

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **March 3, 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**

Mar 6	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
Mar 6	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Mar 9	Eckstein MS Concert Band Festival, 7:30p.m.
Mar 13	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Mar 14	**Eckstein Orchestra Concert, 7:30p.m.
Mar 14	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
Mar 16	Combined Choir Concert 2 @ Eckstein
Mar 18	Eckstein Solo & Ensemble, All Day <i>Rescheduled to March 25</i>
Mar 19	**Eckstein Garden Group (see details below)
Mar 22	District-wide 2-Hr Early Dismissal
Mar 22	**Student-Led Conferences (see Principal's Letter)
Mar 23	Eckstein MS Jazz Festival, 7:30p.m.
Mar 25	<b>New Date ~ Eckstein Solo &amp; Ensemble, All Day</b>
Apr 3	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
Apr 3	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Apr 4	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
Apr 6	Eckstein Top Ensembles Performance, 7:30p.m.
Apr 8	Eckstein Rummage Sale— Moved to Apr 22
Apr 10-14	Spring Break, No School
Apr 17	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Apr 22	<b>New Date ~ Eckstein Rummage Sale</b>
May 1	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
May 1	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
May 8	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
May 10	District-wide 2-Hr Early Dismissal
May 16	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
May 19-20	Eckstein Musical Performance
May 29	Memorial Day, No School
June 1	District-wide 2 Hr Early Dismissal
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 22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
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**

Dear Eckstein Families,

The Eckstein community enjoyed an original play performed by Nathan Hale students at a special assembly on Thursday. The focus was on the steps that each student can take to prevent, respond to and report bullying. Many of the performing students were proud Eckstein alumni!

A group of Eckstein sixth graders kicked off our own Eckstein “Bully Buster” campaign after the play. Gemma B, Charlee D.C., Juliet K. and Lila B. created handouts and a “Bully Buster” lesson plan for our entire Social Studies department, and Maya P. and Maya M. delivered a PowerPoint presentation. Eckstein students are writing letters to our US Senators to share their experiences with bullying and ask the Senators to take a stand against bullying. The letters will be hand delivered by the six Eckstein Bully Buster Committee students to the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders in Washington DC. Special thanks to Mrs. Schreiber for helping the students organize the presentation. (To view the Bully Buster PowerPoint presentation, go to the Eckstein website at [www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org](http://www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org).)

Please mark your calendar for Student-Led Conferences on March 22nd. Students will set appointments with their parent or guardians to come to Eckstein that afternoon for these short conferences that are prepared by the students themselves.

Please have a safe and fun weekend. There is more snow in the forecast!

Treena Sterk  
Principal, Eckstein Middle School  
**#principalsterk**

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

### **Volunteering at Eckstein Middle School**

**The Eckstein Garden Group** will hold a weekly work party every 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).

**\*\*Ms. Alsept needs three more chaperones for the fieldtrips to Alki Beach on March 28, 29, and 30.**

Volunteers only need to go one day from 9:30 to 2:00. If enough chaperones aren't found, the fieldtrip will need to be canceled. Please help if you're able. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the field trip details, please contact Ms. Alsept ([tialsept@seattleschools.org](mailto:tialsept@seattleschools.org)). If you have questions about the chaperone clearance forms, please contact LauraLeigh Young ([llyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:llyoung@seattleschools.org)).

**\*\*Eckstein Afterschool Dance -- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Eckstein students are invited to an after-school dance in the cafeteria on Friday, March 10 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm, sponsored by the Associated Student Body (ASB).

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM TO ATTEND. Permission forms are available in the main office or can be downloaded [HERE](#). We will also need at least 10 volunteers from 3:00 - 5:00 pm to help with the check-in table, monitoring hallway use, supporting a student run refreshment stand, etc. All volunteers

must be cleared first by completing the SPS volunteer forms and returning them to the Eckstein office. If you can volunteer, please contact LauraLeigh Young at [llyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:llyoung@seattleschools.org).

