

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **May 19, 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

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| May 19-20 | Eckstein Musical Performance |
| May 24-26 | **Eckstein Book Fair |
| May 25 | Eckstein Science Night, 6-8:00p.m. – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! |
| May 25 | **Eckstein Book Fair, 5:30-8:30p |
| 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 19 | **WEB Carnival for 6 th graders, 3:30-5:00p.m. |
| June 22 | 8 th Grade Promotion, 6-7:00p.m. |
| June 23 | 8 th Grade Argosy Cruise |
| June 26 | UPDATED ~ 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](#)

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Eckstein Families,

I am pleased to say that we have completed the Smarter Balance Math Assessments this week and were able to do so without needing make adjustments to students' daily class schedules. In years past, we have needed to be in 'testing mode' for more than six weeks, which meant schedule disruptions, as well as library and computer lab closings. A great deal of thoughtful planning by staff meant we were able complete the ELA portion in less than a week this year, and the math portion was completed during students' math classes in even less than a week. What a success!

The last month of school will be a whirlwind of activities! We invite you to support Eckstein's production of "13" tonight and tomorrow night. The student actors, stage managers and support crew have been working tirelessly to prepare and it will be a great show. Both the boys' soccer and girls' volleyball teams have games this weekend and you will find the times and locations on the Eckstein website. Some other upcoming events include Science Night

on May 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, the Spring Band Concert on June 8, the Spring Orchestra Concert on June 16 and, of course the June 22 Promotion Ceremony for 8th grade families.

Enjoy the sunshine and have a great weekend!

Trenea Sterk
Principal, Eckstein Middle School
#principalsterk

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

HELP NEEDED!

Science Night Volunteers – Thurs, May 25, 6 – 8 pm

We still need **8 more volunteers** to help monitor the rooms where students will display their science projects on Eckstein Science Night. To volunteer, contact LauraLeigh at llyoung@seattleschools.org and let her know if you can help with the first shift (5:50 – 7:00 pm) or the second shift (6:50 – 8:00 pm).

Bike-to-School Pancake Breakfast Volunteers – Fri, May 26, before school at the bike cage

Students and staff will be celebrating “Bike Everywhere Month” with several special events, including a pancake breakfast for anyone who rides to school on May 26th. Please contact Heather at heatherlmbaker@me.com if you can help!

8th Grade Promotion Volunteers – Thurs, June 22, 6 – 7 pm

Ms. Anderson is looking for 7th grade parents and guardians who can help with decorations, setup and preparing programs. If you can help, please contact her at jaanderson@seattleschools.org.

****Attn: 8th grade families:** If your soon-to-be 9th grade student plans to go out for a sport in high school next school year, they will need to have a current physical to turn in with their paperwork. The paperwork from middle schools does not get transferred to the high schools. If you did not keep a copy of the physical for 8th grade, we will be able to make a copy for them BEFORE school is out. Please email Megan Holberg mpholberg@seattleschools.org or have your student sign up in the Main Office. The copy will be given to the student within 48 hours of the request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan at (206) 252-5018. Her last day at Eckstein for this school year is June 26th and the office is on limited hours during the summer. Many high schools only have one day to turn in all the athletic forms. Thanks, Ms. Holberg

****Camp Orkila 2017:** Current 7th graders (or Eckstein 2017-18 8th graders) will be taking a fieldtrip to Camp Orkila on October 11-13, 2017. For more information and to download the fieldtrip permission form, go to our homepage at www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org.

Spring Musical! Performances of Eckstein’s spring musical, “13,” are Fri 5/19 and Sat 5/20 at 7:30 pm Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Advanced Learning Testing: The window for families to request testing for Kindergarten through 7th grade students to determine Advanced Learning and Highly Capable eligibility opened on May 15 and extends through September 22, 2017. For more information, click on the [Advanced Learning Family Informational Flyer](#) or contact Kari Hanson, klhanson1@seattleschools.org, Director of Student Support Services or Stephen Martin, sbmartin@seattleschools.org, Supervisor of Advanced Learning.

Yearbook Update: Under 100 yearbooks left to preorder. We had many disappointed students last year when we ran out of books. We cannot order more. Bring \$30 in cash or check to the main office to order a copy now.

The Eckstein Book Fair is coming! Sponsored by the local, independent University Bookstore, the Eckstein Book Fair will be in the library Wednesday, May 24th – Friday May 26th and open during Science Night on Thursday, May 25th. Can’t make it to the library? Go to the U District store anytime from Monday May 22 – Sunday May 28 and mention Eckstein when you’re purchasing a book and 10-20% of the proceeds go to support Eckstein. You can also purchase online anytime from Monday May 22 – Sunday May 28 and use the code ECK at checkout! <http://www.bookstore.washington.edu/books/books.taf?page=bookfairs> (Scroll down to Eckstein)

Attention 6th grade parents! WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders are sponsoring a carnival for 6th graders after-school on Monday, June 19th from 3:30 – 5:00pm. Candy cotton, popcorn, inflatable games and activities, and a 3D virtual reality gaming machine are just some of the things that will be there. A permission slip will be going home with students in a few weeks, which must be signed and turned in by Friday, June 16th in order for students to participate.

