

# THE TORCH



## From the Executive Director

May 2019

Hello and Happy May SHPA Families!

The common sentiment across the community at this time of year is usually one that seeks to energize one another for the final stretch of learning and instruction with a common purpose to finish the year strong! While there may be some fatigue setting in following another successful administration of state testing, there is also much joy and excitement for field trips, year-end activities, and culminating events. We are inspired each day by the hard work of our students and staff who make this school so exceptional.

On behalf of the Board, we are pleased to be renewing the maximum five-year contract with our Authorizer, Friends of Education, which acknowledges our strong performance academically, operationally, and fiscally the past five years while also identifying areas in which we can still continue to improve. We are also looking forward to onboarding the new members to take up the critical governing work of advancing the mission and vision of our school.

As always, we are grateful to our parents for their engagement and support,  
Carl Schlueter

### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GO FOR GOLD

We have started the **Go for Gold** challenge with our current CARES and behavior program. All students K-3 now have the ability not only to stay on green for the day but to move up to **GOLD!** Students have to go above and beyond the school and classroom expectations to get to gold. Students who get to gold by the end of the day will be honored with the chance to write in their planners with a golden pen and receive a small award! Encourage your child to **Go for Gold** every day!!

### 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

We hope your students and you had a fantastic 18-19 school year! As we look ahead to our 19-20 school year, we hope SHPA remains a part of your student's educational journey! All students will automatically be rolled over to the next grade including 5th graders to 6th grade.

However, if your plans take your student(s) elsewhere for the 19-20 school year, please fill out the withdrawal form as found on [this webpage](#) and return it to your respective Enrollment Representative by Friday, May 31, 2019.

Elementary (K - 5) Departures - Ms. Leslie Rimstad, [lrimstad@shpamn.org](mailto:lrimstad@shpamn.org) or 612-314-7603  
Middle School (6 - 8) Departures - Mr. Tou Thao, [tthao@shpamn.org](mailto:tthao@shpamn.org) or 612-314-7604

### 2019-20 TRANSPORTATION & BUSING GUIDELINES

SHPA is pleased to offer bus transportation to all eligible students within our geographic transportation plan. Follow [this Transportation link](#) for complete information. Forms will be available May 13 through June 14, 2019.

## DATES AHEAD

### May 3

Makeup Day Due to Weather  
1:30 pm Early Release

### May 8

Boosterthon Pep Fest

### May 17

Boosterthon Fun Run

### May 27

No School – Memorial Day

### May 30

Richfield Campus Spring Music Concert

### June 4

Finance Committee  
Bloomington Campus

### June 5

8th Grade Graduation

### June 6

Last Day of School  
1:30 pm Early Release

### June 6

Board Meeting  
Bloomington Campus

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APRIL VIPs

Kindergarten: Saanvi, Ari, Juan, and Vanessa  
First Grade: Tenzin, Georgia, Alyssa, and Callen  
Second Grade: Ibrahim, Yeabsira, Yangkey, and Serena  
Third Grade: Aaron, Itzel, Landon, and Justice

## SPRING MUSIC CONCERT, May 30th

The SHPA Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the Richfield Campus Gymnasium. The concert will be from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm with a cookie reception after the concert. All elementary students are expected to attend as this will serve as students' assessment for music. Please plan to drop-off your student with their classroom teacher by 5:45 pm the night of the concert. For questions about the concert, please email the music teacher [Mr. Mulder](#).

Dress Requirement for the Concert is as Follows:

Boys: Button shirt or polo (no writing); pants (no jeans) and nice shoes  
Girls: Button shirt, polo or dress (no writing); pants if not wearing dress (no jeans); nice shoes

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

*School Board Meeting:* Thursday, June 6 at 6 pm, Bloomington Campus

### Board Election Results

School Board elections were held on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had very strong candidates on the election ballot this year and appreciate everyone who ran and the continued dedication and commitment that each one of them brings to our school and community.

Congratulations to the following newly elected members of the board:

Michael Meyer (community member, returning)  
Martine Walker (teacher member)  
Leah Lellman (teacher member)  
Jessica Marcy (parent member)

### Meet a Board Member

Renson Anjere, Parent Member Current term: 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2021  
Committees served on: Finance & Governance  
Connection to SHPA: A parent to a first and third grade students.  
Fun Fact: Upon graduating high school, I was presented with opportunities to join two professional soccer teams as a midfield player and I declined both offers!

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION: PLAN AHEAD

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is repairing and replacing noise walls along Interstate 35W this year. Crews will need to work on the noise wall west of I-35W south near the 76th Street exit in Richfield. The work starts Monday, May 6 and will continue until Monday, May 20, weather permitting.

During this time, the ramp from I-35W south to 76th Street will be closed so the crews can work safely. The detour is I-494 west to Penn Avenue to 76th Street or I-494 east to Lyndale Avenue to 77th Street.

You can learn more about this project on the [web page](#). We apologize for the inconvenience.

## PTA UPDATE

*Boosterthon Fun-Run:* It's that time of year again to start getting ready for the Boosterthon Fun-Run. Events start with a Pep Rally for the students on Wednesday, May 8th, with the Fun-Run happening on Friday, May 17th! Register your student today at FUNRUN.com! Please see the [Boosterthon 2019](#) document for each campus' announcement.

*Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week:* May 6th through May 10th is teacher and staff appreciation week. The PTA has organized opportunities for parents and families to show their appreciation for all the work that our teachers and staff do to support our students' education. If you would like to volunteer sign up at [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com)! Invitation Code: 7HillsMMVI.

*PTA Board Elections:* The PTA is seeking nominations for open positions on the PTA Board for the 2019-20 school year. Positions up for re-election are Vice President, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. For more information visit <https://sevenhillspta.org> or if you have questions email [sevenhillspta@gmail.com](mailto:sevenhillspta@gmail.com). Elections will be held during the regularly scheduled PTA meeting on Thursday, May 16th.

*School Supply Kits:* Watch for more information in the coming weeks regarding school supply kits for the 2019-20 school year. Yes, you heard the right . . . We are getting ready for next school year *SHPA School Board Meeting Minutes found on the [SHPA website](#).*

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