

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **May 26, 2017**

Welcome to Eckstein.  
We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

**SCHOOL HOURS: 8:45a.m. – 3:15p.m.**

**BUILDING HOURS: 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.**

**Students should not arrive before 8:00a.m.**

**All Parents/Guardians and Visitors must check in at the Main Office Upon Entering the Building**

May 29	Memorial Day, No School
June 1	<del>District wide 2 Hr Early Dismissal</del>
June 5	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
June 5	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
June 8	Eckstein All Bands Concert, 7:30p.m.
June 12	PTSA General Meeting, Eckstein Library 7:00 pm
June 12	Combined Choir Concert 3 @ Roosevelt
June 13	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
June 15	Eckstein Jazz Concert/Swing Dance, 7:30p.m.
June 16	Eckstein Orchestra Spring Concert, 6:00p.m.
June 19	<b>**WEB Carnival for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 3:30-5:00p.m.</b>
June 22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, 6-7:00p.m.
June 23	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Argosy Cruise
June 26	<b>UPDATED ~ Last Day of School, District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal</b>

**\*\* = New from last printing**

**Eckstein Website:** <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/home> If you are already receiving the Bulletins directly to your Inbox, you do not have to re-enroll. If you are new to Eckstein or have changed your email address you need to sign up for Parent Emails and other important announcements that go directly to your inbox. Click here to enroll [Subscribe to Eckstein Parent Emails](#)

**Orchestra News:** [Eckstein Orchestra Website](#)

**Band News:** [Eckstein Band Website](#)

**Choir News:** [Eckstein Choir Website](#)

**LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Eckstein Families,

Thank you all for the impressive turnout for Science Night and for your participation. Our students worked so hard on their projects and your acknowledgment and participation in this process is very valuable. I am also incredibly thankful to our dedicated science teachers for their dedication to making this night a reality each year. And last but not least, we are grateful to the many parent volunteers who assisted in those hot classrooms!

There are so many end-of-year activities and events coming up, and many of them require permission slips. Please keep an eye out for them and help your child return their forms on time.

With only 20 school days left, this is a good time to visit The Source and ensure that your student is on track to finish out the year strong. We recognize that there are many extracurricular events that pull students in multiple directions, so help your student manage stress by planning homework, projects and other activities ahead of time.

Seventh grade families, we still need adult chaperones for our fall trip to Orkila! We will need a total of 24 chaperones (12 male and 12 female) so please consider volunteering. It is a FUN trip!

Treena Sterk  
Principal, Eckstein Middle School

## **HELP NEEDED!**

**\*\*Volunteers Needed - Eckstein PTSA Needs You!** We are still looking to fill several important positions for the PTSA Board and Committee Chairs. We'd like to have all positions filled by our June General Meeting, which will be held on June 12th at 7pm in the Library. Open positions include:

- Vice President/President Elect: Supports the President
- Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs (2): Plans staff appreciation events for the year
- Eckstein Annual Campaign Volunteer: Supports the annual fundraising drive for in-class support
- Financial Review Committee (3): Meets twice a school year to review the PTSA books
- ASB Contact: Is the liaison between PTSA and ASB for ASB Events (Dance, Bingo, etc.)
- Speaker Co-Chair (1): Helps plan speaker series

This is a great way to get involved at Eckstein, and remember that Middle School PTSA is not as time consuming as Elementary PTSA! Please contact Elida Moran at [emoran08@gmail.com](mailto:emoran08@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of these positions and want more information.

### **8th Grade Promotion Volunteers** – Thurs, June 22, 6 – 7 pm

Ms. Anderson is looking for 7th grade parents and guardians who can help with decorations, setup and preparing programs. If you can help, please contact her at [jaanderson@seattleschools.org](mailto:jaanderson@seattleschools.org).

**\*\*The Eckstein Garden Group Update: There will not be gardening on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.** The Weekly Work Party will resume the following Tuesday, 9-11 am and invites parents/guardians to help tend the school gardens. Sign in at the Main Office and then go to the Courtyard Garden. We have tools and gloves; no experience necessary. Questions? Email [kanderson98115@outlook.com](mailto:kanderson98115@outlook.com)

**\*\*Notice to 7th Grade Students!!** Current 7th graders (or Eckstein 2017-18 8th graders) will be taking a fieldtrip to Camp Orkila on October 11-13, 2017. For more information and to download the fieldtrip permission form, go to our homepage at [www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org](http://www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org). Permission forms are due by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents ~ The Medication Forms need to be filled out by a healthcare provider at the start of every school year, therefore you will need a new form for Orkila. This includes over-the-counter medications you want your child to take while at camp. Please call the nurse IF you have any questions.

