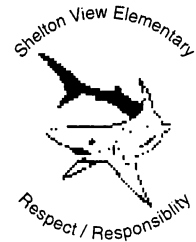




# Shelton View

## SHARK TALES



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### "Families" at Shelton View

Families are up and running again this year. Our sixth graders have had their leadership training and have already demonstrated their abilities to facilitate and nurture group work. If you are new to Shelton View, your child may be talking about our Families Program. Below are some key components to the program:

- There will be approximately 52 families. As close as possible, each "family" will consist of six to seven members, one from each grade level, including kindergarten.
- It is the job of the sixth grade student to be the family leader. He or she will facilitate predetermined activities aimed at building relationships and leadership. However, there will always be a staff member present to guide and coach.
- The fifth grade student is the "family" leader-in-training. We are hoping that this will foster leadership skills in generations of sixth grade students that follow.
- "Families" will meet one to two times a month.
- Siblings will not be placed in each other's Shelton View "family."
- Activities will range from sharing class work to playing games (designed to foster group skills) together.

We believe that the Families Program brings one of our school's best attributes, the closeness and support of our community to the student level.

### Shelton View Shark Skills

Today, we honored students throughout Shelton View who exemplify our September skill—**Respect**. Congratulations go to Elena Tamrazi, Brisia Gordivas-Torres, Finn Rhoads, Mariana Sanchez, Kurt Miller, Emma Fraser-Koehler, Kyrah Mangum, Rainy Westrom, Auva Ravanpey, Megan McNees, Graeme Fraser-Koehler, Nicole Lemos, Madeline

Groth, Alyssa Stewart, Victoria Lemos, Jennifer Benson, Mario Hernandez, Simon Barbe, Jessica Negara, and Zach Church for their fine effort!

Our Shark Skill for October is

**Responsibility.** Someone who is responsible can be trusted to carry out duties reliably, carefully and in a timely manner.

### Brandon's Goal

If you have been around Shelton View recently, you've noticed many staff, students, and parents wearing blue wristbands with "Brandon's Goal" inscribed on the band. Brandon Brauns is one of our treasured first graders. In 2003 Brandon was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of four. He was treated here at Children's Hospital in Seattle and they were able to take out 50% of the tumor in surgery located near his brainstem. Brandon went through several courses of chemotherapy to try and shrink the remainder of the tumor in order to make his second surgery easier. Brandon's parents decided to seek the best treatment possible for Brandon and this led them to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Brandon spent three months there during the spring of 2003. He underwent surgery, was given a feeding tube and completed six weeks of radiation treatment. Upon his return home he spent the next two years in remission. Unfortunately Brandon's tumor recurred this past August and the Brauns' family will be heading back to St. Jude mid-October for another surgery and radiation. They will return in December.

Brandon's goal is to be tumor free and return to full health. The blue wristbands are a way for the Shelton View community to support the Brauns family emotionally and financially. Wristbands will be available at our Community Fair held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime parents are organizing a way to order wristbands, so watch for an informational flyer that will be going home with students soon.