

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **April 21, 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

Apr 22	New Date ~ Eckstein Rummage Sale
Apr 24-28	Smarter Balance Testing – Language Arts
Apr 24-28	** No After School Homework Club during SBAC testing
Apr 27	Special Education Information Night for Incoming Students
Apr 28	Maker Fest, 5:30-8:30p in the Eckstein Library
Apr 28	Bingo Night, 6:30-8:30p Cafeteria
Apr 29	** Eckstein Advanced Choir Performance at Magnolia Lutheran Church, 7:30p.m.
Apr 30	Eckstein Garden Work Party, 2-4:00p.m.
May	May is Bike Everywhere Month
May 1	Eckstein Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
May 1	Eckstein Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week (see PTSA information below)
May 8	Eckstein PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
May 10	Bike to School Day
May 10	District-wide 2-Hr Early Dismissal
May 16	Eckstein Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7p.m., Room 117
May 19	BikeEveryWhereDay
May 19-20	Eckstein Musical Performance
May 25	Eckstein Science Night, 6-8:00p.m.
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 22	8 th Grade Promotion
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](#)

****No After School Homework Club during the week of SBAC testing (4/24 – 2/27).** Ms Evans

****Yearbook Update:** Only 120 yearbooks left to order. When we get to zero there will be no more left. Please bring a check or cash for \$30 to the main office to order.

****Eckstein Science Night Volunteers Needed! Thursday, May 25, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:** All Eckstein students participate in Science Night, and families are invited to attend! Volunteers are needed to help supervise the many rooms where student projects will be displayed. To volunteer, contact Laura Leigh Young 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).

****Attention, 7th grade parents!** Does your child show an interest in helping others and is a responsible, positive role model? Encourage them to apply to be a WEB leader for next year! We are looking for about 60 of this year's 7th graders to connect with incoming 6th graders and want students that represent a variety of interests, ethnicities, genders, and interests. Online applications can be found on the library website at <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6143&pageId=6162> and physical applications can be found in the library main office. Applications are due Monday, May 1st to Ms. Sterling in the library. Contact Erin Sterling at emsterling@seattleschools.org with any questions!

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

Bingo Night, Friday, April 28th. 6:30 – 8:30pm in the cafeteria. Pizza, prizes, and fun! Sponsored by the Eckstein PTSA.

From the PTSA: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-5! Eckstein's PTSA is looking for additional volunteers to help show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate all they do for our kids. This is a great way to get involved and meet other parents and school staff. Please help us make Teacher Appreciation Week a success by helping to coordinate an event, soliciting donations of gift cards or other items for staff, baking treats, helping to set up/clean up or sharing other Teacher Appreciation Week ideas. To help or for more information, contact Andrea Basinski Basinski5@outlook.com.

The Eckstein Band Annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 22, 2017: We need your donations to make this event a success. Please set aside your gently used clothing, household items, books, music, furniture, sporting equipment and more. On Friday April 21st bring your donations to the Eckstein Cafeteria between 1:30 and 4PM. Mark your calendar and come to the Rummage sale on Saturday from 9AM to 3PM. there will be great deals to be had baked goods and music from our very own jazz combos. Monies raised from the rummage sale go directly to Eckstein's music program and are used to help offset some of the cost of off-campus music performances, repair to instruments and provide scholarships to children who need assistance. Our goal is to make music accessible to everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Maria Callahan (mlcallahan@seattleschools.org) or Maggie Sweeney (davidmaggie@comcast.net)

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 nothing else, join in the fun for BikeEveryWhereDAY is May 19th. If you'd like to be on a team go to <https://cascade.org/learn-school-based-programs-bike-school/middle-and-high-schools>. Finally, we ride in memory of Eckstein bike parent volunteer extraordinaire, Clint Loper, who died last year of ALL, Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. He inspired so much of our Eckstein Bikes programs, and we'd really love to make it another fantastic year in his memory.

