

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, November 22, 2017

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

SCHOOL HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Frid - 8:55–3:45p.m.; Wed 8:55-2:30p.m.

BUILDING HOURS: 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Students should not arrive before 8:30a.m.

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

Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
Nov 30	Eckstein PTSA sponsored Seattle School Funding Forum, 7:00p.m. Eckstein Auditorium.
Dec 1	Reminder – Due date for 7 th & 8 th Grade PE Waivers
Dec 1	Reminder – Due Date for Private High School Application Records & Recommendation Requests
Dec 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Dec 5	Deadline for Eckstein Basketball Forms
Dec 7	5 th Grade EIM and Eckstein Jr. Band/Orchestra, 7:00p.m.
Dec 11	Eckstein PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Dec 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Dec 14	All-Bands Winter Concert, 7:30p
Dec 15	District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal
Dec 18 – Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 8	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Jan 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
Jan 31	Day Between Semesters, No School
Feb 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Feb 13	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Feb 19-23	Mid-Winter Break, No School
Mar 5	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Mar 8	Eckstein MS Concert Band Festival, 7:30p
Mar 22	Eckstein MS Jazz Band Festival, 7:30p
Mar 24	Solo & Ensemble, All Day
Apr 2	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
Apr 9-13	Spring Break, No School
Apr 17	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
Apr 26	Eckstein Top Ensembles, 7:30p
Apr 28	Eckstein Rummage Sale, Day
May 7	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
May 8	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Room 117
May 18-19	Eckstein Musical Performances
May 28	Memorial Day, No School
June 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
June 7	All Bands Concert, 7:30p
June 12	Eckstein Choir Concert, 7:30p.m.
June 14	Eckstein Swing Dance, 7:30p
June 15	Eckstein Orchestra Concert, 6:00p.m.
June 22	Last Day of School, District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal

**** = 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](#)

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Eckstein Families,

I am SO Thankful for you, our community, our students and our amazing staff. We have so many reasons to be thankful and I do hope that you are as thankful for Eckstein as I am – I enjoy this work every day!

A huge appreciation to our community. With your support, we are able to deliver holiday gift cards and food support to over 25 families! Thank you for the gift cards and the handmade cards created by our staff.

I'd also like to give a big shout out to Mrs. Rody and our 6th Grade Math Support Class. With her support, the students in this class competed in a national math competition using an online math program. This Eckstein team won First Place in Washington and was 11th in the West Coast division! This is tremendous work by hard working students!

Finally, please remember that in these darker days, we have to be even more vigilant with our driving and drop off. Please, it is absolutely imperative that you follow the drop off rules, making sure that students are dropped off in the assigned areas and ensuring that you, as a driver, are following all driving rules, best practices and common sense. I love our kids and I want them to be safe! We are limited in staff and I really count on our families to help us by making appropriate driving choices (even when we are in a hurry!).

Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday!

Treena Sterk
Principal, Eckstein Middle School
#principalsterk

Ensuring the academic, social and emotional growth and success of each student.

District News

Potential Bus Service Disruption: Update Oct. 16: The District is continuing to monitor and have been told that as of today a bus drivers strike has not been called. However, sometimes in situations such as these, districts are given very little warning. We encourage families whose students ride First Student buses to monitor the district's website and check their email daily for any changes to school bus service. We will use the website, email, phone messages and social media to share information about potential bus service impacts. First Student, our contracted school bus provider, has notified the district that the bus drivers may strike. There is no imminent strike date, however, if a strike is held this would mean limited or no yellow bus service.

Volunteering at Eckstein Middle School

Lunchtime volunteers still needed! We need parent volunteers to help support our students during lunchtime to ensure a fun and safe school environment for all students. Volunteer once a week or every other week for 90 minutes. M/Tu/F lunch time is 11:15-12:45, Weds 10:35-11:55 and Thurs 11:35-1:00. To volunteer or for more information, please email Celeste Hansen at crhansen@seattleschools.org

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****Quarter 1 Report Cards are coming home with your students today (Wednesday, 11/22/17):** Be sure and ask them for it. Students who were at Eckstein last year will also be receiving their Smarter Balance Reports from Spring 2017, unless they opted out. Some students who transferred from another SPS school may also be receiving these reports.