**\*\*Yearbook Update:** Only **56** **yearbooks** left to order. Once they are gone, they are gone. To order one, bring \$30 check or cash to the main office.

**\*\*Community Event ~ Clint Loper Memorial Bike Ride:** To celebrate the end of Bike Month and the legacy of Clint Loper, join us on a bike ride from Eckstein to Cascade Bicycle Club on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 in memory of Clint Loper, beloved Eckstein dad. The ride will go down NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street to the 39<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Greenway to the Burke Gilman Trail, then to the Cascade Bicycle Club's headquarter on Lake Washington, where will have sweet treats and jump off the docks into Lake Washington if the weather is nice! Hope you can join us!

**\*\*Golden Acorn Awards – Nominations Needed by May 31st!** The Eckstein Community includes many great volunteers and staff and this is our chance to recognize their efforts. Every year, the Eckstein PTSA presents the Golden Acorn award to one volunteer and one teacher/staff in recognition of their dedication and service to students at Eckstein Middle School. These awards are given to honorees who provide exemplary volunteer and teaching service. This is an excellent way to honor volunteers and teachers/staff for their contributions on behalf of all Eckstein students so send us your nominations and reasons why they deserve the award to Elida Moran at [emoran08@gmail.com](mailto:emoran08@gmail.com). We have extended the deadline to May 31st. Recipients will be announced and honored at the final General PTSA meeting of the year on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Eckstein Library.

**Attn: 8th grade families:** If your soon-to-be 9th grade student plans to go out for a sport in high school next school year, they will need to have a current physical to turn in with their paperwork. The paperwork from middle schools does not get transferred to the high schools. If you did not keep a copy of the physical for 8th grade, we will be able to make a copy for them BEFORE school is out. Please email Megan Holberg [mpholberg@seattleschools.org](mailto:mpholberg@seattleschools.org) or have your student sign up in the Main Office. The copy will be given to the

student within 48 hours of the request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan at (206) 252-5018. Her last day at Eckstein for this school year is June 26th and the office is on limited hours during the summer. Many high schools only have one day to turn in all the athletic forms. Thanks, Ms. Holberg

**Advanced Learning Testing:** The window for families to request testing for Kindergarten through 7th grade students to determine Advanced Learning and Highly Capable eligibility opened on May 15 and extends through September 22, 2017. For more information, click on the [Advanced Learning Family Informational Flyer](#) or contact Kari Hanson, [klhanson1@seattleschools.org](mailto:klhanson1@seattleschools.org), Director of Student Support Services or Stephen Martin, [sbmartin@seattleschools.org](mailto:sbmartin@seattleschools.org), Supervisor of Advanced Learning.

**Attention 6th grade parents! WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders are sponsoring a carnival for 6th graders after-school on Monday, June 19th from 3:30 – 5:00pm.** Candy cotton, popcorn, inflatable games and activities, and a 3D virtual reality gaming machine are just some of the things that will be there. A permission slip will be going home with students in a few weeks, which must be signed and turned in by Friday, June 16th in order for students to participate.

**High School Information has moved to the section below (above Community News)**

**Eckstein teacher Mrs. Poort is looking for dead tennis balls** to put on the bottom of her classroom chairs. If you have access to any, please drop them off at the main office (marked for Mrs. Poort) or in room 120! Thank you!

**8th GRADE PROMOTION:**

- **When:** June 22nd from 6-7 PM
- **Where:** Eckstein Auditorium
- **Who:** Eckstein 8th graders and their families & guests
  - Seating is limited to 4 per 8<sup>th</sup> grade student's family and will be first come/first served. The auditorium doors will open at 5:00. Both the main floor and the balcony will be open.
  - Suggested student attire is "Business Casual," which means shirts with collars, pants that are free from tears, dresses that meet the school dress code. (When deciding on a dress length, please consider that students will be sitting on a raised stage in front of an audience).
  - After the promotion ceremony in the auditorium, students, family, and guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments in the cafeteria.
  - If you know your 8th grade student will not attend the promotion, please let Assistant Principal Anderson know at [jaanderson@seattleschools.org](mailto:jaanderson@seattleschools.org)

**7th grade parents and guardians**, please contact Ms. Anderson at [jaanderson@seattleschools.org](mailto:jaanderson@seattleschools.org) if you can volunteer to help with this year's 8th grade promotion.