Incoming 6th Graders and New 7th & 8th Graders to Eckstein in 2017-18: New students to Eckstein next year should be receiving their Subject Selection Sheets to select their electives in the next few days in the mail. A link to the Subject Selection Sheet will also be made available online at www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org at that time. The forms are due by April 30, 2017. If you don't receive a mailing from us, please contact Enrollment Services

(206-252-0760) to find out your student's school placement for 2017-2018 or go online at [address lookup tool](#). Any student that doesn't return a signed form will be assigned their electives. For students selecting courses in the Music Program, final determination for placement is by the teacher (interviews not required for all Beginning music courses) after a completed interview (deadline May 15, 2017). Please mark your selection, mail in the form and arrange for an interview, if necessary.

- Band: Mr. Escobedo at cuescobedo@seattleschools.org
- Orchestra: Mr. Smith at bwsmith@seattleschools.org
- Choir: Dr. Kent at jekent@seattleschools.org

The Eckstein Garden Group will host a monthly weekend work party. The next one is in Sunday, April 30th from 2-4p.m. All families and staff are welcome; no experience or tools required. We will start in the Courtyard Garden near the portable. Contact kanderson98115@outlook.com for more information or to RSVP.

Mr. Thompson, Eckstein's Japanese teacher, is looking for 15 Host Families to host 2 male students, or 2 female students, in each family over Memorial Weekend for 3 nights, Friday afternoon to Monday morning. The dates are Friday, May 26 3:30pm through Monday, May 29 8:30am. These 9th grade students attend the Shukutoku-Sugamo Junior High School in Tokyo Japan and are traveling to Seattle as part of their envisioning and goal setting for their educational careers. This junior high school specializes in preparing young students for technical careers related to math, engineering, science, and robotics. Please check out the [flyer](#) and [Application](#). For follow up on your questions, please email Mr. Thompson at kathompson@seattleschools.org

Maker Fest is coming up on Friday, April 28, from 5:30-8:30pm at the Eckstein Library! We need volunteers for this fun night! What is it exactly? A way to celebrate the arts and computer science departments at Eckstein by having students show off the work they are proud of and showcase the new makerspace at the Eckstein library where students can create, invent, and learn programming techniques on iPads and using hands-on technology. Additionally, the Seattle Public Library will be bringing in a robotics kit. Contact the librarian, Erin Sterling (emsterling@seattleschools.org), with any questions on how to attend or volunteer.

Help Needed! Volunteers are needed to help with Eckstein's "Packs for Kids" weekend food program. This is a very rewarding volunteer job. Volunteers sign up online to either help pack food bags for about one hour on Thursday evenings or help distribute the food bags for 1-1/2 hours during Friday lunch. To volunteer, please contact Valarie at vgroves@gmail.com or Gail at gailejoseph@gmail.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.

If you find binders during your Spring Cleaning, bring them to Eckstein (Main Office): If you have any new or gently-used 2½ -3" binders, our students can really use them. Please drop them off in the Main Office.

Does your child need help on their 7th Grade Science Research Project? There is help available after school in Ms. Aboel-Nil's room 108 every Monday from 3:20 to 4:30 starting March 20 and ending April 25. Have your student get help on researching their project, CER paragraph and much more. Metro Bus tokens will be provided.

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.

Girls Who Code Coding Club: Women at Google would like to invite your girls to attend a [Made with Code](#) Party at the Seattle Google Office on May 1st 2017! Code touches every part of the world, No matter what you want to be when you grow up, a fashion designer, teacher, dancer, rock star, actress or gamer... code and Computer Science skills can help you get there. Join us for a fun intro on how to get started using code to build a better world. At the party, you will:

- Meet and hear from women coders who are creating a better future
- Discover how code and CS skills and help you pursue your interests
- Teams of two get to start coding with this [coding project](#)

This event is free to attend, and encourage girls ages 11-14 to sign up. We will have pizza and refreshments served, and it will be at the local Seattle Google office. If you have any questions contact the club facilitator, Adam McDonald – admcdonald@seattleschools.org

RSVP HERE

REQUIRED RELEASE WAIVER please review and sign, this can be turned in at the event. Each student must bring a signed copy of this to the event.

