

# THE TORCH



## From the Executive Director

Hello SHPA Families!

Spring is finally here and we happily look forward to the many year-end celebrations of our work learning and growing together as a community! From the music concerts and class trips to the projects and yearbooks to Spirit Week and the Fun Run; it is a time for all of us to enjoy these final weeks of the school year.

The new gymnasium at our Richfield Campus is nearly complete and we appreciate the continued patience and cooperation of our parents during the arrival and dismissal process as crews now work on the exterior grading. We also invite our parents to attend the Grand Opening event that we are having with our community members and organizational partners on Thursday, May 17th, at 10:00 a.m. We are excited to show the new gymnasium to our students and staff and we are also eager to host the Richfield Spring Music Concert, Bus Transportation Meeting, and 8th Grade Graduation--not to mention PE classes--in our new, long-awaited space!

I also want to provide an update on our main office staffing for next year. As you may know, Ms. Laura Finkel resigned from her position as Admissions Director, but will continue to manage the school's scheduling system next year as an independent contractor. In light of this staffing change, we re-titled Ms. Rimstad's position as Elementary School Enrollment and Communications Coordinator and posted a position for a Middle School Enrollment and Communications Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Rimstad continuing her excellent work in enrollment and communications for both campus elementary schools. We are also very pleased to have offered the Middle School Enrollment and Communications Coordinator position to Mr. Tou Thao, who brings relevant experience and the right skills to this new position. Both Ms. Rimstad and Mr. Thao are presently managing a very smooth transition, and we are excited by the knowledge and enthusiasm they bring to this important work! We currently have posted for a Richfield Campus Office Coordinator and are confident we will find a strong addition to our office team.

Thank you--and enjoy the spring weather this weekend!

Carl Schlueter  
Executive Director

### DATES AHEAD

- May 4th  
Early Release - 1:30pm
- May 7th  
Governance Committee Meeting
- May 11th  
Boosterthon Fun Runs
- May 15th  
Richfield Campus Spring Music Concert
- May 17th  
Richfield Campus Gymnasium Grand Opening Ceremony
- May 17th  
Transportation Meeting
- May 28th  
Memorial Day - No School
- May 31st  
Special Education Advisory Council Presentation