**Lunchroom Fines:** Many students owe money to the lunchroom for unpaid balances. The end of school is approaching, and we need to have the fines cleared ASAP. Please bring in a check (payable to Nutrition Services) or cash to the lunchroom or go online at <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=15056> The Fine List is posted in front of the Main Office. Questions, contact Nancy McCafferty at [namccafferty@seattleschools.org](mailto:namccafferty@seattleschools.org)

**Box Tops Reminder.** Please remember to send in your Box Tops to the Front Office. PTSA participate in the Box Top program and each Box Top earns Eckstein \$0.25, which adds up quickly. With our last submission, thanks to you, we earned \$179.10. If you can, when you send in your Box Tops, please cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired. Thanks for your support!

**Scrip Reminder.** If you purchased a PCC card from Eckstein PTSA earlier this year, thank you! Please remember to refill it as those refills benefit the PTSA. It's also easy to make those refills online. Just visit <http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/community/scrip/>, scroll down to Current Participants and select "Recharge your card".

**Eckstein 2017 Summer Music Program:** The Summer Music Program at Eckstein for incoming 6th graders will be June 27th to July 14th this year. It's a great deal for a half day camp at only \$90.00. Click on the link [Summer School Permission Form](#). 6th grade musicians also need to meet briefly with Mr. Escobedo prior to the beginning of the school year. Click [Interview Statement](#) about details on the interview process.

**Your Student's 2017-18 School Assignment:** Next year's assignments are available online in the [Assignment Lookup Tool](#) on the Seattle School District Website. You just need your student's student ID number and their

birthdate. Please remember that your student's school assignment may have changed due to new school boundaries and the opening of the District's new middle school, Eagle Staff. School Choice forms may be submitted until May 31, 2017, but forms submitted after February 24 do not receive tiebreaker priorities.

**Eckstein Band Calendar:** Click [HERE](#)

**Reminder to all visitors to Eckstein Middle School:** Please remember that all visitors, volunteers, parents, former students, guests, etc., need to immediately report to the Main Office, sign in, state your business and wear a visitor or volunteer badge each time you visit Eckstein Middle School. This is for the safety and security of our students, staff and visitors according to District and state regulations. Even if you are picking up or meeting your students afterschool, please wait outside or by the Main Office until school is dismissed. We have had several people wandering the school and in order for our security person to make sure we know who you are, we need you to adhere to these requests. Thank you.

**Parents & Guardians:** Please help us keep students safe by DRIVING SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY around the school. It is NOT SAFE to let your student get out of the car in the "No Stopping" zone on 30th Ave NE or across the street from the school on NE 75th St. There have been some dangerous near-misses in the mornings caused by inattentive drivers or by students dashing across the street mid-block. We urge you to remind your student to always use the crosswalk, not to text while walking and to make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a stopped car. We know everyone is scrambling to get to school and work on time in the mornings, but it is not worth risking an accident to gain a few extra minutes!

**Middle School Resource Newsletter:** <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/services/resources>

**Update Your School Messenger Settings:** The default for School Messenger which includes emails and "robocalls" is to contact all of the phone numbers and emails listed for parents/guardians. If you would like to change this setting to use only one phone number and email please go to:

<https://accounts.relianceco.com/#/createuser> You will need to create a user for each parent/guardian listed who receives phone calls and/or emails.

**Taking Students Out of School for Vacations:** If you plan to take your student out of school for a reason other than medical please complete a [Preplanned Absence](#) form and turn it into Attendance PRIOR to the absence. Without this form, your student's absence will be marked Unexcused.

**After School Junior Jazz Band:** This after school program meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:25-5:00p.m. in the Band Room. Bring a snack. Permission Forms are in the Room 118. Contact Mr. Escobedo at [cuescobel@seattleschools.org](mailto:cuescobel@seattleschools.org) for more information.

**Forgotten lunches:** Parents/Guardians, please consider depositing \$5 or \$10 in your student's cafeteria lunch account to use in case of a forgotten lunch. With nearly 1,000 students in the school, there are MANY deliveries of forgotten items every day and it can be very disruptive to classes when several forgotten lunches are dropped off for students each morning. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a distraction-free learning environment.

**How to Enter Eckstein's Building:** Enter through the door at the NW corner of the building, facing NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street. All other doors are locked during school hours.

