

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **November 2, 2018**

Welcome to Eckstein.

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

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

BUILDING HOURS: 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

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

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

**** = New from last printing**

Nov 2	Eagle Night, 80's themed dance, activity night, and movie
Nov 5	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Nov 5	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Nov 12	Veterans Day, no school
Nov 13	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Nov 13	**Eckstein Choir Fall Concert, 7:00p.m.
Nov 15	Eckstein Jazz Night, 7:30p.m.
Nov 16	Eckstein Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30p.m.
Nov 19	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Nov 19	Lost & Found Clothing will be donated
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Break, no school
Dec 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Dec 3	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Dec 10	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Dec 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Dec 13	Eckstein All-Bands Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.
Dec 19	**Eckstein Choir Winter Concert, 7:00p.m. <i>Nathan Hale HS Auditorium</i>
Dec 21	1-hour early dismissal
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Break, no school
Jan 7	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Jan 7	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Jan 8	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Jan 14	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
Jan 30	Day Between Semesters, no school
Feb 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Feb 4	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Feb 7	Incoming 6 th Grade Open House,
Feb 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Feb 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Feb 18-22	Mid-Winter Break, no school
Mar 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Mar 4	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Mar 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Mar 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Mar 14	Eckstein Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.
Apr 1	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Apr 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Apr 1	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Apr 8-12	Spring Break, no school
Apr 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
May 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118

May 6	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
May 13	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 14	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
May 27	Memorial Day, no school
June 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
June 3	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
June 10	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
June 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
June 20	Last Day of School, 1-hour early dismissal

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](#) or for Band Boosters visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/ecksteinbandfamilies/home>

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****Eckstein Open House for Incoming 6th graders:** Eckstein Middle School will host an open house for current 5th graders and their families on evening of Thursday, February 7th. More information will be coming.

****Eckstein Crossing Guard Position Available at NE 75th Street ~ Looking for Applicants:** Eckstein PTSA is seeking applicants to cover beginning and end of school day crossing at 31st Avenue NE. Click on the link below for more information. If interested please contact Dawn Robinson at dlrchubb@yahoo.com (PTSA Liaison) or Yvonne Carpenter, Field Staff Lead at 206-252-0907 or ylcarpenter@seattleschools.org. Applications are available in the Eckstein Main Office. [Crossing Guard Information](#)

****Did Your Student Sign-Up for an In-School Flu Shots?** If you turned in your form to Eckstein to receive an in-school flu shot, the District has changed providers and a new form should have been given to your student this past week for you to complete. Please complete the form and return to the Eckstein Main Office. Immunizations are planned for November 13. Any questions, contact Eckstein school nurse LeAnn Rowlen at lerowlen@seattleschools.org

****Basketball Season Is Right Around the Corner!** Are you planning to go out for basketball this year? You can start warming up your skills at some open gyms prior to the start of the season! They start next week and everyone who enjoys hoops is invited! Participation in the open gyms will have no bearing on making the team or not.

- **Boys open gym** dates will be Monday, Nov. 5th, Tuesday, Nov. 13th, and Monday, Nov. 26th from 4-6 PM in the Eckstein gym.
- **Girls open gym** will be on Thursdays – Nov. 8th, 15th, and 29th from 5:30-7 PM in the Eckstein gym.

Tryouts for both boys and girls basketball will start on Tuesday, December 4th. The exact breakdown of times and who should attend specific days will be posted and announced soon! Remember that you need a completed physical signed by your doctor on file here at Eckstein in order to be able to try out for any sport. Take care of your paperwork right away! Questions? See Ms. Williams in P5!