**\*\*Yearbook Update:** We only have 200 yearbooks left to reserve. There are 500 students who have not ordered one yet. Therefore, 300 students will not get a yearbook this year. Don't be one of those 300. Order your yearbook now by bringing \$30 cash or check to the main office.

**\*\*The Eckstein Garden Group will host a monthly weekend work party.** The next one is Sunday, March 19, 2-4 pm. All families and staff are welcome; no experience or tools required. We will start in the Courtyard Garden near the portable. Contact [kanderson98115@outlook.com](mailto:kanderson98115@outlook.com) for more information or to RSVP.

**\*\*2017 Solo & Ensemble Contest at Eckstein March 25:** Signup Deadline is Monday March 13, 2017. Musicians of all abilities in sixth through eighth grade are encouraged to participate in this year's Solo and Ensemble contest, to take place on Saturday, March 25. The event gives students in choir, band, and orchestra an opportunity to play a short piece -- individually or with a group -- before a local professional musician who will encourage students and provide feedback on their performance. All participants will receive a medal and certificate. Students should check with music teachers to learn if incentives are offered to those who participate. Registration closes Monday, March 13. Scholarships are available to cover the entry fee. Students are assigned a performance time, so it is a fairly short time commitment on March 25. Please remind your student to bring a copy of their music for the adjudicator to look at while they are performing. If you have questions, feel free to contact your student's music teacher. Click [HERE](#) for information on the contest, and to download the forms for the [Solo Entry](#) or [Ensemble Entry](#).

**\*\*Whitman and Eckstein Japanese students are hosting a FREE electronics recycling event:** FREE & EASY Electronics Recycling Event. Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Whitman Middle School (9201 - 15th Ave. NW 98117). You just need to get it into your car. 1Green Planet employees will meet you at the Whitman front parking lot and unload your car and do all the sorting. View attached [flyer](#) to see what items qualify; here's a few. Computers, laptops, printers, small appliances, washer/dryers, water heaters, stereos, speakers, bicycles, BBQs etc...1Green Planet will also provide Document Shredding for a \$5 fee for any volume. You will be asked to provide a donation to the Scholarship fund for the Whitman and Eckstein Japanese Exchange program. Students will travel for a two week Japan Exchange trip this year in July to experience international travel, home stay with their sister school students, attend a local middle school, while using their acquired Japanese language skills. Kurt Thompson, Japanese Teacher

## **\*\*SPRING SPORTS:**

- **SOCER** - Boys' soccer tryouts start next week! If your student has turned in ALL of the forms to sign up for boys' soccer this spring, he should plan to go to the team tryouts next Wednesday, March 8th and Thursday, March 9th from 3:30-5:00. Practices will start on the regular Monday/Thursday schedule the week after tryouts. If you have any questions about boys' spring soccer, please contact Coach Kenyon at [sakenyon@seattleschools.org](mailto:sakenyon@seattleschools.org).
- **TRACK** – There will be an informational meeting during lunch next Tues, March 7 for all students interested in participating in spring track. Track practices will be from 3:30 – 5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 9. Students must have ALL forms turned in to participate in the first practice. If you have any questions about track, please contact Coach Karen King at [kruns@earthlink.com](mailto:kruns@earthlink.com).
- **VOLLEYBALL** – We still need a varsity coach for Girls' Volleyball! If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Megan Drafal at [mpholberg@seattleschools.org](mailto:mpholberg@seattleschools.org). We are hoping to start tryouts and practices the week of March 13, but can't schedule them until we have a coach!

**\*\*From Nathan Hale High School ~ To Parents and Guardians of incoming Nathan Hale students:** On Wednesday, March 8th, at 7PM in our Performing Arts Center we will be holding a Graduation Requirement Information evening at Nathan Hale for the parents and guardians of our current students. We know incoming 9th grade parents and guardians have questions about high school graduation requirements, credits, courses and other aspects of high school. This year, we are inviting future Nathan Hale parents and guardians to attend our March 8th evening as a preview of the four years ahead in high school at NHHS. The topics will include: Graduation requirements, Service Learning, Advanced Placement classes, Running Start details, Hale Action Project requirement and college admission requirements. Eighth grade parents and guardians who would like a preview of these topics are more than welcome to attend. All classes eight graders will sign up for in the spring once students

are assigned will satisfy graduation requirements, so attending this evening is not necessary for understanding the registration process for ninth grade classes. We will include very clear instructions in the mailing you will receive mid-April. The March 8th evening is more of a preview for future registration issues. Please note this is not a high school information night or a tour night. We held those events in December and February for prospective families. The March 8th evening is specifically designed around graduation requirements and the topics above.

