

September 12, 2016 – Eckstein Band Meeting Notes

Welcome

Moc Escobedo can be reached by text or phone at 206.794.1890. The email system at Eckstein is new and not yet dependable so phone for now, but email is cuescobedo@seattleschools.org

Our intern this year is Merrie Siegel. She will be at school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Fluent in Spanish, she is a professional flutist with a doctorate in performance.

Ann Tucker-Gwinn, Eckstein Band's Chair, can be reached by phone 206.794.6123 and email ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com atuckergwinn@hotmail.com. Ann will not be able to attend the monthly meetings. Please contact Ann via email or cell if you'd like to volunteer with band/jazz/vocal jazz.

Please contact ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com if you want to be included in this year's email list. Make sure to include the band(s) in which your child is participating.

The Eckstein Band Program is made up of:

Concert Bands: Beginning (taught by Jean Marie Kent), Junior, Intermediate, and Wind Ensemble (taught by Moc Escobedo)

Jazz Bands: Junior (an after school program that runs Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm), Intermediate, and Senior (taught by Moc Escobedo)

Vocal Jazz: Vocal Jazz I meets during Senior Jazz, and Vocal Jazz II meets during homeroom (taught by Moc Escobedo)

From Moc: Thank you! Thank you to Jen Barrón for all her help as Chair last year, and to all the volunteers who helped with the program. Thank you. Moc expressed his love of having the kids perform at Eckstein and around the area saying it is just a pleasure to hear the kids play and adding – why have a band that doesn't play. Thank you for your donations of cash and of your time.

Fees: We ask for \$75.00 per student to help fund the program. Books, reeds, instrument repair and whatever is needed to make class a better experience for the your student. Checks can be made out to *Eckstein Bands* and delivered to the mailbox in the band room.

Classroom Policy: Bring your instrument (as required), a pencil, a good attitude, and be nice

Practice Expectations: “Practice! Practice! Practice!” A minimum of 15 minutes of practice a day is expected.

Instrument Insurance: Insure your students' instrument through your home owners or renters insurance.

Junior Jazz: Junior Jazz is an optional afterschool program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00. Any student is welcome. Please bring a snack, bags of microwavable popcorn are o.k. This is a great program to introduce your student to Jazz. Junior Jazz performs at our own Jazz Nights as well as attends the Bellevue High School Jazz Festival in May.

Intermediate Jazz Band: If your student is in the Intermediate Jazz Band they are also considered part of the Intermediate Band. While these are two separate classes, Intermediate Band performances are comprised of students from both Intermediate Band and Intermediate Jazz. Intermediate Jazz performances are limited to only those students enrolled in the Intermediate Jazz class.

Concert Attire: (Check Mr. E's closet for clothing that has been donated)

Boys: Black Socks, Black Shoes, Black Pants, Black Belt, White Tuxedo Shirt, Black Bow Tie. See the calendar for your first concert so you don't find that you've purchased clothing prior to the most recent growth spurt. (Ted Brown Music Store on NE 50th and Roosevelt Way NE has a bow tie/tux shirt package but check Amazon etc.)

Girls: No Spaghetti Straps. No showing of the midriff.

Everything below the waist should be black:

Flat Black Shoes, Black Tights (if skirt is not to the ankles), Black Skirt (below the knees) or Black Pants

Top Half may be Black or White:

Blouses or Sweaters are fine. Neckline should be a scoop or a v-neck and sleeves should be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch length.

Private Lessons: There are two types of private lessons offered at Eckstein Middle School. **Endangered Instruments** include Oboe, Bassoon, Tuba, Trombone and French Horn. Students who play these instruments may receive a group lesson during class time, free of charge.

Individual Lessons are given by private instructors during classroom time. Private lessons are not a requirement of the program. Instructors go through background checks enabling them to teach in the practice rooms upstairs. Students pay for and schedule these lessons directly with the teacher. There is a list of teachers just inside the classroom.

Saturday Event Transportation: We will let you know if students will be transported by carpool or bus in advance of the field trip.

Open Volunteer Positions: Ann Tucket Gwinn is our Chair. Please contact her by phone 206.794.6123 or email atuckergwinn@hotmail.com or ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com if you can help.

Treasurer
Web Master
Vocal Jazz Point Person
Pizza/Bake Sale Coordinator for Band
Pizza/Bake Sale Coordinator for Jazz
Band Gear Assistant
Chaperones for Field Trips

CALENDAR: There are copies of the calendar on the piano in the Eckstein Band Room.
Upcoming events include:

Tuesday/Thursday Jr. Jazz 3:30-5:00 pm. Started on September 13th and runs through the year

Monday, October 3rd - Parent Meeting in the Band Room at 7:30pm

Saturday, October 29th – Edmonds Jazz Symposium at Mountlake Terrace with Sr. Jazz

Monday, November 7th – Parent Meeting in the Band Room at 7:30pm

Thursday, November 10th – Veterans Day Assembly during Homeroom with Wind Ensemble

Friday, November 18th – Eckstein Jazz Night at Eckstein at 7:30pm