

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **June 29, 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**

**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](#)

### **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Families and Guardians,

What a great year! Hopefully you are already enjoying the summer break! What a difference a week makes!

Just two last reminders:

*Seattle is hosting the US Special Olympics AND we have three athletes competing! Here are a few details:*

- ✓ Faith & Sarina will be singing at the opening choir and Mia will be in the athlete procession of the opening ceremonies on Sunday, July 1st.
- ✓ Mia will be competing in gymnastics, July 3rd-5th.
- ✓ You can view the schedule of events and get information on tickets here:

<https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/>

*8th Grade Orkila Trip 2018!*

- ✓ Thank you for all the volunteers! You will receive more information in August.
- ✓ We desperately need 9 more MALE Chaperones to make this fun trip a reality.
- ✓ Please consider volunteering yourself...or volunteer a family member! (I find that they always love this!)
- ✓ This is such an awesome opportunity to interact with our students and staff in a beautiful location.

Treena Sterk

Principal, Eckstein Middle School

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

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## **ECKSTEIN NEWS**

**\*\*Mind Your Meds:** Seattle Children's Hospital has information on how to safely use, store and dispose of your medicines in your home medicine cabinet. There is also information on the NE Seattle Drop Box locations. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer. [www.PreventionWorksinSeattle.org](http://www.PreventionWorksinSeattle.org)

**\*\*Report Cards, along with the SBA Preliminary Testing Results were mailed out on Thursday, June 28.**

**\*\*Eckstein Main Office News:** The main office will be closed from Monday, July 2 through August 2. However, the building is closed to the public starting Monday June 25 through August 20. Please call the school if you need anything or have any questions at (206) 252-5010 and you can contact Admin. Secretary Ann Peterson directly at [apeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:apeterson@seattleschools.org).

**\*\*Eckstein Lost & Found:** All Lost & Found items will be donated after August 24<sup>th</sup>. If you think you lost something, the building will be open August 20-24, IF construction is completed on time. Please contact the Main Office if you have plans to come into the building. (206)252-5010 after August 2 or email Ann Peterson at [apeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:apeterson@seattleschools.org).

**\*\*Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers for 1<sup>st</sup> day packets the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ann Peterson at [apeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:apeterson@seattleschools.org)

**\*\*Camp Orkila Overnight Fieldtrip for Next Year's 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** *We need NINE more MALE volunteers for Orkila in order to meet the District requirement of chaperone-to-student ratio!! – Typically these are 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents or a family member,* please contact Celeste Hansen **now** at [crhansen@seattleschools.org](mailto:crhansen@seattleschools.org). The trip for next school year will be October 10, 11, and 12. The cost of the trip will be \$ 200. Permission slips will be handed out on the first day of school in September and you will have two and a half weeks to return the fieldtrip packet. Eckstein would like to make sure that all eighth graders can go to Camp Orkila, therefore, if you need a scholarship please indicate that on your paperwork when it arrives home. We expect to take approximately 300 students on the trip with 16-18 staff members going. However, to take this trip, we will also need 35-60 parent chaperones. We would ideally like to have 2 parent chaperones to every 10 students in each cabin. Your student should have brought home a letter about Orkila, but if not, read the entire letter [HERE](#).

**TWO Invisalign Retainer Found:** If your student is missing their retainer, please come to the Main Office.

**Pickleball courts at Eckstein Middle School:** A group of parents and community members hope to repurpose a damaged, no longer used tennis court at Eckstein MS into 4 permanent pickleball courts. The new courts would be utilized by Eckstein students during the day by PE classes and during lunch time. The general public would have free access evenings, weekends, and school holidays. If you find this interesting, email us or like our Facebook page and we will keep you informed: [Pickleballeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:Pickleballeckstein@gmail.com) Concept drawings are shown on the Facebook page Pickleball at Eckstein MS ( NE Seattle). Fundraising has yet to begin. Written by Kathy Schmidtke ( a former Eckstein parent)

**Attention 7th grade students and parents: As listed in the Eckstein Course Catalog:** The summer between 7th and 8th grades students are required to read a biography (or autobiography) of an important American figure.

\*Students should choose a biography (or autobiography) of a person who lived in the United States between Colonial times and the Progressive Era (1920's).

\*Students will need to acquire their own books (either through a purchase or from the library).

