

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **June 16, 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**

June 16	<b>TIME CHANGE</b> ~ Eckstein Orchestra Spring Concert, <b>6:30p.m.</b>
June 19	WEB Carnival for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders, 3:30-5:00p.m.
June 22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, 6-7:00p.m.
June 23	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Argosy Cruise/7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Skate & Bowl/6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Day
June 26	<b>UPDATED</b> ~ 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](#)

### **HELP NEEDED!**

**\*\*Eckstein PTSA Needs You!** The PTSA is looking for Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs. We have wonderful staff at Eckstein and this is a great way to show them how much we appreciate them. If you're on the fence, we have a calendar of events we've held over the past two years that you can use to plan the year and if you know Sign-Up Genius, then you're set. Even if you aren't familiar with Sign-Up Genius, we have experts on the PTSA who can show you, and this volunteer job will be really fun and easy if you grab a buddy! Please contact Elida Moran at [emoran08@gmail.com](mailto:emoran08@gmail.com) if you want more information about volunteering.

**The 8th Grade Team is looking for help with their 1st annual 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast!** Please sign up to bring breakfast supplies and help with this event on Thursday, June 22nd from 8:30-10am in a variety of roles. You can sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B48A8A623A13-8thgrade1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B48A8A623A13-8thgrade1).

In addition, if you'd like to help celebrate our wonderful 8th graders with the afternoon activities, please email LauraLeigh Young at [llyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:llyoung@seattleschools.org). These activities will take place between 12:45-2:45p. We are looking for help with a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Soccer, Kickball, Art (all ideas welcome), Lawn games, Game room, and General supervision. It's a great way to celebrate their all their hard work and effort this year.

### **END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES**

**6th GRADE On-Campus Activity Day:** Friday 6/23, 8:50 am – 3:15 pm

Sixth grade students will have a fun-filled day of games and activities. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED from 2:00 – 3:15 to help with a special 6th grade treat. To volunteer, please email [llyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:llyoung@seattleschools.org).

**\*\*Congratulations to our Golden Acorn Winners!** Thank you to all the parents and staff who sent us nominees this year; we have a lot to be thankful for at Eckstein. All the Staff who received a nomination will receive a Golden Treat in their mailbox along with the kind messages about them that we received.



- **This year's Teacher/Staff Golden Acorn winner is Mona Aboel-Nil**, one of Eckstein's 7th Grade Science teachers. Not only does Ms. Aboel-Nil get her students excited about Science, but she demonstrates a genuine interest in the lives of her students and other students within Eckstein's community. She is consistently willing to lend an ear and listen to any student, and she takes a genuine interest in their lives. This really shows in how much our students respect and appreciate her. Ms. Aboel-Nil is a wonderful contributor to the Eckstein community!
- **This year's Volunteer Golden Acorn goes to Heather Baker** for her ongoing commitment to, and volunteer work with, the Eckstein Bike Program. Heather has organized our successful bike-to-school months, which are full of activities for our students, and has coordinated parent volunteer support. As a supporter of the Eckstein Bike Program, Heather has been instrumental in supporting and inspiring our students to bike to Eckstein.

**\*\*Congratulations, Eckstein PTSA, on achieving the Platinum Level Membership Award with Washington State PTA!** Eckstein's PTSA has grown by 20% this year. Membership growth is integral to the PTSA mission of being a powerful voice for children and when you join, you become part of the state association and the larger National PTA. Your voice joins tens of thousands across Washington and millions across the United States as advocates for children. Thank you, PTSA, for all you have done and will continue to do for Eckstein Middle School!

**\*\*Thank you from the PTSA!** The PTSA would like to thank two local businesses who continue to support Eckstein Middle School. This is not an ad or a solicitation for business, but rather letting you know how they have supported our school. This year, Andrea Basinski, our hardworking Teacher Appreciation Chair, reached out to **Einstein Bagels** to see if they would consider donating bagels for Eckstein staff. Not only did they donate, but they continued to make bagel donations throughout the year. Please let Einstein Bagels know how much you appreciate their support of our school when you visit their location down in the University Village. The PTSA would also to thank **John Appel at the UPS Store located** at 10002 Aurora Avenue North, Ste. 36, Seattle, WA 98133. John is a former Eckstein Middle School parent, and for several years he has donated all of the printing services for the PTSA back-to-school packet and Eckstein Annual Campaign documents, which is a considerable expense. Please let John know how much you appreciate his support by considering his business when you need either UPS or printing services. These are truly great community partners!

**\*\*THIS JUST IN...BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2017 2018 SCHOOL YEAR:** [Arrival-Departure Times for 2017-18](#) Eckstein will be starting school at 8:55 and will end at 3:45 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Currently the district has a variety of early release days during the school year to support staff professional development. Next year in support of educator collaboration and instructional planning, we will have a consistent weekly schedule. Students will be released 75 minutes early every Wednesday (except for the first day of school).

**\*\*School Spirit Week:**

- Monday – Personal Pride Day
- Tuesday – Glitter Day
- Wednesday – High School Gear Day
- Thursday – Eckstein Gear Day
- Friday – Grade Level Day (Please remember that while it is a spirit day, all dress code expectations are still expected and enforced)
  - 8th Tourist
  - 7th Neon
  - 6th Fun in the Sun

**\*\*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 (early 1900'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.

**\*\*Yearbook Update:** Yearbooks were passed out on today, Friday, June 16 during sixth period. There are still yearbooks left to order. Don't let your student be left out of all the fun. Bring \$30 cash or check to the main office to order one. If your student did not get a yearbook but thinks he/she ordered one, please bring in the yellow receipt to the Main Office on Monday.

