

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **September 14, 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 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, afternoon
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](#) or for Band Boosters visit:
<https://sites.google.com/view/ecksteinbandfamilies/home>

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We have had a great first FULL week of school at Eckstein. Students are into their daily routine, are opening their lockers with ease, and hard at work in our classrooms.

Thank you to all of the families who have been patient and helped us ensure that our drop-off zone is safe and efficient for all of our students. I know that mornings are hectic and multitasked, but please take a few extra moments to ensure that you are driving slowly and safely, while being alert to the traffic signal, crosswalk and the needs of other families. Eckstein is actively working with the City of Seattle SDOT team to improve signage as well. Additionally, we've had a few phone calls and emails from neighbors asking that we make a plea to our families to please slow down on the side streets approaching Eckstein as well.

A reminder to please turn in fieldtrip paperwork ASAP to your student's Home Room teacher for our October adventures. **8th grade students will be traveling to Camp Orkila.** We are still looking for chaperones (males in particular!) to join the fun that spans 3 days and 2 nights. **7th grade students will be doing a 2-day City Adventure in Downtown Seattle** visiting the Klondike Museum, Wing Luke Museum, Underground Tour, MOHAI, as well as the Gates Foundation Discovery Center. **6th Grade students will be taking a boat to Tillicum Village**, learning about Native American culture and enjoying a feast.

On another note, Principal Sterk has had a family emergency and will be out of the building. At this point, we are not certain of her return date. We are looking forward to having her back with us soon. Please contact your Grade Level Administrator if you need any assistance:

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 wonderful weekend!

Kristin Rose
Assistant Principal
Eckstein Middle School
kprose@seattleschools.org

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****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, afternoon. 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](#).

****Ultimate Eckstein:** Tryouts took place this past week. If you haven't already, please complete this online [I Am Planning to Play](#) form. We need it so we can order jerseys and cross-check with the office for kids who may be missing paperwork. It is required by us, but it is not part of the official SPS requirements. If have any questions, please contact Mary Williams at mpwilliams@seattleschools.org.

Practice Schedules: Information on practice schedules will hopefully go out this weekend. Please note that due to a last-minute district-imposed rule preventing us from using the field during early release on Wednesdays, one or both 7th grade teams may need to practice at Green Lake on Tuesday and Thursday. We will have more details soon.

Team placements: Unfortunately, we will only be able to have one 8th grade team this year, so it is expected that some students may not make the roster. It looks like we will have adequate coaching staff to field two teams each for 6th & 7th grade.

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

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.

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/> and please email metagodsell@gmail.com with any questions.

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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

Community News

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

****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. 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