**The SOURCE:** Parents and guardians with SOURCE accounts can continue to log on with their existing user ID and password. If you are a family new to the SOURCE, there will be a sign-up button on the site and you can follow the steps to create an account. Students will log on with their student username and password. The SOURCE link at the top of all SPS webpages is called "Student Portal". This link will take families and students to a one-stop webpage where they may log onto either the SOURCE or Schoology:  
<http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=1166719>.

**Schoology** is a tool teachers use to post assignments, messages, events and calendar items. Parents and guardians will find their Schoology access code in the SOURCE on the left-hand menu. Students will go to [lms.seattleschools.org](https://lms.seattleschools.org) and click Login as a Student link. Students will login using their student username and password.

**To remove your name from the Eckstein mailing list:** If your student no longer attends Eckstein MS or if you no longer wish to receive these messages, you can remove your name from our mailing list by scrolling to the bottom of this bulletin and clicking the “SafeUnsubscribe” link.

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## High School News

### **Roosevelt High School Jazz Band Audition Dates for the 2017-2018 school year:**

- **Tue June 6** - Both incoming ninth graders and returning students, rhythm section. Start after school at 3:45. (We'll be understanding if middle school students are a little late on June 6 due to travel time.)
- **Sun June 11** - Incoming ninth graders, sax. Start at 9am.
- **Sun June 11** - Incoming ninth graders, brass. Start at 1pm.
- **Mon June 12** - Returning Roosevelt students, sax. Start after school at 3:45.
- **Tue June 13** - Returning Roosevelt students, brass. Start after school at 3:45.

**Vocal Jazz audition dates** have not yet been announced. **Audition music and updated guidelines for all musicians** have not yet been announced.

More information will be available soon at <http://www.rooseveltjazz.org> under the ‘Events’ tab. In the meantime, please take a look at the website for more information about the program. Questions? Send them to [jazz234chair@rooseveltjazz.org](mailto:jazz234chair@rooseveltjazz.org)

**Roosevelt High School Jazz Band Final Concerts:** Concerts begin at 7pm in the Roosevelt Performing Arts Theatre. These concerts are free to the public. Please come and enjoy a baked good from our sale, celebrate those students moving on from Roosevelt, and enjoy all that is Jazz. Thank you for your support.

- **Wednesday, June 7th** - Jazz Bands II, III and IV will perform
- **Friday, June 9th** - Jazz Band I will perform
- **Wednesday, June 14th** - Vocal Jazz showcase

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## Community News

(These items are not endorsed or sponsored by Eckstein Middle School)

**\*\*Live Jazz at Madison Pool, Friday, May 26, 6:00-8:00p.m.:** Enjoy music as you swim!!! See some of our Eckstein students volunteering their time to provide jazz entertainment. Show your support and get fit while you're at it. 13401 Meridian Avenue N. (By Ingraham H.S.).

**Thrive Summer Tween Camp:** Click [HERE](#) to download information about the Tween Summer Camp at Meadowbrook Community Center.

### **One on One Basketball and Sports Training Presents...**

- *Summer Hoops, Dual-Sport, and Half-Day Sport Camps (Ages 6-12)*
  - Basketball / Soccer / Flag-Football / Ultimate / Speed-Explosion-Agility / Rugby
  - Several convenient community center locations
  - Morning AND Afternoon Half-day Camps
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- *Summer Position Skills / Scrimmage for Rising 7th-10th Grade Girls*
  - Meadowbrook CC - Session 1 (July 11-13) - Session 2 (August 15-17)
  - Tuesday-Thursday Evenings (6PM-8:30PM)
  - Instructed by 1ON1 Directors and a Guest Instructor from UW Women's Team!
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/classes-clinics>
  - Questions? Email Coach Michie at [stuart@1on1basketball.com](mailto:stuart@1on1basketball.com) or call 206-715-3443
- *Pure Stroke Shooting Camps (Ages 10-17)*
  - Half-Day Intensive Basketball Camps (Ages 12-15)
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing-featured>

### Seattle JazzED - Now Enrolling

- *Summer Jazz Ambassadors:* 2 Weeks of awesome music and community performances. High-school students can earn service hours! Session 1 July 10 - July 21, Session 2 July 24 - August 4. Grades 6-12, all instruments
- *Summer Vocal Institute:* No prior experience required. A great opportunity to expand your skills or try vocal training for the first time. August 14 – 18. Grades 7-12
- *Summer Advanced Institute:* Up-and-coming NYC jazz sensations, and recent Juilliard graduates, Riley Mulherkar and Sammy Miller team up for a week-long intensive ending with a live in-studio performance at KNKX 88.5 FM. August 21 - August 25. Grades 9-12, all instruments

Register and find more info about scholarships at [www.seattlejazzed.org](http://www.seattlejazzed.org) or call 206-324-JAZZ (5299).