High School Information has moved to the section below (above Community News)

Eckstein teacher Mrs. Poort is looking for dead tennis balls to put on the bottom of her classroom chairs. If you have access to any, please drop them off at the main office (marked for Mrs. Poort) or in room 120! Thank you!

8th GRADE PROMOTION:

- **When:** June 22nd from 6-7 PM
- **Where:** Eckstein Auditorium
- **Who:** Eckstein 8th graders and their families & guests
 - Seating is limited to 4 per 8th grade student's family and will be first come/first served. The auditorium doors will open at 5:00. Both the main floor and the balcony will be open.
 - Suggested student attire is "Business Casual," which means shirts with collars, pants that are free from tears, dresses that meet the school dress code. (When deciding on a dress length, please consider that students will be sitting on a raised stage in front of an audience).
 - After the promotion ceremony in the auditorium, students, family, and guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments in the cafeteria.
 - If you know your 8th grade student will not attend the promotion, please let Assistant Principal Anderson know at jaanderson@seattleschools.org

7th grade parents and guardians, please contact Ms. Anderson at jaanderson@seattleschools.org if you can volunteer to help with this year's 8th grade promotion.

MAY IS BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH! This year Eckstein is in full swing to have the most successful #bikeeverywhere month for staff and students EVER! This is due to a number of things.

- Our Safe Routes to School Grant is working to promote biking as a way to commute to Eckstein. We are **ECKSTEIN BIKES!** Check out the Facebook page for this: www.facebook.com/Ride2Class
- You can promote biking to students and encourage them to ride to school! There will be prizes for students who take a challenge and even ride on MAY 10: Bike to School Day

If you'd like to be on a team go to <https://cascade.org/learn-school-based-programs-bike-school/middle-and-high-schools>. We ride in memory of Eckstein bike parent volunteer extraordinaire, Clint Loper, who died last year of ALL, Acute Lymphotytic Leukemia. He inspired so much of our Eckstein Bikes programs, and we'd really love to make it another fantastic year in his memory.

Lunchroom Fines: Many students owe money to the lunchroom for unpaid balances. The end of school is approaching, and we need to have the fines cleared ASAP. Please bring in a check (payable to Nutrition Services) or cash to the lunchroom or go online at <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=15056> The Fine List is posted in front of the Main Office. Questions, contact Nancy McCafferty at namccafferty@seattleschools.org

Eckstein PTSA Needs You! The PTSA has several positions opening up next year and we need volunteers to fill these important roles. We'd like to have all positions filled by our June General Meeting on June 12th at 7 pm in the library. Open positions for the 2017-18 school year are:

- Vice President/President Elect
- Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs
- Gardening Chair
- Eckstein Annual Campaign Volunteer
- Box Tops Chair
- Financial Review Committee
- ASB Contract
- Speaker Chair

Middle School PTSA is not as time consuming as it is in elementary school, and it is a great way to get involved and support important student programs. Please contact Elida Moran at emoran08@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions and would like to learn more.

Box Tops Reminder. Please remember to send in your Box Tops to the Front Office. PTSA participate in the Box Top program and each Box Top earns Eckstein \$0.25, which adds up quickly. With our last submission, thanks to you, we earned \$179.10. If you can, when you send in your Box Tops, please cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired. Thanks for your support!

Scrip Reminder. If you purchased a PCC card from Eckstein PTSA earlier this year, thank you! Please remember to refill it as those refills benefit the PTSA. It's also easy to make those refills online. Just visit <http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/community/script/>, scroll down to Current Participants and select "Recharge your card".

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

Eckstein 2017 Summer Music Program: The Summer Music Program at Eckstein for incoming 6th graders will be June 27th to July 14th this year. It's a great deal for a half day camp at only \$90.00. Click on the link [Summer School Permission Form](#). 6th grade musicians also need to meet briefly with Mr. Escobedo prior to the beginning of the school year. Click [Interview Statement](#) about details on the interview process.

Your Student's 2017-18 School Assignment: Next year's assignments are available online in the [Assignment Lookup Tool](#) on the Seattle School District Website. You just need your student's student ID number and their birthdate. Please remember that your student's school assignment may have changed due to new school boundaries and the opening of the District's new middle school, Eagle Staff. School Choice forms may be submitted until May 31, 2017, but forms submitted after February 24 do not receive tiebreaker priorities.

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>

Eckstein Band Calendar: Click [HERE](#)

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.

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!

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.

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 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 75th 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 and click Login as a Student link. Students will login using their student username and password.

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 News

****NATHAN HALE SWING DANCE** - Thursday, May 25 @7pm in the NHHS Commons. Free! Come early for dance lessons and then listen to great performances by vocal jazz and the jazz band.

Roosevelt High School Jazz Band Audition Dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

- **Tue June 6** - Both incoming ninth graders and returning students, rhythm section. Start after school at 3:45. (We'll be understanding if middle school students are a little late on June 6 due to travel time.)
- **Sun June 11** - Incoming ninth graders, sax. Start at 9am.
- **Sun June 11** - Incoming ninth graders, brass. Start at 1pm.
- **Mon June 12** - Returning Roosevelt students, sax. Start after school at 3:45.
- **Tue June 13** - Returning Roosevelt students, brass. Start after school at 3:45.