**For Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders ~ Eckstein Subject Selection Sheets for the 2017-2018 School Year** were due into the Main Office by 2/15/17. A number of forms are still out. Please get them in ASAP. Please help your student complete the form by prioritizing their selection, signing the form and returning it to the school. If the form is misplaced, you can download the forms: [7th Grade Subject Selection Sheet for 2017-18](#) and [8th Grade Subject Selection Sheet 2017-18](#)

**Girls Who Code Coding Club.** This free club is for any female 6th-8th grade Eckstein student interested in Computer Science. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit working to close the gender gap in technology. Girls learn to use computer science to impact their community and join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models. The club will meet every Tuesday after school from 3:30-5:00 in room 132. If you have a student who is interested encourage them to attend a club meeting and fill out a permission slip (these can be found in room 132). If you have any questions contact the club facilitator, Adam McDonald – [admcdonald@seattleschools.org](mailto:admcdonald@seattleschools.org)

**HELP...ECKSTEIN REALLY NEEDS COACHES—For Spring Sports!** Please contact Megan Drafall at [mpholberg@seattleschools.org](mailto:mpholberg@seattleschools.org)

- Head Volleyball Coach
- 2 Assistant Volleyball Coaches
- 2 Assistant Track Coaches
- 2 Assistant Boys' Soccer Coaches

**Calling all 7th grade parents . . . Pay it FORWARD:** As we head into the 2nd semester, we are starting to plan the end-of-year promotion for our 8th grade students and are looking for some 7th grade parents to help as volunteers. Before you know it, your own students will be 8th graders, and won't it be nice to be able to sit back and enjoy their promotion without having to worry about volunteering on this special day? Volunteers are needed in the following areas for the 8th grade promotion, which will be Thurs, June 22 from 6-7 pm:

- Auditorium Decorations (4-6 people)
- Reception Decorations in cafeteria (4-6 people)
- Cake and drink setup for the reception (3-4 people)
- Folding and assembling programs (1-2 people)

If you are available to help, please contact Ms. Anderson, Asst. Principal & 8th Grade House Administrator, at [jaanderson@seattleschools.org](mailto:jaanderson@seattleschools.org). Thank you!

**New PTSA forming at Robert Eagle Staff Middle School for Fall 2017:** If you are one of the Eckstein families impacted by the new middle school boundary changes and will be attending Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, a group of parents are in the process of creating Friends of Robert Eagle Staff Middle School PTSA and want you to have the following information. They will be having kickoff PTSA meetings at the end of Marni Campbell's community meetings, which are TENTATIVELY scheduled for: February 16, March 7, March 21, April 6, April 25 - all the community meetings start at 6pm (PTSA at ~7:30) at the John Marshall building (520 NE Ravenna Blvd)

They are also encouraging future Eagle Staff families to complete the PTSA planning survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/4Iqc5ebCZejtqBFD3>.

Volunteers are also working to set up sports teams and the music support program as they hope to have a fully operational middle school on day one.

If you have questions, want additional information or if you'd like to help, you can email the PTSA at [resmspta@gmail.com](mailto:resmspta@gmail.com).