**Summer STEM and Humanities Classes at the UW:** The UW Summer Youth Program has STEM and humanities-focused classes for middle school students starting mid-June through mid-August. Middle School Courses include:

- [Creativity Lab: Exploring Words, Ideas and Images](#)
- [Exploring Microbiology](#)
- [Mosaic Art](#)

**Junior Summer Tennis Camps at Tennis Center Sand Point:** TCSP offers a complete junior tennis program for children ages 6 to 17. From beginners to the most advanced tournament players, the junior program covers the entire spectrum. Curriculum is based on developing camaraderie, self-esteem, physical fitness, discipline and good sportsmanship. Fun is the number one ingredient so kids can learn to love the game for life. Visit our website ([www.tenniscentersandpoint.com](http://www.tenniscentersandpoint.com)) for more information.

**FIUTS/Seattle Language & Culture Institute, July 24-August 7, 2017. UW Campus, Seattle.** This program offers middle and high school students the opportunity to take part in a two-week global experience on the UW Campus. Build cultural competency, practice communication and diplomacy skills, make friends from around the world. 9:00a.-5:00p most days. Visit [www.fiuts.org/scli](http://www.fiuts.org/scli) or call Ellen Frierson at [ellen@fiuts.org](mailto:ellen@fiuts.org).

**NOAA Open House:** At NOAA Open House, you will have the opportunity to tour NOAA's facilities and learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, including the National Weather Service, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Washington SeaGrant, National Ocean Service, NOAA Corps, and more! For students and teachers, there will be information on summer camps, scholarships, and internships.

• Date: Friday, June 9, 2017

- Time: 12 pm – 6:30 pm
- Location: NOAA Western Regional Center
- 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115
- ID requirements: Adults must bring a valid driver's license or passport for identification.
- Questions? Contact the [NOAA Open House coordinators](#)

**Nathan Hale Soccer will run Raider Soccer Camp for boys and girls in elementary or middle school.** July 17th to July 21st at Jane Addams Middle School; Grades K-5: 9am-noon, Grades 6-8: 1pm to 4pm. Register at: [www.halesports.org](http://www.halesports.org) Cost: \$75 (includes t-shirt if registered by June 1, 2017). Your Raider camper will spend either a morning or afternoon with the Nathan Hale soccer team learning the basics of soccer, including passing, shooting, juggling and tactics.

**Great Summer Camp opportunity for your students FREE:** <http://www.neuroseeds.org/bloomin-brains-summer-camp> Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp - Sowing the Seeds of Neuroscience. [www.neuroseeds.org](http://www.neuroseeds.org)

**Northeast Seattle Little League Registration is Open for the 2017 Season:** Spring is just around the corner so it's time for kids to gear up for baseball, softball, and tee ball with Northeast Seattle Little League (NESLL)! For kids 5-6 years old, NESLL's tee ball program is a great way to introduce the game. NESLL's softball program is a great way to get young girls involved in athletics and be a part of championship teams. NESLL's baseball program is for boys and girls ages 6-16 and a great opportunity to learn about teamwork and the fundamentals of the game. For parents, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities within the league and with your child's team. Please go to [www.NESLL.net](http://www.NESLL.net) to start the registration process.

For baseball and tee ball questions contact [registrar@NESLL.net](mailto:registrar@NESLL.net)

For softball questions contact Scott Rossick at [srossick@msn.com](mailto:srossick@msn.com).

**Seattle Public Library Offers Free Homework Help for K-12 Students:** The Seattle Public Library offers free, in-person educational assistance for children and teens that started Sept. 12 at 10 Library locations. Library events and programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Click [HERE](#) to download the flyer with information about locations and times.

**Join Boy Scouts with Troop 177!**: Troop 177 supports Eckstein Middle School, and is recruiting boys in 6th-8th grade now! Our troop conducts monthly outdoor activities, such as camping trips, hikes, and canoe trips, and has an annual week-long summer camp. Boy Scouts provides experiences boys can't get elsewhere, and the boy-led program teaches them leadership skills. Check out <http://troop177.com> or email [info@troop177.com](mailto:info@troop177.com) for more information.