****Don't forget to order SCRIP cards for the holidays and help support Eckstein!** Orders received by Friday, December 1st, will be delivered to the front office before school gets out for winter break. Need a form – find it [HERE](#). Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com> for a list of all the available participating retailers. Any questions, contact Laura Spring at laura@springnet.org.

****Correction ~ YMCA Afterschool Programs:** It is not too late to sign up for After-School Programs. The YMCA coordinates all afterschool activities and clubs at Eckstein. The program is on-site at Eckstein and runs until **December 15, 2017**. There is no transportation provided. Hours are Mon,Tues,Thurs, 3:45-5:15p and Wed 2:30-5:15. Questions, contact Clayton Hunter at chunter@seattlymca.org or Brianna Hickey at universityprograms@seattlymca.org. Or call 206-524-1400. [Eckstein Y Afterschool Program](#)

Your Input Needed on High School Boundary Changes: You may be aware that with Lincoln High School opening in 2019, school boundary lines are being redrawn now. We encourage you to please view and comment on the proposed high school boundary changes, as they will determine where Eckstein students will attend high school. The high school boundaries task force recently came up with a preferred option ([Scenario H v2](#)). This scenario splits Eckstein students after middle school, assigning some to Nathan Hale, others to Roosevelt. In contrast, the version they were considering just prior to this ([Scenario H](#)) aligns high school boundaries to existing elementary and middle school boundaries, so that all Eckstein students would stay together and move as a cohort to Roosevelt.

Although Scenario H v2 is the current preferred option, the task force is actively soliciting feedback through the end of November, before they make a final decision about which scenario to present to the school board in December. You can send your comments to: growthboundaries@seattleschools.org. Seattle Public Schools is also doing a community survey of people's thoughts about high school boundaries. Please take the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPS_HSBoundaries.

The Eckstein PTSA is not currently supporting any particular boundary scenario. However, we would like to hear where Eckstein parents stand on this issue, with the intention of putting our support behind the boundary plan that our members are most supportive of. Please share your views with us by emailing Natalya Yudkovsky at natalya.yudkovsky@gmail.com. Here are some links with more information:

[School Boundary Changes - Elementary, Middle and High School](#)

Eckstein Orchestra Fundraiser is in Full Swing! In order to raise funds to support our orchestra program, we have traditionally held a holiday wreath fundraiser. This year we have decided to do something different - a direct ask. **We have set a goal of \$8000 to raise by Wednesday, November 29th.** This money will go toward instrument maintenance, the purchase of 1 or 2 new cellos, scholarships for camps and trips, and other music enrichment opportunities. We are asking each orchestra family to donate \$100 toward our goal. We realize that this sum may be too high for some families. Any amount you can give will help us meet our goal. If you can donate more than \$100, know that your extra funds will offset the cost for those who cannot afford to donate.

Donations can be made online or by check. **We strongly prefer online donations.** To donate online, go to: <https://www.alliance4ed.org/connect-with-us/donate/school-account/>. To make sure your donation goes to the right place, enter "Eckstein Middle School Orchestra - 13411" in the "To Group" field. Checks should be made out to "Alliance for Education - Eckstein Orchestra." Checks should be placed in the blue envelope provided by your student, and returned to the designated boxes in the orchestra room. If you have any questions, please contact us at ecksteinorchestras@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our children's musical education!

Updated ~ We are still missing 69 – 7th graders and 79 – 8th grader PE Waiver Forms that are due by 12/1/2017: At Eckstein, 7-8 graders who checked off "I intend to get a PE Waiver" on their subject selection sheet must complete the PE Waiver and turn it into the Main Office no later than December 1, 2017. Any 7th and 8th grader who is not assigned PE sometime during the school year and have not completed a Waiver by 12/1/17 **will be pulled from an elective and assigned PE in the 2nd semester.** [PE WAIVER 2017-18](#). Students in grade 1-8 are

required to participate in an average of at least 100 instructional minutes per school week in PE classes (60) hours per .5 semester credit), unless such participation is waived. Be sure and complete the “Total Documents Hours” toward the bottom of the page.

