time to get the physical taken care of is over the summer. The paperwork can be found online at the Seattle Public Schools [Athletics Section](#).

Not Attending TOPS Next Year?

If your student is moving out of district next year or going to a private school, please make sure let the district know ASAP. We know it’s hard to make that final decision to give up your place at TOPS, but school administration really needs an accurate student count to plan for the 2017-2018 school year. To drop your student from TOPS:

- Fill out the [Not Attending](#) form online. If you are unable to fill out the online form, please send an email to jmrunner@seattleschools.org stating that your student will not be attending TOPS for the 2017-2018 school year and giving permission for TOPS to drop your student. *Note:* You do not need to fill out this form if your child is enrolled in another Seattle Public School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Preparing for Next Year: Healthcare

TOPS Nurse Mary Minor has [some tips](#) for to make sure your child is ready for the new school year.

- Complete a new Student Health Information form if there are any health-related issues or changes in health that may impact your child's ability to learn and attend class regularly next year.
- Make sure your child is up-to-date on all preventative care and immunizations.
- Authorization for medications are good for one academic year only! If your child may need to take medications during school next year (this includes over-the-counter meds like Claritin, Tylenol, Zyrtec and Ibuprofen) plan to complete a new Authorization for Medications this summer. NOTE: Students who have LIFE THREATENING health conditions (anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures etc.) are required to have a signed Authorization for Medications form and medications with a pharmacy label at TOPS *before* the first day of school.