

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, September 7, 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. (Sept 5th 3:45 dismissal)

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**

Sept 10	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Sept 10	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Sept 13	Picture Day
Sept 13	**Required 8th Grade Parent Orkila Meeting, 6:30p.m.
Oct 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Oct 3	**Fall Sports Parent Meeting, 6-6:30p.m.
Oct 3	**Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:00p.m. Adults Only
Oct 8	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Oct 12	State In-Service Day, no school
Nov 5	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Nov 12	Veterans Day, no school
Nov 19	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Break, no school
Dec 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Dec 10	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
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 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 11	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Feb 18-22	Mid-Winter Break, no school
Mar 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Mar 11	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Apr 1	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Apr 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Apr 8-12	Spring Break, no school
May 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
May 13	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 27	Memorial Day, no school
June 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
June 10	PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
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](#)

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been a FANTASTIC START! I hope your students are coming home tired but happy!

This week we have reviewed procedures and have spent a great deal of time getting to know students, working to develop strong and supportive learning communities and to have fun! As we get into the swing of the school year, we will continue to build community and your student will also have more academic work. Now is the time to establish those routines at home. Choose a place for homework to be completed, a plan for checking in with your student and make sure you can log on to Schoology and the Source for information. If you want more information on logging on to the Source and Schoology, be sure to check out our Website: Ecksteinms@seattleschools.org.

Finally, if you want in on some great pictures and events at Eckstein, be sure and follow us on Twitter @InsideEckstein and Instagram insideeckstein

Have a fantastic weekend!

Treena Sterk

Principal, Eckstein Middle School

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

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****Order Yearbooks Now:** Please use Schoolpay.com or your student's Source account to order yearbooks online. They are \$28.

****Update your Contact Info Now:** Please go to your student's Source account to update contact information. Learn how here: http://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/student_verification_form

****Ultimate Frisbee tryouts:** If your student is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee for Eckstein this fall, please turn in the required paperwork to the office **by Monday, September 10th**. In addition, please complete this [I Am Planning to Play](#) form. Tryouts are next week on the Eckstein field at the following times:

- 6th grade: Tuesday (9/11) at 4:00, Wednesday (9/12) at 2:45, and Friday (9/14) at 4:00
- 7th grade: Tuesday (9/11) at 4:00, Wednesday (9/12) at 4:00, and Friday (9/14) at 4:00
- 8th grade: Wednesday (9/12) at 4:00

Teams will be rostered after tryouts and the first practices will be held the week of September 17. The first games will be on Saturday, September 22. Due to limited field space and coach availability, we may not be able to accept everyone who tries out.

Parents, we are still seeking additional coaches and assistant coaches. Small stipends available. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Williams at mpwilliams@seattleschools.org.

****Girls Soccer tryouts:** All girls interested in trying out for girls soccer should come to the Eckstein field on: Thursday, Sep. 13th and Monday, Sep. 17th
4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Make sure your paperwork is turned in by Wednesday, Sep. 12th. Practices will normally be Mondays and Thursdays after school with games on Saturdays, starting Sep. 22nd for Varsity and Sep. 29th for JV. Questions? Contact Shawn Kenyon at sakenyon@seattleschools.org.

****Volunteers Needed in the Main Office:** Did you complete your Red Envelopes full of copious amounts of paperwork? Well, now we have 1000+ Red Envelopes to go through. Do you have a couple of hours to spare? Contact Ann Peterson at apeterson@seattleschools.org or Celeste Hansen at crhansen@seattleschools.org.

****ASB News:** ASB is hosting our first ever *Eagle Night on November 2nd*. We need parent chaperones for this 80's themed dance, activity night, and movie. Please email jcpoort@seattleschools.org if you're available! And, yes, parents are encouraged to dress up too (and yes, your child DOES want you there!)

ASB cards are for sale. Information came in the Red First Day Packet. Please consider buying an ASB card for \$10. It gets students discounts into student events, and gives us an operating budget for all of the fun student activities we do like dances, birthday beads, pep assemblies, etc!

Fridays are "Eagle Spirit Fridays" now! Get your Spirit Gear now! Forms came home in the Red First Day Packet. Items offered are sweatshirts (comes with a free tee shirt!), tee shirt, sweat pants, Stridelines socks, and a duffel bag. Proceeds help fund our ASB activities! Questions? Contact jcpoort@seattleschools.org

****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!

****Drop-Off in the Morning:**

- 1) *Please be respectful of our neighbors.* Do not stop, even temporarily in a handicapped-zone. We have a handicapped-zone on the westside of 30th Ave NE, just right off of NE 75th Street. Do not stop there.
- 2) *Neighbors have reported cars speeding on 33rd Ave NE.* Please observe the 20 mph speed limit on residential streets.
- 3) *Do not drop-off your students in the back parking lot.* We have a crowded staff parking lot with many students walking in the area.

****Eckstein Picture Day is THURSDAY, SEPT 13th:** Student's will bring home order forms early next week. Please send the picture order form and payment with your student ON PICTURE DAY (not before) to be given directly to the photographer. If your student forgets his/her order form or money, please do not deliver it to school once school has started. There will be another opportunity to order prints once the proofs are returned to students. All students should have their picture taken, even if they do not have a picture order form. We still need volunteers for picture day. Email crhansen@seattleschools.org for details.

Reflections: Reflection forms will be available in the Main Office for those interested in participating in this PTA sponsored contest. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me". Choose from a variety of art mediums. Submission deadline is November 2, 2018. More information? <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>

Picture Day Volunteers Needed: Thursday, 9/13 morning and afternoon shifts (4 volunteers needed for each shift). Thursday is picture day – can you help register students as they come through the line? Send an email to Celeste Hansen at crhansen@seattleschools.org and tell her which shift you can help.

Lunchtime volunteers needed! We need parent volunteers to help support our students during lunchtime by helping with activities, hall passes and the recycling program to ensure a fun and safe school environment for all students. Volunteer once a week or every other week for 90 minutes. M/Tu/Th/F lunch time is 11:46-1:14, Weds 11:27-12:48. To volunteer or for more information, please email Celeste Hansen at crhansen@seattleschools.org

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.

8th Grade Camp Orkila: Last day for permission slips is September 27. There is a **required 8th grade parent meeting on September 13th at 6:30p.m.** Go to https://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/student_activities/2018-19_camp_orkila for more information.

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 cuescobedo@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! 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 goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

Community News

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

****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. Nurturing 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

Eckstein SnowSports Seeks Pre-Season Volunteers: Eckstein Snowsports, our Friday night Ski and Snowboard program, is the largest of any of the Mohan ski bus programs. Science teacher Jessica Levine, coordinates the program and could really use some behind the scenes help in the fall with some computer based logistics like setting up the group email distribution lists, spread sheet assistance, SignUp Genius formatting, etc. Please let us know if you'd like to contribute to this endeavor. We can set up a quick in person meeting, or carry out most of the logistics "training" via computer too. This is perfect volunteer gig on your own time! A seasons pass discount to the Summit would also be likely. Ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com, jclevine@seattleschools.org