Updated ~ Order a Yearbooks for \$25 Now: Bring \$25 check payable to Eckstein Middle School (put your student's name on the memo line) or cash to the main office any time. Or order online using your student's Source login info, via <https://www.schoolpay.com/> during the following dates:

- 12/8/17 - 12/14/17
- 1/12/18 - 2/1/18
- 3/2/18 - 3/22/18
- 4/20/18 - 5/10/18

Eckstein Needs Used or New Kitchen Stove and Refrigerator/Freezer: Room 125 needs to replace a **classroom electric stove**. The stove is used for afterschool activities. The Eckstein custodians are looking for a new or used working refrigerator. They are not particular about it being 1 or 2-door. Just something with a **refrigerator/freezer**. If you have either, please contact the Head Custodian Uche Aqwu at upagwu@seattleschools.org

Are our schools amply funded now? This summer our State Legislature passed a budget to increase funding for schools in Washington State, in order to comply with a State Supreme Court order to amply fund basic education in our public schools. So is that it? Are our schools amply funded? How will this affect our property taxes in Seattle? How will this affect the budget for Seattle Public Schools? Get the answers to these and any other questions you may have at the **Eckstein PTSA sponsored Seattle School Funding Forum on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00PM in the Eckstein Auditorium**. In attendance will be 46th District Representative Gerry Pollet and State Senator David Frockt, as well as a representative from the Seattle Schools Budget Office. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session. The Eckstein PTSA hopes you can attend this very informative event. For questions, please contact Natalya Yudkovsky at natalya.yudkovsky@gmail.com

Eckstein Basketball Tryouts:

TUESDAY 12/5:	Girls returning V/JV 4:00-5:30
	Boys 5:30-7:00
WEDNESDAY 12/6:	Boys 4:00-5:30
	Girls returning JVC & new 5:30-7:00
THURSDAY 12/7:	Boys 4:00-5:30
	Girls returning JVC & new 5:30-7:00
FRIDAY 12/8	Girls returning V/JV 4:00-5:30
	Boys 5:30-7:00

We are looking for a paid volunteer for lunchtime gym supervision. It would be for both lunches M-F and we would have other projects that we would need help with to make it a two hour-paid volunteer position. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ann Peterson at Eckstein MS (206) 252-5010 or apeterson@seattleschools.org. Our goal is to have the same person M-F so we can provide some stability/consistency for this lunchtime program. Thank you for your interest. Ms. Sterk, Principal

Planning on taking your student out of school for a vacation? You and your student need to complete a Preplanned Absence form and turn it into Attendance prior to the absence in order for it to be excused. You can download the form here:

http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6059/File/About/Attendance/pre-planned_absence_form-EMS.pdf

Box Tops! Thank you for sending in your Box Tops! The first submission had over 2000 Box Tops. Each one earns Eckstein \$.10. Please continue to send in your Box Tops to the Front Office. If you are able to take a moment to cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired that is super helpful. Thanks for your support!

ASB See's Candy Fundraiser: This year, ASB is asking all students to help with fundraising by selling See's Candy. The fundraiser will begin on November 6 and end on the 28th. We ask that your students do not sell door-to-door—this can be unsafe—rather we would love to see them selling to family, close neighbors and friends. We are handing out forms in homeroom classes, which have information about the cost and types of candy we are

selling. The money raised during the fundraiser is to be used for field trips, dances, school prizes and other fun activities that the students will participate in during their homerooms. **Parents/Guardians may pay for the candy using Schoolpay.com and select See's Candy using your student ID number. You must send in your order form to the school with your student's name on it no matter how you choose to pay (mark "online" on your order form so we can match your order with the form of payment).** You can also pay with cash or a check made out to "Eckstein Middle School" – please write your student's name and/or ID number on the memo line. We anticipate many great future activities with the funds, as this is the major fundraiser for the year. With the Holidays around the corner, it is certainly a good time to spread cheer or decorate your table with an assortment of delicious treats! Thanks, ASB Council

Corrected ~ Shop at Amazon and Support Eckstein Band: Shop at Amazon

through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> and designate your "Eckstein PTSA and Band". Then, 0.5% of eligible purchases support your charity of choice. There is no added cost to you. If you bookmark this link and use it to access Amazon any time you make purchases, Eckstein bands will automatically receive the benefit! Please spread the word to all your friends and family. These funds will go a long way to offset the costs of the many performances, trips, sheet music and instrument repairs as well as help provide scholarships for those students who needs them. Thank You!

