

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **September 21, 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**

Oct 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
Oct 1	**Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Oct 3	Fall Sports Parent Meeting, 6-6:30p.m.
Oct 3	Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:00p.m. Adults Only
Oct 4	Picture Retake Day, Periods 5-6, Homeroom
Oct 8	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Oct 12	State In-Service Day, no school
Oct 15	**RESCHEDULED: PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
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 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 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 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 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 11	PTSA 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 4	**Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
Mar 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
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
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 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 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>

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Good Afternoon,

It has been another great week at Eckstein Middle School! We are well settled and great things are happening in the classrooms around our building!

As you have probably seen, there is a lot of construction happening on the streets around us. Please ensure you are leaving in plenty of time in the morning for your student(s) to make it to class on-time. As a “heads up,” some students who ride the Metro to school have been late in arriving. If your student can catch an earlier Metro in the morning, you may wish to consider it!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in your field trip permission slips for 8th Grade Camp Orkila, 7th Grade City Adventure, and/or 6th Grade Tillicum Village. All field trip forms are due on Friday, September 28th!

Please plan to attend Curriculum Night on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm. This year, we will begin the evening in Home Room where you will see a video welcome from the Administration as well as other staff members. You will then walk through your students 6 period day. We look forward to seeing you!

Prior to the start of Curriculum Night, from 6:00 - 6:30 PM, we will be having an athletic parent meeting for those who have students participating in fall sports. Come meet our Athletic Director, Ms. Williams! We will talk about the grade check process to be eligible for games, present the student athletic code, and cover expectations for parents at athletic events. We will be having an athletic parent meeting each season that we need 1 parent/guardian to attend. If your student plays multiple sports, you will only need to attend 1 meeting per year.

Principal Sterk is planning to be back in the building on Monday, October 1st. We look forward to seeing her! In the meantime, please reach out if we can help.

6th Grade - Assistant Principal Kristin Rose at kprose@seattleschools.org

7th Grade - Assistant Principal Jolene Anderson at jaanderson@seattleschools.org

8th Grade - House Administrator Deneen Evans at deevans@seattleschools.org

For general inquiries, you can contact our Head Secretary, Ann Peterson at apeterson@seattleschools.org

Have a great weekend!

Kristin Rose
Assistant Principal
kprose@seattleschools.org

****Curriculum Night is Wednesday October 3, 2018 for Parents/Guardians:** On Friday, September 28 expect your student to bring home an invitation with more details. On Tuesday, October 2, students will be bringing home a copy of their schedule for you to follow. If they forget, ask them to print or write out one for you before Curriculum Night. You will be starting in homeroom and then proceeding to periods 1-6.

****One More Male Chaperone Needed for Camp Orkila:** Please contact Assistant Secretary Celeste Hansen at crhansen@seattleschools.org if you want to chaperone this fun-filled 8th grade fieldtrip to Camp Orkila.

****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.*

****Hey All You Sports Fans:** Come support our Eagle athletes as they start the 2018 fall season with their opening games this Saturday (tomorrow!)!

Girls Varsity Soccer play Washington at 8:00 A.M. at Eagle Staff field.

Ultimate Frisbee 8th Grade Team plays South Shore A at 7:30 A.M. at Franklin HS

Ultimate Frisbee 7th Grade A Team plays South Shore B at 9:00 A.M. at Ingraham HS

Ultimate Frisbee 7th Grade B Team plays Washington C at 10:30 A.M. at Franklin HS

Ultimate Frisbee 6th Grade Blue Team plays South Shore 6th at 10:30 A.M. at Franklin HS

Ultimate Frisbee 6th Grade Gold Team plays Washington 6th at 12:00 noon at Franklin HS

GO EAGLES!!

****Eckstein Girls Soccer Schedule:** Next game is Saturday, Sept 22, 8:00a.m. For details see link. [Middle School Girls Soccer Schedule 2018-19](#)

****Eckstein Fall Sports Team Pictures:**

Tuesday, October 2 – 4:00: Frisbee 7th and 8th Grade

Wednesday, October 3 – 4:30: Frisbee 6th grade

Thursday, October 4 – 4:00: Girls soccer (Varsity & JV)

****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.

****Washington State 2018 Healthy Youth Survey:** Eckstein is participating in the Washington State 2018 Healthy Youth Survey during the week of October 8th – 19th and needs to be returned by October 26th. The Healthy Youth survey asks questions about risks for injury, health outcomes, and alcohol and drug use. Schools, and state and local agencies use survey results to support our youth and reduce their risks. The Healthy Youth Survey is voluntary and anonymous and provides important information to guide policy and programs that serve our youth. The Healthy Youth Survey is given to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 across Washington State. Please read the attached Parent and Student Notification flyer for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey. [Information about Healthy Youth Survey](#)

****Spring 2018 Smarter Balance Assessment Reports going home with students today (Friday, September 21).** Be sure and ask them for it.

****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.

****The PTSA is selling SCRIP during Curriculum Night (October 3rd) – Bring your checkbook!** 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). Orders will be filled that night where possible, otherwise, cards 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!