The book will be the basis for a project at the beginning of eighth grade.

**Eckstein PTSA Still Seeking Board Members and Committee Chairs for 2018/19:** Are you reading this and thinking I'm too busy, someone else will step up? Well, no one else is stepping up, so I guess it's up to you. Middle school only lasts 3 years - a short time to make a big impact on your child's school. And you don't even need to spend that much time to have a big impact. Each position requires on average 2-3 hours per MONTH. That is only 5-6 minutes a day! We meet once per month at the school on Monday evenings. Remember, the PTSA can't run without you, parents!

Open positions and a brief overview for each include:

***Vice President/President Elect:*** Attend PTSA meetings once per month. Support the PTSA president - 2.5 hours per month. The VP will assume the Presidency in 2019-2020.

***Secretary:*** Take meeting minutes, draft agenda for meetings, record motions - 3 hours per month.

***Treasurer:*** Provide budget updates, process reimbursements and deposits, conduct financial review - 4 hours per month.

***Eckstein Annual Campaign Co-Chair:*** Co-lead the annual fundraising drive for in-class support - 2 hours per month.

***Building Leadership Team Parent Rep:*** Participate in building leadership team meetings and act as a liaison with the PTSA. BLT meetings are held approx. two Thursdays per month after school.

**Legislative Chair:** Stay updated on current policies and legislation that could affect Eckstein and other public schools. Optional attendance at PTSA conventions to vote on Washington State PTA platforms - 2 hours per month.

**Membership Chair:** Process the membership applications. This is mostly completed by October and can be done at home!

We'd like to have all positions filled by our June General Meeting (June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Eckstein Library), so we can hit the ground running in the fall. If you have any questions about the roles, commitments, or other ways to get involved - please ask! Contact Gail Joseph at [gailejoseph@gmail.com](mailto:gailejoseph@gmail.com) or text 206-499-6432.

**Medications for School, Camp and Field Trips:** If your child needs any medications, including over the counter medications and supplements, you will need to complete [this form](#). It requires your signature and the signature and directions/orders from a licensed health care professional. This form is required to be completed at the start of each school year. This can often take several school days or even two weeks so doing it early is a great idea rather than waiting till late summer or early fall when doctors' offices are overwhelmed with requests. Some medications are able to be carried by students with the approval of the parent, health care provider and school nurse. All medications must be in an original container. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse at 206-252-5017. Thank you. Aimée Denver, Eckstein School Nurse

**Incoming 6th Grade WEB Day: Mon, Aug 27, 9 am – 12 pm.** We are excited to welcome all incoming 6th grade students to Eckstein WEB Day on Monday, August 28th from 9am to noon in the school gym. WEB stands for "Where Everybody Belongs," and this special day is designed to provide the opportunity for students to become familiar with Eckstein, meet their 8th grade student leaders and learn tips for achieving success in middle school. Please sign your student in at 9:00 am in the gym, and encourage them to wear comfortable clothing for this active day. There is no need to bring school materials or a backpack. WEB Day is not mandatory, but we highly encourage 6th grade students to attend to ensure they have the best start of school possible. Please note that lunch and transportation are not provided on WEB Day. If you have any questions or if your student needs special accommodations, please email Erin Sterling at [emsterling@seattleschools.org](mailto:emsterling@seattleschools.org). We hope to see your student on August 27th!

**The District's New College and Career Planning Tool for Students:** Introducing Naviance, a New College and Career Planning Tool for Students. Naviance, will be available in the 2018-19 school year for next year's 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders to support students' personalized journey through high school. The tool will allow students to: research careers & colleges, build a resume, manage timelines and deadlines, search for scholarships and receive information about college visits. Go to [http://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what\\_s\\_new/new\\_college\\_and\\_career\\_planning\\_tool\\_for\\_students](http://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/new_college_and_career_planning_tool_for_students) for more information.

**BTA Eckstein Summer 2018 Projects:** This summer, a construction team will be making ADA-compliant accessibility improvements, replacing the existing synthetic turf on the field, restripe and resurface the existing track, and restripe the basketball courts. This project is being paid for through the Building Excellence IV (BEX IV) capital levy, approved by Seattle voters in 2013. For more information click [HERE](#).