- Go to "Your Account"
- Select "Change your Charity"
- Under "or pick your own charitable organization"
- Type in "Eckstein PTSA and Band" (WA State PTSAs are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit "Select", and all your future purchases that you buy at [smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

Private School Recommendations & Transcripts: To ensure our timely response, application requests must be turned in to us by December 1st. **We cannot guarantee that requests will be completed if submitted after December 1.** It will be at the teacher's discretion, if they have time available. Please visit our website to learn how to request records and recommendations:

http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/academics/private_school_recommendation_process

Eckstein Girls' Soccer: [MS Girls Varsity Soccer Schedule 17-18 as of 10-16-17](http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/academics/private_school_recommendation_process) and [MS Girls JV Soccer Schedule 17-18 as of 10-10-17](http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/academics/private_school_recommendation_process)

Eckstein Basketball Forms Due by December 5, 2017: All basketball forms must be turned into the Eckstein Main Office by December 5. Stay tuned for information about tryouts and practices. Due to the large number of participants, late paperwork cannot be accepted. Students must be cleared by a physician to play, so don't wait until the last minute to get a sports physical and complete the forms! Forms are available in the Main Office or download forms at http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/student_activities/athletics. A signed and dated physician's physical is good for two calendar years. If you have a *current* physical on file, please write "Physical on File". Students are not permitted to participate in tryouts or practices until ALL forms have been submitted and cleared.

Birthday Opt Out: We are celebrating student and staff birthdays this year by putting their names on our monthly birthday bulletin board and sending home a personalized card during their birthday month. We know that not all families celebrate birthdays, so if you would like to opt your student out of this, please email the student's name and grade to stwong@seattleschools.org

Got cool crafting/robotics/programming supplies around you'd like to donate to the library? Student have been using the Eckstein Library MakerSpace at lunch and after school. The MakerSpace currently includes materials such as a green screen and iPad, LittleBits electronics kit, 2 Sphero robots, Makey Makey kits, whiteboard tables, and some fun engineering materials. I will be training some students how to use a Cricut printer and a stop motion animation camera soon! The goal behind the Eckstein MakerSpace is to encourage students to work together and become designers and creators. If you have supplies you'd like to donate, contact the librarian Erin Sterling at emsterling@seattleschools.org to arrange a time to drop-off. Supplies that would be great to have: Lego boards, Lego blocks, small robotics equipment, scissors that could cut cardboard, Playdoh, LEDs, copper foil tape, Keva structures, K'Nex, electronic/robotics parts such as motors, switches, and batteries, duct tape, painter's tape, craft sticks, conductive fabric, conductive thread, or Velcro.

Eckstein Snow Sports: Registration for the 2018 January and February Friday night ski and snowboard lesson and bus program is now open through SKI MOHAN. Please check out the Ski Mohan page for Eckstein at <https://www.skimohan.com/school-program/seattle-public-schools/eckstein-middle-school>. Please note: This is a program of Mohan Skiing and Boarding; *this is not a school sponsored activity or field trip*. The Eckstein Snowsports name and email address is merely to coordinate the students of Eckstein who participate in the Ski Mohan program. Parent volunteers are needed to run a smooth and successful program. There are adult perks for such responsibilities. Send a note of interest to Jessica Levine or Tom Estep at ecksteinsnewsports@gmail.com.

Got Eckstein Sports and/or Music Photos? Can we use them in the yearbook? If so, please email digital images to jrdetering@seattleschools.org.

If you logon to SchoolPay.com you may see a request for an Art donation even though you have already made one. You do not have to donate again. This is a bookkeeping problem with the new system. Thanks for your support of our school.

Phone Calls Home: Robocalls and emails are sent to all contact numbers for listed guardians. To modify this please go to the Seattle Public Schools website:

https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/communication_preferences You can only change permission for yourself, so each guardian will have to login separately.