****Reflections – Due date is Nov 2:** 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/> and please email metagodsell@gmail.com with any questions.

****2018-19 Student Data Verification Form on The Source (Due date September 30):** The student data verification form gives parents and guardians the opportunity to update emergency and medical information for their student. The online form replaces the paper form sent home at the beginning of each school year and offers a secure and green alternative to the paper-based process. To fill out your student's data verification form please [sign into the Source](#) and click Data Verification Form. More detailed instructions are available [here](#).

****Transportation Projects:**

35th Ave NE Paving Project: <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/current-paving-projects/35th-ave-ne>

NE 65th Project: <https://www.seattle.gov/visionzero/projects/ne-65th-st>

Upcoming Fieldtrip Permission Forms: Your student should have brought home these forms last week, but if they didn't, here are the links.

[Eckstein 6th Grade Fieldtrip Tillicum](#)

[Eckstein 7th Grade Fieldtrip Downtown](#)

[Eckstein 8th Grade Fieldtrip Orkila](#)

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>

Picture Retake Day: Thursday, October 4th, Periods 5-6, Homeroom. Pictures or proofs should be coming home towards the end of the month and then you can make a determination if you need to have the students picture retaken. Instructions will be with the proof so if you were not able to turn in the order form on the original Picture day, you can still order pictures.

Yearbook Orders: The first online ordering period ends, Saturday, September 15 @ 10 pm. Order yearbooks through Schoolpay on the Source. Be sure to indicate the name of your student. The next period is 10/14/18 – 11/3/18. During the off period you can order with a check or cash at the main office. Yearbooks are \$28.

Volunteers needed for 8th Grade Language Arts Project: We need volunteers to bake clay gingerbread boy and girl detectives for 8th grade Language Arts. We need 375 clay detectives by October 15, 2018. Most volunteers make about 24, but you can make more!

You will need: Gingerbread boy and girl cookie cutters, flour, salt, water, an oven.

Recipe

Preheat oven to 225

2 cups flour

2 cups salt

1 cup water

Mix salt and flour together, add water, mix together, then knead until smooth and not sticky. Add flour a little at a time as needed. Roll out dough to about ¼ inch thickness. Cut into gingerbread shapes. There is no need to leave space between cookies, since this dough will not rise. Put them on a cookie sheet and bake at 225 degrees for 2-3 hours until hard.

Please contact your student's Language Arts teacher and let her know if you can volunteer. Thank you! Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Poort, and Mrs. Norgaard

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 open play for all during lunch time. The general public would have free access evenings, weekends, and school holidays. If you are in support of this idea, please email us or like our Facebook page and we will keep you informed: Pickleballeckstein@gmail.com Concept drawings are displayed on an Eckstein Bulletin Board and on Facebook: Pickleball at Eckstein MS (NE Seattle). Fundraising has yet to begin, but will be done in partnership with Seattle Parks Foundation, thus all donations will be tax deductible.

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!

Advanced Learning Referral Window Grades K-8 for 2019-2020 school year: Advanced Learning Referrals for students enrolled in Seattle Public Schools, can be made through September 24 online via The Source. We encourage early Referrals, but all Referrals for SPS students received by September 24 will be honored to determine eligibility for school year 2019-20. Please read the [characteristics of gifted learners](#) to see if you should refer your student. Read more about [how to submit a Advanced Learning referral](#).

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

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!

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.

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! 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 need 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.

Seattle Public Schools Information

****Transportation Task Force Meeting:** Purpose: to make recommendations to the superintendent regarding Transportation Service Standards for the 2019-20 school year and operational suggestions for the 2018-19 school year. Upcoming meetings:

September 20 – 9:30-11:30a.m. @ Stanford Center

October 11 – 9:30-11:30a.m. @ Stanford Center

****Lincoln High School Community Meeting:** October 1, 6:30-8:30pm, John Marshall Building (520 NE Ravenna Blvd - Parking available in the back lot - enter through the front doors). Come join us for an update and breakout sessions on the progress on opening Lincoln High School:

- Meet our new staff
- Update on academic programming and deeper learning opportunities
- Transition plan for incoming 9th and 10th graders
- Planning for athletics and activities
- Question and Answer with the LHS staff

****September Community Meetings for 2019 Levies:** Seattle Public Schools is hosting community meetings in September to share information about our upcoming Operations Levy and our Building Excellence V (BEX V) Capital Levy, both to be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2019. The Operations Levy, renewed every three years, replaces the expiring levy approved by Seattle voters in 2016. This levy helps fund day-to-day operations and pays for critical programs and services that are not fully funded by the state. The Building Excellence V (BEX V) Capital Levy, renewed every six years, replaces the expiring levy approved by voters in 2013. BEX V would fund capital improvements including projects to modernize or replace aging buildings, fund technology for student learning, district infrastructure and security. Staff members will present information, ask for input and feedback, and answer questions.

All meetings: 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 24: [Roosevelt High School](#) Lunchroom 1410 NE 66th St.

Tues., Sept. 25: [Meany Middle School](#) lunchroom 301 21st Ave. East

Community News

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

**** 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.

****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

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, jlevine@seattleschools.org