**Advanced Learning World Language Referral Forms:** From <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=24502957> you can find referral forms in Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Oromo, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tigrigna, and Vietnamese. If families have limited computer access parents/guardians can use computers in the Eckstein Library (check in at the Main Office first), or in the John Stanford Center lobby.

**Advanced Learning Testing Opportunity:** See the list of characteristics in the attachment for possible referral to Advanced Learning opportunities. Eligibility criteria and instructions are available beginning May 15, 2018. For more information, click [HERE](#). [www.seattleschools.org/advlearning](http://www.seattleschools.org/advlearning)

**8th graders – Do you plan to go out for a sport next year?** If you will need a copy of your athletic physical to sign up for a high school sport, NOW is the time to do that. There are two ways to request a copy:

- Send an email to Ms. Horton at [rghorton@seattleschools.org](mailto:rghorton@seattleschools.org) with your full name and the sport(s) you played at Eckstein, or
- Leave your name on the clipboard in the main office.

Please allow 48 hours and then pick up the copy in the main office. High schools have very strict deadlines about turning in sports paperwork and Eckstein's main office will be closed in July and will have limited hours in August, so please plan ahead!

**Note to Incoming 6th graders next year:** Subject Selection Sheets were mailed to your home during Spring Break. If you don't receive a letter by the end of April, please contact Sue Wong, Registrar, at (206) 252-5025 or [stwong@seattleschools.org](mailto:stwong@seattleschools.org). To download a form click [HERE](#). This would a great time to sign up for Eckstein's Parent Email Bulletins (Opt-In) to get updated information directly to your email inbox. Go to the bottom of the Home Page at [www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org](http://www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org) and click on "Subscribe to Eckstein's Email List".

**Seattle Schools has changed how they record and track immunizations.** They have collaborated with the Washington State Immunization Registry service that requires healthcare provider verified records. You can access your family's immunizations and certificate of immunization form through the Department of Health website [MyIR](#). For information and directions click [HERE](#)

**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! Please spread the word to all your friends and family. These funds will go a long way to offset the costs of the many performances, trips, sheet music and instrument repairs as well as help provide scholarships for those students who needs them. Thank You!

- Go to "Your Account"
- Select "Change your Charity"
- Under "or pick your own charitable organization"
- Type in "**Eckstein PTSA and Band**" (WA State PTSAs are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit "Select", and all your future purchases that you buy at [smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

**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.

## **Community News**

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

**\*\*United Way/City of Seattle Free Summer Meals:** Free breakfast, lunch and snack for kids and teens. For more information, call 888.436.6392 or visit [www.FreeSummerMeals.org](http://www.FreeSummerMeals.org). To view flyer, click [HERE](#)

**Nathan Hale Raider Boys and Girls Soccer Camp:** Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20, 2018. Where: Jane Addams Middle School. Elementary (K-5th) 9am to noon. Middle School (6th-8th) 1pm to 4pm. Cost is \$100.00 and includes one week camp, t-shirt, soccer ball, prizes and picture with soccer squad. Spread the word! Register here: <http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=BOOSTER&s=org&p=store>

**NS Titans Junior Football:** Brave Pride Junior Football is a Seattle youth tackle football program teaching the fundamentals in a structured environment. This Seattle youth football program is for children between the ages of 7-14. Players are assigned to a team by their age and weight. Dates: Practices begin August 6th@ Ingraham High School, and will be held Monday through Friday, through the end of August; then 3 times a week after Labor Day weekend. Registration Fees: \$240 (10/ 11/12/13 & 14yr old)\$185 (7 /8/9 yr old) \*Financial Aide Available\* To Register : Visit [www.northseattletitansfootball.com](http://www.northseattletitansfootball.com) or contact President - Coach Bill Taylor at [nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com](mailto:nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com) or (425) 672-3766.

**Seattle Cascades is Seattle's pro ultimate team:** Clinics are for all: beginner to advanced, all genders. Cost is \$30 for the clinic, or \$40 includes a disc, shorts, or shirt (one item). All abilities are welcome. We have cleats to share if needed. Allergy sensitive snacks are provided. Scholarship is given to all who need it. (even to \$0). Visit <http://www.seattlecascades.com/events> for more information. There are two clinics coming up on July 7 and 21. Go to their website to learn more.