****The pep assembly from October 26th was filmed for an episode of Eric's Little Hero's on KOMO. Here are the various ways you can view the upcoming "Eric's Heroes" featuring Maxford.** KOMO told us, "We are so excited to share the story and gratefully thank you for the opportunity to experience the incredible spirit of Eckstein Middle School." The story will air Wednesday, November 7th on KOMO-TV at the end of our 6pm newscast (usually between 6:45-7:00 pm). Shortly after it airs, you can view it on our website, <http://komonews.com/news/erics-heroes>. Also, anchor Eric Johnson posts it on his Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/EricJohnsonKOMO>

****Do you remember Scholastic Book Orders?** I loved them, and they still exist! They have reading clubs for pre-K - 9th grade. If your child's teacher does NOT send book orders home and you want to order books, you can order any book from any Scholastic book order by going to their website: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> and using this code to link your student to Mrs. Clark: NPKQ2. You can place all orders and purchase books online. Please do not send cash or checks to school. Mrs. Clark will place book orders on November 15. They take about 2 weeks to ship, so they should arrive the week of November 26. Then she will give students requests to reports to come pick up their books. She's always ordering for her own elementary school child, and you can order for all age groups, too. They have board books and early readers, as well as Young Adult Literature. If you are ordering a book as a gift, and don't want your student to know, send Mrs. Clark an email, ttclark@seattleschools.org, and she will arrange a pick up time.

****Sidewalk Closure on 35th Ave & 75th Street NE:** Sidewalk repair work is underway between NE 75th St and NE 89th St with multiple pedestrian detours in place along the corridor. In particular, work is restarting at NE 75th St and 35th Ave NE, and the southwest corner will be closed beginning as early as 11/5. This work will take at least 1 week to complete. Please follow the attached [Pedestrian Detour](#) to and from Eckstein Middle School and pay attention to posted detour signs. As a reminder, the project email updates are the best way to stay informed about upcoming construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our construction information hotline at (206) 512-3950 or email the project at 35thAvePaving@seattle.gov.

OLD NEWS

ASB News:

Eckstein Gear: If you ordered student gear, we're expecting it by mid-November. Please be patient as we've had a lot of orders and they are being made as quickly as possible!

ASB and Student ID cards were given out this week. If your student didn't get theirs, please contact the main office.

SPORTS News:

Eckstein Fall Sports Game Schedule as of 9/28/18: Click [HERE - updated 10-15-18](#) to view the latest Eckstein Fall Sport Schedule. The soccer Varsity and JV schedules contain the games for the entire season.

Eckstein Athletes: Don't forget to turn in your progress reports/Source print-outs each Wednesday before a weekend game! Turn them into the box in the front office asap! We want to get you eligible to play.

MAIN OFFICE News

Got coat?, got lunch pail? If you think you had one but no longer have it in your possession, please stop by the Lost and Found area in the lunchroom. The lunch containers will be thrown away every two weeks – we cannot have containers of food lying around – this is a health situation. Also, clothing items will be given to a local charity by **November 19th** – please check the lost and found area before then if you are missing a clothing item. **Parents/guardians** – please feel free to stop by the Main Office and check in if you would like to see if your child's lost coat or other clothing items or lunch containers is in the Lost and Found.

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

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

Are you planning to take your student out of school for a vacation? If you take your student out of school for a vacation or family event, we need your student to turn in a Preplanned Absence form prior to the absence in order to excuse it. You will need to fill out the bottom and top of the form. Then the student needs to take it to every teacher to sign off on it. Then return it to Attendance. You can download forms here:

http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6059/File/Resources/Attendance/Pre-plannedAbsenceForm_ADA.pdf

Do You Take Pictures at Eckstein Sports Games? If so, I would LOVE those pictures for the yearbook. Please send them to me, Julia Detering at jrdetering@seattleschools.org.

The Eckstein Gay Straight Alliance meets THURSDAY after school in the Little Theater. Students - Grab your rainbow gear and be appreciated for who you are in our LGBTQIA-friendly space. That's in the Little Theater, after school Thursday.