Here are additional links to their SPS and Facebook pages:

- SPS webpage [https://www.seattleschools.org/directory/middle\\_schools/robert\\_eagle\\_staff/](https://www.seattleschools.org/directory/middle_schools/robert_eagle_staff/)
- Friends of Eagle Staff MS FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1061858050546469/>

**Bands Summer and Fall Flower Bulb Fundraiser is now underway!** Dutch Mill Bulbs are high quality, guaranteed to bloom, and reasonably priced, but even better, our band program gets 50% of every purchase! It's a great way to support our talented Eckstein musicians while making your garden look terrific. Order here: <https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=ecksteinmiddleschoolband>

**Recruiting Host Families:** Every year Eckstein students and families welcome 3-5 groups of students and teachers from schools in Japan. I am now looking for families who would host 1-2 students over a weekend (Friday evening to Monday morning – 3 nights). Would your family be interested? If you are, please read on and also follow the links for more information. You can also send an email to [kathompson@seattleschools.org](mailto:kathompson@seattleschools.org) to ask me directly.

- The first group will come Friday, March 24th to Monday, March 27 with 10 students visiting Eckstein from the mountain village of [Nichinan](#). For the application form, click [HERE](#).
- The second group of students will be in Seattle Friday, May 26th to Monday morning on May 29th for 48 students from the [Sugamo-Shukutoku](#) JHS in Tokyo. I will be looking for 24 families who can host 2 students for this 3 night home stay experience. For the application form, click [HERE](#).

Thank you for reading this far. Kurt Thompson, Japanese Teacher at Eckstein MS.

**Eckstein Band Calendar – Updated 1/9/2017:** Click [HERE](#)

**Time to start hoarding for the Band Program Rummage Sale coming up in April!** Please hang on to those White Elephant gifts you got over the holidays; we'd love to have them! It's also a great chance to get started on a little early spring cleaning and decluttering. More details coming soon.

**“13” The Musical:** Questions email [ecksteinmusical@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinmusical@gmail.com)

- Rehearsals:
  - February 28-March 30, Tues, Weds, Thurs. 3:30-5:00p.m.;
  - April 3-28, Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5:30p.m.;
  - May 1-Performance: Mon-Fri, 3:30-5:30p.m.
- Performance Dates: May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:30p.m.

**Bridge for Youth ~ New Offering for the YMCA After-School Program:** This year the American Contract Bridge League and Eckstein are offering free “Learn to Play Bridge” classes for all students after school on Tuesdays. Kids will learn logic, reasoning, partnership and communication skills. Last year, National championships were held in Washington DC and World championships in Italy. Questions, contact Assistant Principal Ron Timmons at [retimmons@seattleschools.org](mailto:retimmons@seattleschools.org). Click [HERE](#) for the registration form.

**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.

**Semester 2 After-School Program:** The YMCA coordinates all after-school activities and clubs at Eckstein. The programs will be on-site at Eckstein and will run Monday through Thursday from 3:25p.m. – 5:15p.m. Click [HERE](#) to download a registration form and find out more information about what is offered. Forms are due on Friday, January 27, 2017. Forms must be turned in on time to ensure after school transportation. Questions, contact University Family YMCA at 206-524-1400 or email [universityprograms@seattlymca.org](mailto:universityprograms@seattlymca.org).

**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!

**See Section Below for Information About High School Open Houses**

**Open Enrollment for School Choice | Key dates for 2017-18:** Below are the anticipated dates for School Choice for 2017-18. Any updates will be posted to the Admissions webpage.

- Apr. 7, 2017: Schools receive next year assignments via PowerSchool
- Apr. 17, 2017: Next year Assignment Lookup Tool (for families) available online
- May 31, 2017: School Choice ends

**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.

**Eckstein is Looking for Gently Used Furniture for Read 180 Library:** If you have a comfortable, gently used arm chair (or two) and an area rug please contact teacher Anna Ioannides at [afoannidesb@seattleschools.org](mailto:afoannidesb@seattleschools.org)

**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 [cuescobedo@seattleschools.org](mailto:cuescobedo@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](http://lms.seattleschools.org) and click Login as a Student link. Students will login using their student username and password. For more information from the district about Schoology and the SOURCE

**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 Information News:**

**List of All High School Tours:** Dates/times sometimes change. Be sure to check each school's website for the most up-to-date information. Click [HERE](#) to view the tours (updated 1/20/17).