**If your student is going to start summer earlier than our last of school on June 26, please notify Attendance at [ecksteinms.attendance@seattleschools.org](mailto:ecksteinms.attendance@seattleschools.org)**

**Medication Pick Up:** Orders for the administration of medication at school are valid for one academic year only. All medications including over the counter require a Medication Authorization Form signed by the parent and health care provider. Medications left at school are not kept from year to year and must be returned to the parent or destroyed. Medications can be picked up in the Eckstein Health Room **no later than June 26th.** Any medications not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed.

**HOMEWORK CLUB - LAST DAY was JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>:** The final day of Eckstein's After School Academic Support (Homework Club) was Wednesday, June 14th. Please contact Ms. Evans at [deevans@seattleschools.org](mailto:deevans@seattleschools.org) if you have any questions.

**Incoming 6th Grade WEB Day:** Mon, Aug 28, 8 am – 12 pm. We are excited to welcome all incoming 6th grade students to Eckstein WEB Day on Monday, August 28th from 8am 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 8:00 am in the gym, and encourage him/her 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 28th!

**Notice to 7th Grade Students!!** 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](http://www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org). Parents ~ The Medication Forms need to be filled out by a healthcare provider at the start of every school year, therefore you will need a new form for Orkila. This includes over-the-counter medications you want your child to take while at camp. Please call the nurse IF you have any questions.

**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:klhanson1@seattleschools.org), Director of Student Support Services or Stephen Martin, [sbmartin@seattleschools.org](mailto:sbmartin@seattleschools.org), Supervisor of Advanced Learning.

**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.** For students who turned in a permission form today (Friday, June 16) candy cotton, popcorn, inflatable games and activities, and a 3D virtual reality gaming machine are just some of the things that will be there.

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

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jaanderson@seattleschools.org)

**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](mailto:namccafferty@seattleschools.org)

**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/scrip/>, scroll down to Current Participants and select "Recharge your card".

**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.

**Eckstein Band Calendar:** Click [HERE](#)

**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.

**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 News**

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### **Community News**

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

**\*\*FREE Middle School Computer Coding Camps:** Join us at an awesome six-week summer camp where you will learn how to create your own computer games and how to design and build your own websites. We will teach you programming languages like Scratch, Java and even Web Page Design. You will make new friends as you learn to code, go on field trips and play outdoors with your fellow campers. This will be a great community of students and mentors. We offer a field trip every week including trips to places like the Museum of Flight and the Pacific Science Center. This will be six weeks of fun, creativity and inspiration. This will be six weeks of fun,

creativity and inspiration. Please join us! You can apply at our website [www.computingkids.com](http://www.computingkids.com) at the tab on the upper right of the home page. The deadline is June 25th so please apply now!

- WHO: Seattle Public School students entering 7th & 8th grade
- WHEN: July 10 - August 18, 2017 9am - 4pm
- WHERE: Northwest African Museum, 2300 Massachusetts St., Seattle
- HOW: Apply online at [www.computingkids.com](http://www.computingkids.com)

### **\*\*One on One Basketball Seattle Presents...**

- **Half-Day Intensive Basketball Camp (Ages 11-15)**
  - ...for aspiring and current middle school players!
  - July 10-14 or July 24-28 @ Laurelhurst Elementary Gym
  - August 28-Sept 1 @ Queen Anne Community Center
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- **Pure Stroke Shooting Camp (Ages 10-17)**
  - ...learn proper shooting technique going into next season!
  - July 17-21 or August 28-Sept 1 @ Magnuson Community Center
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- **Position Skills/Scrimmage with Current and Former Women's Husky Players for Rising 7th-10th Grade Girls**
  - Tues-Thurs evenings, July 11-13 or August 15-17
  - ...train with One on One's top coaches and Husky Women's Players
  - Meadowbrook Community Center
  - 6:00PM-8:30PM
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/classes-clinics>
- **One on One 1/2 DaySports Camps for Middle School Ages...**
  - Flag-Football (June 27-30) @ Laurelhurst Field - 12:30-3:30
  - Flag-Football (July 3-7) @ Ravenna CC - 12:30-3:30
  - Flag-Football (Aug 7-11) @ Ravenna CC - 9:00-Noon
  - Ultimate Frisbee (July 17-21) @ Laurelhurst Field - 9:00-Noon
  - Ultimate Frisbee (July 31-Aug 4) @ Ravenna CC - 12:30-3:30
  - Ultimate Frisbee (Aug 21-25) @ Ravenna CC - 9:00-Noon
  - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>

**Calling all Teens: Summer Writing Camp at the Henry!** Jul 17 - Aug 18. The Henry and the Jacob Lawrence Gallery have teamed up with Hugo House to offer two sessions of their popular Scribes Summer Writing Camps. Open to middle and high school students of all skill levels, Scribes is an opportunity for teens to engage intensely with creative writing under the guidance of accomplished teaching artists. During each two-week session, Scribes campers will interact with the Henry and the Jake's exhibitions, explore corners of the museum and surrounding campus for inspiration, and gain exposure to a diverse range of genres, forms, and writers. Each session culminates in a special public reading of students' work. See you soon #atthehenry!

- [Session 1: July 17-28 \(middle school only\)](#)
- [Session 2: August 7-18](#)

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

### **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](http://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-focussed 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](http://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](http://www.fiuts.org/slci) or call Ellen Frierson at [ellen@fiuts.org](mailto:ellen@fiuts.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.NESLL.net) to start the registration process.

For baseball and tee ball questions contact [registrar@NESLL.net](mailto:registrar@NESLL.net)

For softball questions contact Scott Rossick at [srossick@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@troop177.com) for more information.