

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **December 16, 2016**

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**

Dec 16	District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal
Dec 19 – Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 9	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library ~ <i>moved to January 19</i>
Jan 9	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
Jan 9	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Jan 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
Jan 19	<b>New Date</b> ~ Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Feb 1	Day Between Semesters, No School
Feb 6	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
Feb 6	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Feb 9	Eckstein Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night
Feb 13	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Feb 14	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
Feb 20	President's Day, No School
Feb 20-24	Mid-Winter Break, No School
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 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 22	District-wide 2-Hr Early Dismissal
Mar 23	Eckstein MS Jazz Festival, 7:30p.m.
Mar 25	<b>New Date</b> ~ Eckstein Solo & Ensemble, All Day
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
Apr 10-14	Spring Break, No School
Apr 17	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
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 23	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](#)

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

## **Volunteering at Eckstein Middle School**

**We Need Lunchtime Volunteers!** Eckstein Hall Parents support our students during lunchtime by helping with activities, hall passes and the Rock Wall Room to ensure a fun and safe school environment for all students. Volunteer once a week or every other week for 90 minutes. M/W/F lunch time is 10:45 – 12:15, Tues/Thurs lunch time is 11:15 – 12:45. To volunteer or for more information, please email [llyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:llyoung@seattleschools.org) .

**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).

**\*\*Eckstein Tardy Policy Update:** Starting on Tuesday, January 3rd, students who have already accrued five or more tardies in a single class will receive lunch detention for all future tardies in that class. For example, if your student already has five tardies in 1<sup>st</sup> period then comes late to 1st period on Tuesday, January 4th, that student will receive lunch detention. Questions, email [ecksteinms.attendance@seattleschools.org](mailto:ecksteinms.attendance@seattleschools.org)

**\*\*PTSA UPDATE:** The PTSA General Meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan 9 has been moved to Thursday, Jan 19. We will meet in the library at 7pm and all are welcome! Attending a PTSA meeting is a great way to learn about ways to get involved at Eckstein. We are currently looking for two volunteers to spend about one hour helping to review the PTSA books in Jan or Feb. We are seeking three or four members to form the Nominations Committee for next year's PTSA Board positions. This Committee will be voted upon at the Jan. 19th meeting. If you are interested or have questions about either of these roles, please contact Elida Moran at [emoran08@gmail.com](mailto:emoran08@gmail.com) .

**\*\*THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange yesterday! We appreciate all of the bakers and volunteers who made it a very sweet day for us. And a special thank you to Andrea B. for organizing the event. – Eckstein teachers and staff

**\*\*Thank you for participating last Tuesday (12/13/16) in the Eckstein/Whitman/Kellogg Chipotle restaurant fundraiser** which raised \$462.40, which is 50% of the sales brought in by supporters. This fundraiser supports Eckstein's Japanese language students.

**\*\*Parent/Guardian Workshop Series on IEP and Evaluations presented by Open Doors for Multicultural Families & Seattle School District** (for parents of students receiving Special Education services). Flyers in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Chinese](#). It includes: FREE supervised children's activities, FREE food and refreshments, FREE language support. These Services need to be requested by Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: FREE language support; FREE on-site childcare (Due to limited space, please register in advance). **REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**  
**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT:** [WWW.MULTICULTURALFAMILIES.ORG](http://WWW.MULTICULTURALFAMILIES.ORG) OR CONTACT: Open

Doors at 253-216-4479, [info@multiculturalfamilies.org](mailto:info@multiculturalfamilies.org) or Seattle Public Schools at 206-252-0794, [spedombuds@seattleschools.org](mailto:spedombuds@seattleschools.org)

- Wednesday, January 11, 6 - 8 p.m. Topic: IEP: Overview and Development of the IEP. Speaker: Carrie Griffin Basas, Director of the Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds. Location: South Shore K-8, 4800 S. Henderson Street, Seattle, WA 98118
- Wednesday, January 18, 6-8 p.m. Topic: Understanding School Evaluations. Speaker: Rose Spidell, Ombudsperson from the Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds. Location: South Shore K-8, 4800 S. Henderson Street, Seattle, WA 98118

**\*\*District and Seattle Council PTSA Budget Gap Meetings:** You are invited to attend a community meeting focused on next year's projected budget gap. The district's budget office will be presenting the current budget challenges and soliciting feedback. Seattle Council PTSA leadership will be sharing information on how to get involved. Unless the Legislature takes action to address school funding, the district has a projected deficit of \$74 million for the 2017-18 school year. We don't anticipate, based on the Legislature's past practice that they will pass an approved budget until June 2017 and this will be highly disruptive for our schools, staff and students.

