



ECKSTEIN FALL 2017

Family Letter

August 2017

WELCOME EAGLES!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! It is already August and our first day of school is September 6th at 8:55am. Eckstein is beginning to wake up from the July break. Our floors are waxed and we are preparing! 6th grade students will kick off the year with a morning orientation on September 6th. Parents are welcome to walk students to the cafeteria for name tags and then to the auditorium. While 6th graders get oriented, returning 7th and 8th grade students will reconnect with their peers in homeroom and get ready to begin the year. New 7th and 8th graders will have a special orientation—more information will be available on our website. **Remember to check the website regularly for updated information: www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org** Principal Sterk

Student Schedules - Our registrar, Ms. Wong, and office staff have worked hard to get schedules ready and out prior to the first day of school. We have your student's tentative schedule included with this newsletter. *Final schedules will be given to your student on the first day of school.*

Please remember that Eckstein's schedule is very complex and electives are not guaranteed. We prioritize the scheduling of core academic classes and reading/math support classes to ensure that all students are in the appropriate courses. We cannot accommodate teacher choice. We do our best to honor elective choices when possible.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's schedule (such as a student placed in wrong math class), the Eckstein Counseling Department staff will be available to answer questions via return emails, phone calls or in person on the following days and times:

- **August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Email & Voicemail: The counselors will respond to emails and phone calls in the order received during designated office hours.

Walk-ins: If you prefer an in-person visit, please come to the Eckstein counseling center on the second floor, sign in and then wait outside the counseling center, Room 214. These drop in appointments are on a first come basis. In order to accommodate everyone, appointments are limited to 15 minutes.

Counselors: GR. 6 - Ms. Duncan nmduncansort@seattleschools.org 252-5084

GR 7 - Ms. Wedemeyer arwedemeyer@seattleschools.org 252-5083

GR. 8- Ms. Ziadeh raziadeh@seattleschools.org 252-5103

IMPORTANT DATES:

August:

- **8/16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25**
Counselors available
9:00am- 2:00pm
- **8/28 WEB Day 6th**
Grade 8-12 noon

September:

- **9/6 First Day of school:**
 - ◇ **6th Grade/ New Student orientation.**
 - ◇ **7th/8th returning students to homeroom.**
 - ◇ **new 7th/8th grade students –special orientation.**
- **9/6 PTSA Parent Coffee 9 AM**
- **09/14 Picture Day!**
- **9/15- Required 8th grade parent Orkila meeting 6:30 PM**
- **10/03 Curriculum Night 6-8 PM (adults only)**
- **10/11,12,13 8th Grade Orkila Trip (Please get paperwork in ASAP!)**
- **10/13 NO SCHOOL**



8th GRADERS to Orkila October 11-13th!

We are excited about this all-8th grade trip to Orkila as we focus on community building! Please help by mailing or bringing the completed permission forms and payment to the office on or before the first day of school. All the forms can be found on Eckstein’s website: ecksteinms.seattleschools.org. All paperwork is due **on or before September 20th**. Remember, scholarships are available with no questions asked. This will be a great opportunity for all 8th graders to participate in team-building activities, challenge courses, etc.

This trip requires many chaperones and we have over 30 parent chaperones! We’re almost there but still need a few more to make this trip happen! If you would like to come as a volunteer, please contact LauraLeigh Young at 206-252-5012 or llyoung@seattleschools.org

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

These are the required school supplies. We know there are many different types of supplies from which to choose. To help you and your student choose the best supplies for his/her organizational style and preferences, please see the complete school supply list with an organizational style questionnaire, and descriptions of the best types of school supplies to purchase for your student’s organizational style on our website: ecksteinms.seattleschools.org (first link on the home page ‘school supplies’)

- ◇ One 3” heavy duty three-ring notebook (maybe an extra one for later in the year, if needed due to wear and tear)
- ◇ Notebook dividers (5 tab minimum)
- ◇ 1 sturdy two pocket bifold folder with hole punches.
- ◇ One package of notecards 3x5 or 5x7, student’s choice
- ◇ Pencil pouch
- ◇ Writing supplies (no Sharpies allowed):
 - 4 dozen sharpened pencils (12 per quarter)
 - 32 pens (black or blue ink) (8 per Quarter)
 - 4 Highlighters (1 per quarter)
 - two fine-tip black non-permanent markers (ie. Flair or Pilot)
- ◇ Erasers
- ◇ 500 sheets 8 ½” x 11” notebook paper (lined, 125 sheets per quarter)
- ◇ Flash (thumb) Drive if preferred. Consider using the OneDrive instead.
- ◇ 4 operation calculator: If you are in a **7th or 8th grade** math class, wait to get specific instructions from your teacher about the calculator you will need.
- ◇ **6th and 8th graders:** Five composition notebooks, 80-100 pages
- ◇ **7th Graders:** Six composition notebooks 80-100 pages (2 for LA).
- ◇ **8th graders** - an additional 1 1/2" view binder is required for your Language Arts class; the notebook will stay at school so it can be a used binder, if preferred.

If your student struggled to keep track of their work last year, consider getting red and green two pocket, bifold folders with hole punches. Label the red folder “Work to Take Home” and the green folder “Work to Turn In.”

Advisory Supply List (for all 6th graders, and 7th/8th graders who did not create a portfolio during the past school year):

One 1 ½” binder
5 dividers

Individual teachers may request additional supplies once students are assigned to their classes. Teachers will provide this information during the first week of school. Donations of any of these supplies are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Main Office. Thank you.