PE Waiver Forms that are due by 12/1/2018: At Eckstein, 7-8 graders who checked off "I intend to get a PE Waiver" on their subject selection sheet must complete the PE Waiver and turn it into the Main Office no later than December 1, 2018. Any 7th and 8th grader who is not assigned PE sometime during the school year and have not completed a Waiver by 12/1/18 **will be pulled from an elective and assigned PE in the 2nd semester.**

Eckstein PE Waiver 2018-19. Students in grade 1-8 are required to participate in an average of at least 100 instructional minutes per school week in PE classes (60 hours per .5 semester credit), unless such participation is waived. Be sure and complete the "Total Documents Hours" toward the bottom of the page.

Updating Your School Messaging Options: You can modify the phone numbers that receive robocalls on the District website here: <https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=26610700>

Library MakerSpace Donations wanted! The Eckstein Library MakerSpace continues to grow and be used by students! We are looking for donations, particularly with some of the materials that get used and need to be replenished, such as different colors of duct tape, origami paper, washi tape, needles and thread, old magazines, beads, buttons, sequins, yarn, foam, felt, cotton balls, conductive thread, play-doh, any other crafting supplies, and small electronics such as LED lights and batteries. We also have a few bigger asks, just in case you have something lying around and no longer use them: a sewing machine, Arduino starter kits, Legos and Lego baseplates, a rolling cart, or if you have another idea, I'm open to it! ☺ Feel free to email emsterling@seattleschools.org with any questions or donations!

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.

MUSIC News

Eckstein Band Updates: The updated TENTATIVE calendar is [here](#), as well as integrated into the Google Calendar on the Eckstein Band [Families Website](#). Check either of these spots for dates of concerts, trips, etc. *This website is maintained by Band parent volunteers and not the school.*

Orchestra Families! Welcome to the 2018/19 school year at Eckstein: Stay informed by 'Opting in' to receive email updates about upcoming orchestra events. You may unsubscribe at any time. Email the orchestra chair at ecksteinorchestras@gmail.com with your student's name and the orchestra (s) played in. We tentatively set an Orchestra potluck date! We will be posting more information soon!

Band Families! Welcome to the 2018/19 school year at Eckstein: Stay informed by 'Opting in' to receive email updates about upcoming band events. You may unsubscribe at any time. Email the band chair at ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com with your student's name and the band(s) played in.

Junior Jazz Band After School Program Begins September 11: This afterschool program meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:30p.m. all year in Room 118. Please complete the permission form [Jr Jazz Permission Form 2018-19](#). Questions, email Mr. Escobedo at cuescobel@seattleschools.org

Shop at Amazon and Support Eckstein Band: Shop at Amazon through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> and designate your "Eckstein PTSA and Band". Then, 0.5% of eligible purchases support your charity of choice. There is no added cost to you. If you bookmark this link and use it to access Amazon any time you make purchases, Eckstein bands will automatically receive the benefit!

- Go to "Your Account"
- Select "Change your Charity"

- Under “or pick your own charitable organization”
- Type in “**Eckstein PTSA and Band**” (WA State PTSA are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit “Select”, and all your future purchases that you buy at smile.amazon.com goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

PTSA News

YOU can help ALL Eckstein students succeed by supporting this year's Annual Campaign! This year's fundraising goal is \$75,000, an average of \$75 per Eckstein student. **We can do it!** Just a few areas your donations are hard at work right now:

- Implementing technology upgrades
- Updating and modernizing library materials
- Providing science lab enrichment and materials

Prefer to get it out of the way now? Donate online at: www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org Questions? Contact April Wright at caccwright3@icloud.com or Larry Mavencamp larry1m@yahoo.com

Box Tops! We will be collecting Box Tops again this year. Please turn them in to the front office. The first submission due date is Nov. 1, so please send in any you have before then, but know that we will collect them all school year. If you are able to take a moment to cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired that is super helpful. Thanks for your support!