Girls Who Code Coding Club. This free club is for any female 6th-8th grade Eckstein student interested in Computer Science. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit working to close the gender gap in technology. Girls learn to use computer science to impact their community and join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models. The club will meet every Tuesday after school from 3:30-5:00 in room 132. If you have a student who is interested encourage them to attend a club meeting and fill out a permission slip (these can be found in room 132). If you have any questions contact the club facilitator, Adam McDonald – admcdonald@seattleschools.org

Calling all 7th grade parents . . . Pay it FORWARD: As we head into the 2nd semester, we are starting to plan the end-of-year promotion for our 8th grade students and are looking for some 7th grade parents to help as volunteers. Before you know it, your own students will be 8th graders, and won't it be nice to be able to sit back and enjoy their promotion without having to worry about volunteering on this special day? Volunteers are needed in the following areas for the 8th grade promotion, which will be Thurs, June 22 from 6-7 pm:

- Auditorium Decorations (4-6 people)
- Reception Decorations in cafeteria (4-6 people)
- Cake and drink setup for the reception (3-4 people)
- Folding and assembling programs (1-2 people)

If you are available to help, please contact Ms. Anderson, Asst. Principal & 8th Grade House Administrator, at jaanderson@seattleschools.org. Thank you!

New PTSA forming at Robert Eagle Staff Middle School for Fall 2017: If you are one of the Eckstein families impacted by the new middle school boundary changes and will be attending Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, a group of parents are in the process of creating Friends of Robert Eagle Staff Middle School PTSA and want you to have the following information. They will be having kickoff PTSA meetings at the end of Marni Campbell's community meetings, which are TENTATIVELY scheduled for: April 25 - all the community meetings start at 6pm (PTSA at ~7:30) at the John Marshall building (520 NE Ravenna Blvd)

They are also encouraging future Eagle Staff families to complete the PTSA planning survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/4lqc5ebCZeJtqBFD3>.

Volunteers are also working to set up sports teams and the music support program as they hope to have a fully operational middle school on day one.

If you have questions, want additional information or if you'd like to help, you can email the PTSA at resmspts@gmail.com.

Here are additional links to their SPS and Facebook pages:

- SPS webpage https://www.seattleschools.org/directory/middle_schools/robert_eagle_staff/
- Friends of Eagle Staff MS FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1061858050546469/>

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 – Updated 1/9/2017: Click [HERE](#)

“13” The Musical: Questions email ecksteinmusical@gmail.com

- Rehearsals:
 - April 3-28, Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5:30p.m.;
 - May 1-Performance: Mon-Fri, 3:30-5:30p.m.
- Performance Dates: May 19th and 20th: 7:30p.m.

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!

See Section Below for Information About High School Open Houses

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 cuescobedo@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.

Community News

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

****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.

Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp: Are you a middle school student interested in a summer exploration of neuroscience and botany? Spend a week at the University of Washington working with scientists and teachers to explore, experiment, and discover! Campers will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the brain
- Conduct hands-on science experiments
- Learn about uses of medicinal plants in Native cultures
- Enjoy field trips to the Medicinal Herb Garden and Hyde Herbarium
- Discover "the art of the brain" by constructing models
- Make a plant extract and tie-dye a shirt

Information:

- Dates: July 10th-14th, 2017, 9 am-3 pm
- Location: University of Washington
- Cost: Free (transportation and lunch not provided)
- Who is eligible: Middle School Students

How to apply: Go to www.neuroseeds.org, click on the "Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp" tab and fill out the online application. Applications due April 3, 2017. Questions? Contact nseeds@uw.edu or call (206) 685-3186

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.