**For information about Nathan Hale High School:** <http://halehs.seattleschools.org>, find “Resources” on the right side of our homepage to click on the “Tour Information Packet” link

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#### **Community News**

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

**\*\*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.

**\*\*Support the Nathan Hale Music Department Fundraiser!** Where: Northgate Mall Chipotle (outside entrance, west side of mall). When: Wednesday, March 8 from 10:45am-10pm. How: Make a purchase and simply let the cashier know you're supporting the Nathan Hale Music Department fundraiser. Why: Because 50% of your sale will go to the Hale Music Department!

**Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp:** Are you a middle school student interested in a summer exploration of neuroscience and botany? Spend a week at the University of Washington working with scientists and teachers to explore, experiment, and discover! Campers will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the brain
- Conduct hands-on science experiments
- Learn about uses of medicinal plants in Native cultures
- Enjoy field trips to the Medicinal Herb Garden and Hyde Herbarium
- Discover "the art of the brain" by constructing models
- Make a plant extract and tie-dye a shirt

Information:

- Dates: July 10th-14th, 2017, 9 am-3 pm
- Location: University of Washington
- Cost: Free (transportation and lunch not provided)
- Who is eligible: Middle School Students

How to apply: Go to [www.neuroseeds.org](http://www.neuroseeds.org), click on the "Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp" tab and fill out the online application. Applications due April 3, 2017. Questions? Contact [nseeds@uw.edu](mailto:nseeds@uw.edu) or call (206) 685-3186

**Summer Activity Scholarship Opportunity!** The Assistance League of Seattle's Enrichment Scholarship Program provides financial resources to students enrolled in grades 6-11 in Seattle Public Schools so that they can participate in the summer enrichment learning experience of their choice. Students apply for up to \$500 in funding to camps for music, art, mathematics, language, leadership, journalism, culinary, computer science, and more.

- Eligibility Requirements:
  - Must be a student in Seattle Public Schools (home school students with SPS affiliation are also eligible).
  - Must be enrolled in grades 6 to 11.
  - Must complete and submit an application form by the application cut-off date.
  - NB: We do not fund sports or religious enrichment programs.
- Applicants:
  - Download and complete the [Enrichment Scholarship Program Application Form](#).
  - Applications are accepted starting in January.
  - Applications are reviewed and evaluated by the program committee by mid-April.
  - Students are notified of the results of the program committee's evaluations by letter.
  - Scholarships are awarded/distributed by (approximately) the end of April.
  - Scholarship award checks are made payable directly to the student's enrichment program or class, then sent with an award letter to the student's home address.
  - It is the responsibility of the student awarded the scholarship to complete the necessary application to his or her chosen program and also to include the check issued by Assistance League of Seattle with their application as payment.

[Click here to download Enrichment Scholarship Fund application.](#) Deadline: April 15

**Roosevelt Jazz - Two Great Events - Get Your Tickets Today!**

- **Hot Java Cool Jazz is Friday, March 17th** - 7pm at The Paramount Theatre. Join us at Starbucks 22nd Annual Hot Java Cool Jazz, an incredible evening of music with performances by five of Seattle's top high school jazz bands – including our own Roosevelt Jazz Band I. 100% of ticket sales benefit participating high school music programs. To reserve your ticket [click here](#).

- **The Roosevelt Big Band Dance & Auction is Saturday, March 18th** at The Temple De Hirsch Sinai on Capitol Hill. Doors open at 5pm. This is going to be a swinging good time with Vocal Jazz, Jazz Bands I, II, III, and IV and honoring our Jazz Band IV instructor and Roosevelt Alumn, Mark Taylor. For more information and to get your tickets [click here](#).

**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)

**Girls Lacrosse Clinic Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:** The Blanchet High School and Roosevelt High School Girls Lacrosse teams are holding their 4th annual MC2 Brave-Riders girls lacrosse clinic on Sunday, March 5th. This super fun clinic is run by the high school coaches and players and is for 3rd through 8th grade girls with any or no lacrosse experience. The clinic will be held at Blanchet High School's Mickey Nash field from noon-2:00. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mc2-brave-riders-girls-youth-lacrosse-pre-season-clinic-registration-15146417342>

**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.