The PTSA is selling SCRIP! What is SCRIP? SCRIP allows you to purchase gift cards from 100s of major retailers at face value while earning money for the PTSA – anywhere from 2% to 16% of the purchase price, depending on the retailer. The PTSA has opted to always carry cards from Amazon (\$100), PCC (\$10), Safeway (\$25 and \$100), Starbucks (\$25), and Target (\$50 and \$100). You can also special order cards from 100s of other retailers (to see a list of all the retailers available, go to www.shopwithscrip.com). Filled orders will be delivered to the front office for pickup. You will be notified by email when your order is ready. Payment is required in advance; you can make checks payable to Eckstein PTSA or use a credit card for an additional 3.5% fee. The order form can be found [HERE](#). If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Laura Spring at laura@springnet.org. Thanks for shopping and thanks for supporting Eckstein!

NEIGHBORHOOD News:

Public support survey for Pickleball courts at Eckstein project: Friends of Eckstein MS Pickleball committee is requesting your participation in a survey to document community support for this project. The survey data is an important part of the Department of Neighborhoods grant application. No financial obligation is attached to this survey. It is an electronic “show of hands”. Any one who lives in the city of Seattle boundaries may participate as courts will be mixed use, school and the general public. Thank you !!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72GNL38>

If you would like to join our mailing list for project updates, please email us at pickleballeckstein@gmail.com

UPDATE on Pickleball courts at Eckstein: Seeking 100 people to donate \$20 by 11/1/2018. Friends of Eckstein MS Pickleball (volunteer committee) would like to replace the damaged tennis court with 4 pickle ball courts. We have the approval of Seattle Schools facilities as a self help project and the full support of Eckstein administration, For phase 1, we are in need of \$2000 by 11/15/2018. If we raise \$2500, (we have \$500 already) we will be able to submit a grant application to Department of Neighborhoods seeking an additional \$5000 to hire our landscape designer and get this project moving. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please follow the link to the partner section of Seattle Parks Foundation, our fiscal sponsor (Tax ID 91-1998597) The Foundation will issue you a receipt for your donation. Any questions please email: pickleballeckstein@gmail.com Thank you, Kathy Schmidtke, Neighbor and former Eckstein parent. <https://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/project/friends-eckstein-ms-pickleball/>

DISTRICT News

LGBTQ Families Dinner, Nov. 8: The annual LGBTQ Families Dinner will be held Thurs., Nov. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Meany Middle School. Members of the school board will be there to welcome LGBTQ families and their friends. All SPS families and staff are welcome to attend! This event is brought to you by the Health

Education Office. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Brennon Ham in the Health Education Office at 206-743-3564 or brham@seattleschools.org.

Community News

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

****One on One Basketball Seattle Presents...Pre-Season Tune-Ups (Ages 8-13) - invite teammates!**

- *Ravenna CC or Queen Anne CC (Saturdays) - begins November 10th*
 - Skill work and controlled scrimmages with top One on One Coaches
 - shooting, finishing, footwork, defense, efficient ball-handling, passing
- *One on One Thanksgiving Camps and Holiday Hoops Camps* - Meadowbrook CC or Queen Anne CC
 - learn to play the One on One way! Don't get bored during break...GET BETTER!

Register today at <https://seattle.1on1basketball.com/>

Eckstein Snow Sports: Registration for the 2019 January and February Friday night ski and snowboard lesson and bus program is now open through SKI MOHAN. Please check out the Ski Mohan page for Eckstein at <https://www.skimohan.com/school-program/seattle-public-schools/eckstein>

Please note: This is a program of Mohan Skiing and Boarding; this is not a school sponsored activity or field trip. The Eckstein Snowsports name and email address is merely to coordinate the students of Eckstein who participate in the Ski Mohan program. Eckstein Snowsports is facilitated by teacher and parent volunteers. Parent chaperones are needed to run a smooth and successful program. There are adult perks for such responsibilities. Send a note of interest to ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com.