**Summer Youth Internship Program at Rooftop Roots farms.** UDFB is looking to hire 10 middle school students who participated in Eckstein's Packs4Kids program for a 6-7 week paid farm internship. ORCA cards and a bagged lunch included. Questions, contact Hannah Duffany at University District Food Bank at [hannah@udistrictfoodbank.org](mailto:hannah@udistrictfoodbank.org)

**Lake City Junior Football and Cheerleading:** Registration is now open for the 2018 season. We offer Flag (ages 6-7) and Tackle Football (ages 7-14) with teams organized based on age and weight. This year, we will also have Cheerleading (ages 7-14). Practice begins on August 8th. To register go to <http://www.lakecityjuniorfootball.com> We also offer scholarships for those in financial need. For more information contact us at: [info@lakecityjuniorfootball.com](mailto:info@lakecityjuniorfootball.com). Join us for a mini spring camp on Sunday, June 16th 1-4pm, to brush up on your skills. Visit our website to register.

**One on One Basketball Seattle Presents...** Improve your skills over Summer with One on One! Ravenna, Magnuson, Queen Anne, Meadowbrook, Laurelhurst  
- Rising High School Intensive Camps for serious basketball players  
- Pure Stroke Shooting Camps, End of Summer Guard & Post Play Clinic  
- Basketball Day Camps at Magnuson are now offered up to Age 13!  
Check the schedule at all our area locations by clicking on the link, then click on CAMPS: <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com>

**Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club Open House June 23:** Green Lake Small Craft Center, 5900 W Green Lake Way N. Learn about paddling programs for youth, active adults and para-athletes. Info: [www.seattlecanoeandkayak.club](http://www.seattlecanoeandkayak.club) or 206-684-4074. Click here [SCKC Open House 2018](#) for more information.  
10-12 noon Youth  
12-1p.m. – Hotdogs  
1-3p.m. Adult/Para-athlete

**Emerald City Football Club SOCCER Tryouts:** Soccer Tryouts in May at various north-end locations. You must register for tryouts at [www.EmeraldCityFC.org/tryouts/](http://www.EmeraldCityFC.org/tryouts/) Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

**UW Summer Youth Programs:** Several of UW Summer Youth Program's classes and camps for middle schoolers are still open for enrollment. Parents should visit [online](#) to check for current space availability. Classes include: Coding in Python, Engineering Sustainable Communities, Microbiology, Electronics (Girls Only), and Mosaic Arts.

[Coding in Python](#)  
[Engineering Sustainable Communities](#)  
[Exploring Microbiology](#)  
[Electronics: Creative Recycling](#) (Girls Only)  
[Mosaic Arts](#)

**Roosevelt Boys Basketball Camp 2018: July 16-19<sup>th</sup> at RHS:** Join the Roughrider basketball team and the RHS coaching staff for four fast-paced days of instruction, competition and camaraderie at the RHS Basketball Camp. Work on individual skills, team skills and philosophies of the game. Register now at [www.rhsmensbasketball.shutterfly.com](http://www.rhsmensbasketball.shutterfly.com). Questions, [riderhoops@outlook.com](mailto:riderhoops@outlook.com) Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

**Ballard High School Beaver Hoop Camp:** If your son (boys entering grades 4-8) wants to have fun and make friends while becoming a stronger basketball player and a great teammate, this is the camp for him! The Beaver Hoop Camp is designed to provide individual skill instruction and emphasize team concepts in a fun and safe. Register at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3341962](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3341962) . Click [HERE](#) to view to flyer.

**Summer Skills Center applications are online:** The Seattle Skills Center application for this summer is available online. Just a reminder, the summer courses are free, students earn .5 HS credit, and are open to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders through 12th graders (seniors who are not graduating may take a summer course). We emphasize hands on learning, field trips, guest speakers, and career exploration. Summer Skills Center will run at several locations from July 9 to August 3rd, 11:30am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Bus tokens or Orca cards will be provided. <http://skillscenter.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8591&pageId=21653643> For the application, click [HERE](#).

**North Seattle Boys & Girls Club:**



- *Teen Adventure Camp Weeks* (July 16-20 and August 13-17) Specifically designed for members entering 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$295 for the week. Scholarships available. For details, click [HERE](#).
- *2018 Summer Teen Program*: Registration begins Feb. 5. [NS.positiveplace.org](http://NS.positiveplace.org). Click on DASH. Nine weeks of summer camp running June 25-August 24. Cost is \$100 a week. Click [HERE](#).