The district will need to plan for the worst-case scenario in order to perform essential school and department planning for the 2017-18 school year. Your feedback is important as the district makes decisions. You can find additional [information regarding the projected gap on the budget webpage](#).

To learn more, please plan to attend one of the Seattle Council PTSA hosted budget meetings. Meeting Dates and Locations:

- [Tues., Jan. 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Franklin High School](#) (interpretation in Chinese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese will be available)

**\*\*Option School Choice Fair ~ Date: Sat., Jan. 28, 2017, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.:** Location: Cleveland STEM High School, 5511 15th Ave S Seattle, WA 98108. The Seattle Public Schools Option School Choice Fair offers students and families information about option schools and other student support services. This event will offer perspective on the SPS school choice process, unique offerings at each option school, new schools opening, school boundary changes, and other key information to help you choose the right school for your student. To attend an option school, a student must apply during Open Enrollment, which is open from February 13 until February 24, 2017. School choice forms will be available beginning February 6.

2017-18 Option Schools

- Elementary Schools: Cedar Park, John Stanford International, McDonald International, Queen Anne, Thornton Creek
- K-8 Schools: Louisa Boren STEM, Hazel Wolf, Licton Springs, Orca, Pathfinder, Salmon Bay, South Shore (PreK-8), TOPS
- High Schools: Cleveland STEM, Nova HS, Seattle World School, Center School

[Read more about SPS Admissions.](#) [Read more about option schools at Seattle Public Schools.](#)

**Inclement Weather Information:** From time to time, our normal operating hours or transportation services may be adjusted due to ice or snow. If inclement weather makes a schedule change necessary, the decision will be communicated through the following methods:

- [Seattle Public Schools' district](#) and school websites
- Automated phone calls or email messages from the district to parents or guardians
- [The district's Twitter page](#)
- Local media outlets

For the full text go to <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=4813446>

Letter to Parents regarding Transportation/Bus Service: [Bus Services](#)

Letter to Parent/Guardians of Special Education Students Transportation/Bus Service: [SpEd Bus Services](#)

**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!

**Updated Eckstein Band Calendar: [Eckstein Band Calendar 2016-17 updated 11-7-16](#)**

**Eckstein's Japanese students are giving out See's Chocolate bars in exchange for donations to our Exchange program's Scholarship Fund.** Students are asking for donations of at least \$2.25-\$3.00 for each bar. The funds collected will go to worthy students who are well qualified to participate in the Exchange program between Daitoku JHS in Japan and Eckstein MS, but whose families are not able to cover the full costs of the experience. Over the past 16 years we have given out more than 25 partial and full scholarships worth more than \$50,000. Thank you for your support. Kurt Thompson, Japanese World Language Teacher

**2016 – 2017 ENTERTAINMENT & CHINOOK BOOKS:** Once again the Eckstein Physical Education Department will be selling both books:

- The Entertainment Coupon Book for \$25.00
- The Chinook Coupon Book for \$22.00, and the Mobile App for \$15.00 and d) the Combo Pack (the print and mobile edition) for \$30.00.

You can make a difference and help support the P. E. Department this year by purchasing either book of your CHOICE and SAVE 50% on the things you enjoy doing.

- The **Entertainment Book** is packed with many savings and the 2 for 1 coupons are back. Just to mention a few of the many business you can enjoy: Avis, Budget and/or Hertz Rentals, Lake City Gyros, Eastlake Bar and Grill, Taco Del Mar, Steamers Seafood Cafe', Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and many more Fine and Casual Dining establishments. Many family activities are available, such as movie and theatre tickets, bowling and many more activities are available for your enjoyment.
- The **Chinook Book** offers over 500 Community Coupons on **ORGANIC FOOD**, Dining, Local Arts and Culture Entertainment, Home and Gardening, Travel and Recreation. To be more specific. What's **NEW** in the 2017 Edition? Especially in our neighborhood: a) Café' Javasti, b) Cloud City Coffee and c) Om Soma. A total of 113 NEW business are offering their services in this year's Coupon Book. Just to mention the many **SAVINGS** the **YOU** can **ENJOY**!