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science): Free, volunteer-run after-school science activities program for Seattle 7th to 8th grade girls to explore STEM fields. Apply at seattleewis.org/awis-events/gems/. Questions? Contact seattlegems@gmail.com Click [HERE](#) to view flyer.

Girls on the Run is looking for interested Eckstein students to join their middle school program, Heart & Sole: Heart & Sole is a character development program designed specifically for middle school girls. Girls learn about important life skills such as: friendship, empathy, self-confidence, goal-setting and intentional decision making. Girls also train to run a non-competitive 5k (3.1 miles) at the end of the season! This program is not run through Seattle Public Schools or Eckstein Athletics but will be an outside group mobilizing interested students. We are recruiting parents to help us lead the team of interested Eckstein students. To set up a team, we need a Site Liaison to get things started. We also need 2-3 volunteer coaches to lead the girls through the curriculum for 10 weeks in the Spring. Coaches can be male or female and do not have to be runners. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about these two volunteer positions. Please email Erin Gorup at erin@girlsrun.org or call 206-528-2118 if you are interested in either or both roles.

Theater of Possibility. Supported by a Youth Arts Award from the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture. Helps young people be themselves through acting, improvisation, and play-creation. Who: Serving youth with Asperger's, autism or other learning differences as well as typically-developing peers. When: Weekly, Fall & Spring sessions in Seattle (University Heights Center) or Bellevue. [Theater of Possibility Flyer](#) For registration/information contact Lauren@LaurenMarshall.com

Seattle JazzED is a non-profit music education organization in the Central District/Madison Valley. You pay-what-you-can for any Seattle JazzED program, with free instrument loan assistance. For those who need it, we also offer a full tuition waiver, no questions asked. Families simply need to enter code the WAIVER when checking out. We're looking for aspiring musicians in grades 4-8 to join our after-school Seattle JazzED Prep Ensembles. No experience required! You will learn how to play an instrument, perform, read music and set yourself up for a life of musical success. The Prep Ensembles begin the week of October 1, 2018 and run through Thursday, May 16, 2019 with performances throughout. You can learn to play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, upright bass, guitar, piano & singing, OR drums in the JazzED Prep Ensembles. And don't forget, you can get an instrument from us! Ensembles rehearse at the MLK FAME Community Center at 3201 E Republican St in the Madison Valley neighborhood. Learn more and sign up on our website: <https://www.seattlejazzed.org/jazzprep/>

Do you have backyard chickens or an interest in sewing, woodworking or gardening? Then maybe our urban 4-H group would be a good fit for you. We meet most second Saturdays of each month at the Good Shepherd

Center in Wallingford, from 10-12. Come on by September 8 or October 13 to check us out. For more information, contact lucycorthell@gmail.com

Kids With An Edge is now enrolling for: - Math Classes to establish Strong Fundamentals. Highly interactive and SPS Core Standards based.

- Python 1 Computer Coding, Friday or Saturday classes
- Early Learning Reading/Math Programs for Ages 4-7. Highly interactive, effective and engaging format.

<https://www.KidsWithAnEdge.com>

email: info@kidswithanedge.com

Pacifica Children's Choir is Looking for Singers: Pacifica Choirs currently has space for children in grades K-12. We are a Meadowbrook neighborhood co-ed children's choir founded in 1993 that provides quality music instruction, and performs all types of music (folk, classical, jazz, and contemporary). Our organization consists of 4 choirs divided by age/experience level. Please visit our website (<http://pacificachoirs.org/>) for more information, or feel free to contact our music director, Susan Senft (pacificachoirs@gmail.com) with any questions or to schedule an audition.

Stone Soup Theatre: Visit StonesoupTheatre.org to learn about winter and spring break and Summerstage 2019. Nuturing imaginations, developing acting skills and providing actor-centered education. Contact Jeremy at (206) 388-9212 or education@stonesouptheatre.org. Wallingford Presbyterian Church. 1414 N 42nd St. Seattle 98103