**Cascade Bicycle Club – Summer Camp Information and Summer Job Opportunities:** For Summer Camp opportunities, go to <https://www.cascade.org/learn/summer-camps>. They are also seeking educators, teachers, leaders and facilitators for the following seasonal positions:

Head Counselor/s, and

Counselor/s

Additionally, we are seeking young leaders for our new 'Counselor-in-Training' Leadership Program! More information about each position can be found at <https://www.cascade.org/>

**Roosevelt High School Youth Football Camp:** Sign up now for Roosevelt High School Youth Football Camp. July 17-20th at Roosevelt High School. Join RHS coaches and players for an exciting week of football in a fun and positive environment. Non-contact. Current grades 1-7. Download registration form: <http://roughridersfb.org/camp> . Email questions to [ridersfb@gmail.com](mailto:ridersfb@gmail.com). [RHS Summer Youth Camp](#)  
[« Roughrider Football](#)

**Seattle Language & Culture Institute: UW Campus July 23-Aug 3, 2018:** An opportunity for middle and high school students to take part in a 2-week global experience on the UW campus. Students will build cultural competency, practice communication and diplomacy skills, make friends from around the world and become global leaders. Students should be entering 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade and be between 13-17 years old. Learn more at [www.fiuts.org/slci](http://www.fiuts.org/slci)

**Wallingford Boys & Girls Club:** Offering two sets of summer camps; one for kids going into K-5 grades in the fall and one for kids going into 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall. There is also a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program for youth entering 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall. [Summer Camps K-5 Grades](#) and [Summer Camps for 6-8th Grades](#)

**Aspiring Youth Summer Camps enrollment is open:** Convenient locations in Seattle (NE Seattle, West Seattle and Beacon Hill), Redmond and Bellevue. <http://aspiringyouth.net/enroll.php>

- Aged-based camps: Two mornings per week, we do habitat restoration projects, where campers improve the environment and earn a \$15 weekly internship stipend.

- Theme-based camps: Include: Improv/Theatre, Video Production and Building & Inventing. We also offer girls-only sessions: Girls Rule!.

This year, we also offer Delphi Summer Internship, for clients ages 18 and over. Young adults participate in group internship projects that take them throughout Seattle. [More info click here.](#)

**Stone Soup Theatre, Spring Programs:** [www.stonesouptheatre.org](http://www.stonesouptheatre.org)

Stone Soup Kids – Aesop’s Nonstop Fables (ages 5-7) 4/17-6/6

Youth Conservatory - Shrek the Musical (ages 8-14) group Auditions 4/16-6/9

Spring Break Camp – Shrek the Musical (ages 7-14 4/9-4/13 w/extended care

**University of Washington’s Summer Youth Program:** Registration is now open for our full and half-day middle school programs with a wide variety of STEM and Arts-Humanities topics. For complete details visit our website at: [www.summer-camp.uw.edu](http://www.summer-camp.uw.edu).

**Ecology Youth Corps Summer Job Info:** Students can earn almost \$1500 in a summer. You must be 14-17 and apply at [www.ecology.wa.gov/EYC](http://www.ecology.wa.gov/EYC).

**Neo Art School 2017-18 Mid-Winter, Spring Break, After School and Summer Break classes:** Click [HERE](#) to download flyer. Ages 6-12 years old. Contact: 206-632-2530. [NeoArtSchool@gmail.com](mailto:NeoArtSchool@gmail.com).  
[www.NeoArtSchool.com](http://www.NeoArtSchool.com)

**NE Seattle Little League Registration is Open for the 2018 Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball Season:**

- Kids 5-6 years old, NESLL’s tee ball program.

- NESLL’s softball program is for young girls involved in athletics.

- NESLL’s baseball program is for boys and girls ages 6-16 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. NESLL has upgraded to a new registration system and website. Families will need to establish a new account. Please go to [www.NESLL.net](http://www.NESLL.net) to set up your account and start the registration process. For baseball and tee ball questions contact [nesllbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:nesllbaseball@gmail.com). For softball questions contact Eric Knutson at [edknutson@gmail.com](mailto:edknutson@gmail.com).