Eckstein Music Program Donations: Starting on September 16th, Band and Orchestra donations can now be made through SchoolPay. [Here is the district link for more information >>](#) Registration Steps: Go to the [Source](#) and click the SchoolPay icon this September

- Enter your registered Source email address
- If you don't have a valid email in the system you will be guided to create a guest account. You will need your student's ID number and school name to continue. Guest accounts will not have visibility to balances due to privacy requirements but can make payments on a student's behalf. Only the validated parent will have access to all student information
- Once logged in to SchoolPay, click "Payments" to see fee based items for the students associated with your SchoolPay account in one schools participating in Phase 1. If two or more students are associated with your SchoolPay account, click on the drop-down arrow next to "all items by name" to view items by student.

Contact School Pay with any questions: support@schoolpay.com 888-886-9729

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

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.

High School Open Houses

Updated ~ Nathan Hale Informational Nights: Future and prospective parents/guardians and students are invited to join us for one of the following informational evenings:

- **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**
 - 6:00PM – 7:00PM Information Tables and Tours in Commons (last tour leaves Commons at 6:40)
 - 7:00PM – 8:30PM Presentation and Questions in Performing Arts Center
 - Topics: Courses offered; structure of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades; school culture and philosophy; schools communication and opportunities for connections within the Nathan Hale community.
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**
 - 6:00PM – 7:00PM Information Tables and Tours in Commons (last tour leaves Commons at 6:40)
 - 7:00PM – 8:30PM Presentation and Questions in Performing Arts Center
 - Topics: Courses offered; structure of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades; school culture and philosophy; schools communication and opportunities for connections within the Nathan Hale community.

Please note: The last tour to leave the Commons before the 7:00 presentation will be at 6:40 on both evenings.

We invite and encourage families who will be assigned to NHHS to attend an information evening in order to get a head start on transition to high school. We also welcome families who are assigned to another school but are interested in NHHS and are considering going through the Open Enrollment process. Families who are not able to attend one of the Information Nights are more than welcome to come to the main office between 3:40 and 4PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to sign in, pick up an information packet and walk through the building on a self-guided tour.

Letter to Prospective Students at Roosevelt High School: We invite you to attend one of the many public events offered by the school, ranging from athletics to drama or musical performances. You may also visit the building immediately after school (3:35) during the week, provided that you: sign in at the Main Office, are accompanied by your parent, and limit your visit to 30 minutes or less. Due to increased enrollment, we are unable to provide tours during the day. You are invited, however, to join us on *February 1 at 6:30 for an Open House event*. We expect the event to begin at 6:30 pm, but stay tuned to their website at www.roosevelths.seattleschools.org for additional details. There will likely be several other events in the spring for families who have enrolled at Roosevelt for the coming year.

Ingraham High School - School Tours and Open House Schedule:

- *Shadow Visits:* Shadow visits will begin January 2nd and will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays until February 15, 2018.. Students will have an opportunity to shadow a current 9th grader for the first 4 periods of the day (8:55 AM – 1:10 PM). You can call Ms. Medina to make a reservation starting Nov 27th 206-252-3889.
- *Ingraham Open House for incoming students:* February 6th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium. This is a general information night open to everyone - Mr. Floe/Principal and the Ingraham Staff will answer any questions about academics, sports, clubs and student life at Ingraham.
- *Ingraham High School IB Information Night:* February 8th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium. This is an information night for parents and students interested in the IB Program.
- Ingraham High School Day Time Tour: February 8th – 9:00 AM – 11:00AM. Tour begins in the school Auditorium - parents must accompany students on the tour.

Questions? Call the Main Office #206-252-3889. All tours are for parents and students. No need to RSVP for tours or the night open houses.

Raisbeck Aviation Informational Nights: Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents! Wondering if Aviation is a good fit for your student? Check out our upcoming information nights. Wednesday, November 8, 2017 OR Thursday, December 7, 2017. 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Raisbeck Aviation High School 9229 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98108. What information we will be going over:

- The application process, what to expect, when to apply.
- Meet students, staff, and parents of current students.
- Learn about RAHS's curriculum and how it prepares students for college and career.
- Learn about extra-curricular activities such as Science Olympiad, Speech and Debate, Robotics, and Ultimate Frisbee to name just a few.

Community News

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

****Seattle Cascades – Ultimate Clinics and Events:** Sessions from beginner to advanced. Open to all genders. <http://www.seattlecascades.com/2017-events/>

STEM Event: Please join us for a hands-on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) event during the Build It night at Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center on Friday December 1st from 6 to 8 PM. While other kids are playing around with Legos or having fun in the Imagination Playground, try your math skills by calculating where a car will land after rolling down a ramp and off the table. Or, extract DNA from some strawberries. These are fun and simple experiments with materials you may already have around the house so you can easily recreate them at home.