Vocal Jazz audition dates have not yet been announced. **Audition music and updated guidelines for all musicians** have not yet been announced.

More information will be available soon at <http://www.rooseveltjazz.org> under the 'Events' tab. In the meantime, please take a look at the website for more information about the program. Questions? Send them to jazz234chair@rooseveltjazz.org

Roosevelt High School Jazz Band Final Concerts: Concerts begin at 7pm in the Roosevelt Performing Arts Theatre. These concerts are free to the public. Please come and enjoy a baked good from our sale, celebrate those students moving on from Roosevelt, and enjoy all that is Jazz. Thank you for your support.

- **Wednesday, June 7th** - Jazz Bands II, III and IV will perform

- **Friday, June 9th** - Jazz Band I will perform
- **Wednesday, June 14th** - Vocal Jazz showcase

Nathan Hale Theater Department is proud to present “The Drowsy Chaperone” May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20th at 7:30 pm in the Nathan Hale Performing Arts Center. The Drowsy Chaperone, a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical and the winner of five Tony Awards, features one show-stopping song and dance number after another. Don’t miss your chance to see it – secure your tickets in advance online at www.nathanhaletheater.com. Such a great opportunity to see outstanding musical theater at a great price!

Community News

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

**** Thrive Summer Tween Camp:** Click [HERE](#) to download information about the Tween Summer Camp at Meadowbrook Community Center.

One on One Basketball and Sports Training Presents...

- *Summer Hoops, Dual-Sport, and Half-Day Sport Camps (Ages 6-12)*
 - Basketball / Soccer / Flag-Football / Ultimate / Speed-Explosion-Agility / Rugby
 - Several convenient community center locations
 - Morning AND Afternoon Half-day Camps
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- *Summer Position Skills / Scrimmage for Rising 7th-10th Grade Girls*
 - Meadowbrook CC - Session 1 (July 11-13) - Session 2 (August 15-17)
 - Tuesday-Thursday Evenings (6PM-8:30PM)
 - Instructed by 1ON1 Directors and a Guest Instructor from UW Women's Team!
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/classes-clinics>
 - Questions? Email Coach Michie at stuart@1on1basketball.com or call 206-715-3443
- *Pure Stroke Shooting Camps (Ages 10-17)*
 - Half-Day Intensive Basketball Camps (Ages 12-15)
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing-featured>

Seattle JazzED - Now Enrolling

- *Summer Jazz Ambassadors:* 2 Weeks of awesome music and community performances. High-school students can earn service hours! Session 1 July 10 - July 21, Session 2 July 24 - August 4. Grades 6-12, all instruments
- *Summer Vocal Institute:* No prior experience required. A great opportunity to expand your skills or try vocal training for the first time. August 14 – 18. Grades 7-12
- *Summer Advanced Institute:* Up-and-coming NYC jazz sensations, and recent Juilliard graduates, Riley Mulherkar and Sammy Miller team up for a week-long intensive ending with a live in-studio performance at KNKX 88.5 FM. August 21 - August 25. Grades 9-12, all instruments

Register and find more info about scholarships at www.seattlejazzed.org or call 206-324-JAZZ (5299).

Summer STEM and Humanities Classes at the UW: The UW Summer Youth Program has STEM and humanities-focused classes for middle school students starting mid-June through mid-August. Middle School Courses include:

- [Creativity Lab: Exploring Words, Ideas and Images](#)
- [Exploring Microbiology](#)
- [Mosaic Art](#)

Junior Summer Tennis Camps at Tennis Center Sand Point: TCSP offers a complete junior tennis program for children ages 6 to 17. From beginners to the most advanced tournament players, the junior program covers the entire spectrum. Curriculum is based on developing camaraderie, self-esteem, physical fitness, discipline and good sportsmanship. Fun is the number one ingredient so kids can learn to love the game for life. Visit our website (www.tenniscentersandpoint.com) for more information.

FIUTS/Seattle Language & Culture Institute, July 24-August 7, 2017. UW Campus, Seattle. This program offers middle and high school students the opportunity to take part in a two-week global experience on the UW

Campus. Build cultural competency, practice communication and diplomacy skills, make friends from around the world. 9:00a.-5:00p most days. Visit www.fiuts.org/slci or call Ellen Frierson at ellen@fiuts.org.

NOAA Open House: At NOAA Open House, you will have the opportunity to tour NOAA's facilities and learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, including the National Weather Service, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Washington SeaGrant, National Ocean Service, NOAA Corps, and more! For students and teachers, there will be information on summer camps, scholarships, and internships.

• Date: Friday, June 9, 2017

- Time: 12 pm – 6:30 pm
- Location: NOAA Western Regional Center
- 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115
- ID requirements: Adults must bring a valid driver's license or passport for identification.
- Questions? Contact the [NOAA Open House coordinators](#)

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 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.

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

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 to start the registration process.

For baseball and tee ball questions contact registrar@NESLL.net

For softball questions contact Scott Rossick at 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 for more information.