Orders may be placed with Ms. Nussbaum and placed in her box located in the Main Office. Checks should be made payable to Eckstein Middle School. Thank you for your support! The Eckstein P.E. Department

**Upcoming Eagle Staff Community Meeting:** Join Principal Campbell and the Robert Eagle Staff Middle School community to learn about the new school. Interpreters provided: please contact Principal Marni Campbell for more information [macampbell@seattleschools.org](mailto:macampbell@seattleschools.org)

- January 5, 2017, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Broadview Branch Library (12755 Greenwood Ave. N.). Robert Eagle Staff Middle School Family and Community Planning Meeting

**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.

- Feb. 6, 2017: School Choice forms available online
- Feb. 13, 2017: Open Enrollment begins
- Feb. 24, 2017: Open Enrollment ends
- 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>**

**It's time to order those spring bulbs, and make a little money for our music program!** We earn 50% of all orders placed so it's a great way to brighten your garden and support band at the same time. The bulbs are guaranteed to grow and bloom, with a super simple replacement policy! Go to:

<http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/ecksteinmiddleschool.php> to place your order. Bulbs will ship in 1-2 weeks. Anyone can order, so feel free to share the link. Click [HERE](#) to view the colorful brochure of Spring bulbs.

**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.

**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](#) to view flyer.

**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.

**Order Yearbooks Now:** Last year only 600 students ordered yearbooks and many students wished they had ordered one when we distributed them. Don’t let that happen again this year. Order your book before February 1st and pay only \$25. Books will cost \$30 after February 1st. No online sales this year. Bring a check payable to Eckstein Middle School or cash to the main office to preorder.

**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 [afioannidesb@seattleschools.org](mailto:afioannidesb@seattleschools.org)

**After School Junior Jazz Band:** This after school program began on September 13 and 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. 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:**

**\*\*Garfield High School Tours:** Geared toward students, but parents can attend.

- Tuesday, January 10th -9:45 a.m. -10:40 a.m.
- Thursday, January 19th from 9:45 a.m. -10:40 a.m.

Students will start in the QJ Auditorium with student panelists and specialists, and then have student-led tours. RSVPs are not required but can be done online through google forms (linked in the events on the website [garfieldhs.seattleschools.org](http://garfieldhs.seattleschools.org))

The evening event is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th -6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Parents will start in the QJ Auditorium with admin greetings and department chair overviews. Department chairs will then go back to their classrooms for Q & A . Geared toward parents, but students can attend.

### **Nova Open House: January 26, 2017, 6-8:00p.m.**

**Nathan Hale High School Information Nights:** Future and prospective parents/guardians and students are invited to join us for the following informational evenings:

- Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6:00PM – 7:00PM Information Tables and Tours in Commons, 7:00PM – 8:30PM Presentation and Questions in Performing Arts Center

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.

For SSD school assignment information: <http://www.seattleschools.org/admissions/faq>

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

**Ingraham High School Tours/Open Houses:** For information brochure, click [here](#).

- *Open House for Incoming Students:* Feb 2, 7:00 Ingraham Auditorium
- *IB Information Night:* Feb 8, 7:00 Ingraham Library
- *Day Time Tour:* Feb 8, 8:00-9:30a.m. Begins in the school Auditorium. Parent MUST accompany student on tour.

Questions, call Ingraham Main Office at 252-3889. No need to RSVP for tours or night Open Houses.

**Roosevelt High School Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Information Night is February 2, 2017 at 7:00p.m.

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### **Community News**

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

**\*\*Spring NFL Flag Football: Saturday** or Sunday leagues available. Pre-school thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Program starts mid to late-March. Seattle area locations: Green Lake, Montlake, Magnuson Park, Roosevelt H.S., West Seattle. Contact Pick6Sports.com for more information. Registration for Summer Camps opens on 1/1/17.

**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.

**One on One Basketball Seattle Presents:** <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/classes-clinics>

**Pre-Season Player Development Program (Ages 11-15), Ravenna CC, Queen Anne CC, Meadowbrook**  
CC One on One Basketball staff will help you sharpen your individual skills before the season. Go into tryouts with knowledge and confidence!

Red and Purple Level are appropriate for middle-school players. Choose a convenient time and location using the link below. Call Coach Michie with any questions at 206-715-3443.

**Pure Stroke Shooting Clinic (Ages 10-17), Ravenna CC (Thursday Evenings)** Learn how to shoot with proper technique going into the season! This weekly class is guaranteed to improve your shot tremendously.

**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.