Storytelling and the Holidays Kids Camp at Uplift Writing: Dec. 18th, 19th, and 20th. Does your child love writing, storytelling, and DIY (do-it-yourself) crafts? Uplift Writing in Bryant is now enrolling for our December break camp. Your child will read and listen to talented storytellers describing a funny or poignant holiday memory and then learn techniques for writing and/or reciting their own. Beautiful paper, embossing tools, calligraphy, and

other brightly-colored, sparkly, and/or fluffy materials will be used for the DIY projects! Please visit www.upliftwriting.com to register. - \$ 75 per day // \$210 for 3 days, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 5758 35th Ave. NE | Seattle, WA 98105 | info@upliftwriting.com | (206) 929-1311.

One on One Holiday Hoops Camps: Meadowbrook CC & Queen Anne CC!

December 18th-22nd / 9AM-3PM / Ages 6-12 / Cost: \$225

December 26th-29th / 9AM-3PM / Ages 6-12 / Cost: \$180

Staying in town for Winter Break? We will improve our basketball skills through drills, contests, games and scrimmaging. To register, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Roosevelt H.S. Jazz Nutcracker: The Roosevelt High School Jazz Band will perform Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's Jazz Nutcracker on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the [RHS Performing Arts Theatre](#) This fanciful take on the Tchaikovsky suite is sure to get you swinging into the holiday season. For ticketing information visit: <http://www.rooseveltjazz.org/events/jazz-nutcracker>

Cascade Academy Youth Ultimate Clinic: ES, MS, HS Divisions, Sunday, November 19th Magnuson Park.

<http://www.seattlecascades.com/2017-events/>

Youth in Focus After-School Photography Classes: Winter interviews with youth 13-19 years old will start in November.

- Winter 2018 will start in January
- Darkroom or digital photography classes
- Youth can earn Service Learning Hours
- Application attached and online: <http://www.youthinfocus.org/what-we-do/>

MINECRAFT CAMP at the Seattle Public Library Ballard Branch in November: Middle schoolers can learn how to create games and worlds using Minecraft skills from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Ballard Branch, 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., 206-684-4089. Library events are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is required, call or stop by the branch to sign up. Free parking is available in the underground garage. During this five-week Minecraft program, sixth- through eighth- graders will create new worlds, strategize and learn to build like a pro to unlock the mysteries of Minecraft building, adventures and survival. Presented in collaboration with Connected Camps. For more information, call the Library at 206-684-4089

Young Adult Transition Speaker Series Presented by Delphi. For parents of middle school, high school and parents of young adults. Information and RSVP link for the November/December speakers can be found in the link: [2017-18 Young Adult Speaker Series](#) November's speaker is Dr. Boccomazzo about the challenges of raising kids and teenagers in an environment saturated with video games and social media and in December Author William Kenover on discovering the source of our true potential in ourselves and in our children.

AWIS Middle School STEM program GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science): GEMS is a free, volunteer-run, after-school science enrichment program for Seattle 7th to 8th grade girls to explore STEM fields as diverse as forensics, oceanography and neuroscience through hands-on activities, field trips and mentorship from women in science. GEM meetings run once a month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm over November to May and are offered at two locations: the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in downtown Seattle and South Shore School in South Seattle. <http://seattleawis.org/awis-events/gems/>

Registration is open until October 30, 2017 and the applications as well as more information on the program are available at our website. Please contact seattlegems@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program and kindly forward this information to the relevant parent, teacher and student groups.

Stone Soup Theatre – 1414 N 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98103

- *Lion, Witch, Wardrobe Fall Youth Performance Class:* Oct 25-Dec 16; Wednesday, 4:15-6:15p.m. Auditions: Monday, Oct 23 – Ages 8-14.
- *Merry Christmas Charlie Brown,* Oct 24-Dec 13; Tuesdays 4:15-5:15p.m. – Ages 5-8.

Visit StoneSoupTheatre.org to learn about winter and spring break, and Summerstage 2018. Contact Jeremy at (206) 388-9212 or education@stonesouptheatre.org