WEB DAY FOR INCOMING 6th GRADERS

All incoming 6th graders are invited to a special WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Day on Monday, August 28th from 8:00a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Eckstein gym.



This will be a great chance for students to get familiar with Eckstein, meet their 8th grade student leaders, and learn how to achieve success in middle school. Because the day is active, please make sure your students wears comfortable clothing. Also, there is no need to bring a backpack or materials on this day. Transportation and lunch are not provided. While it is not mandatory for students to attend, it is highly encouraged.

If your student needs any special accommodations or support, please email Stacey Norman at slnorman@seattleschools.org.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We really want to build community. In middle school this can be a challenge as students begin to *really* demonstrate independence! However, they still need us! Please contact LauraLeigh Young at llyoung@seattleschools.org, if you can volunteer to do any of the following. Also plan to join the PTSA and get involved! More information will be available at the first day 6th Grade PTSA coffee and at Curriculum night.

- **Start of school needs** - 1st day packets stuffing, painting, posting lists - week of August 28th - drop in any time from 9:00 to 2:00 for as much or as little time you have.
- **Lunch Hall Monitor** - It sometimes feels like a thankless job, BUT your help makes our lunch time safe, efficient and more relaxing for all students and staff. We love our hall monitors.
- **Library Assistance** - This is a way to help when you need a flexible schedule. Book shelving, tidying, etc.
- **Garden Help** (construction projects, gardening, cleanup, watering, etc.)
- **Bulletin Boards and Displays** - Our building has 'great bones' but needs a little sprucing up of some of the bulletin boards and displays cases.



New 7th & 8th Graders -

Don't worry! We've got you covered! There's a special 7th & 8th grade orientation with your peers on the first day!

PTSA:

President: Gail Joseph,
gailejoseph@gmail.com

9/18/17 - General meeting at 7:00pm in the Library! Great opportunity to meet other parents, and to hear an update from Principal Sterk.

For the latest PTSA news, checkout ecksteinms.seattleschools.org - Get involved/PTSA

SCHOOLGY

Seattle Public Schools launched Schoology information system last year. Eckstein staff is working to standardize our use of this platform, posting classroom syllabi, assignments and other important information. Students at Eckstein regularly access Schoology and the Source to track assignments, grades and access resources. Parents are also encouraged to access Schoology and the Source to help students stay on track and stay informed. To sign up and/or login, go to the 'student portal' at the TOP of the SPS website www.sps.org. Here you will find access and resources. Eckstein will also host a parent workshop for Schoology and Source on Curriculum Night.

Eckstein Bell Schedule
*Like most SPS middle schools, Eckstein has a new bell schedule this year with a later start. Please plan ahead. **Staff will not be available and students should not be on campus prior to 8:25AM.** YMCA should be providing afterschool programming. Look for information in the first day packets and online in September.*

ECKSTEIN DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY/TUESDAY/FRIDAY:

1st period: 8:55 to 9:50
Homeroom: 9:55 to 10:15
2nd period: 10:20 to 11:15
3rd period: 11:15 to 12:45 (lunches included)
4th period: 12:50 to 1:45
5th period: 1:50 to 2:45
6th period: 2:50 to 3:45

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 75 minute early release
(Note: September 6th is a M/T/F schedule -no early release.)

1st period: 8:55 to 9:45
2nd period: 9:50 to 10:35
3rd period: 10:35 to 11:55 (lunches included)
4th period: 12:00 to 12:45
5th period: 12:50 to 1:35
6th period: 1:40 to 2:30

EVERY THURSDAY - with EXTENDED HOMEROOM:

1st period: 8:55 to 9:45
Homeroom: 9:50 to 10:40
2nd period: 10:45 to 11:35
3rd period: 11:35 to 1:00 (lunches included)
4th period: 1:05 to 1:55
5th period: 2:00 to 2:50
6th period: 2:55 to 3:45

FIND INFORMATION AND BE IN THE KNOW!:

Go to the Eckstein's website to "opt In" for Eckstein email notifications! You will find much information on our website:

ecksteinms.seattleschools.org

Or call:
Main Office: (206) 252-5010

YOUR ECKSTEIN GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

6th GRADE: Mrs. Anderson will be our 6th grade administrator and will be teaming with Mrs. Duncan our new 6th grade counselor and they both will support students and families. Mrs. Anderson can be reached at jaanderson@seattleschools.org

7th GRADE: Mrs. Schreiber will be our 7th grade administrator and will work with Mrs. Wedemeyer to support the students and families. Mrs. Schreiber is expecting a baby in late August and will be taking maternity leave for the first six weeks of the school year. Luckily, Mr. Timmons (who retired as an Assistant Principal last year) will substitute in her absence. Mrs. Schreiber is also the primary support for the student discipline and behavior support. She can be reached at dfschreiber@seattleschools.org

8th GRADE: Mrs. Rose is new to Eckstein and is replacing Mr. Timmons, who retired last year. She will team with Ms. Ziadeh to serve 8th grade students and families. Mrs. Rose comes to us from Northshore School District. She is starting her 9th year as an administrator, with 3 years at Bothell High School and 5 years at Inglemoor High School. Mrs. Rose taught Social Studies and English at Inglemoor before going into administration. A graduate of Eckstein herself, she is looking forward to giving back to her community where she grew up and where she is raising her two children. She can be reached at kprose@seattleschools.org