

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, August 23, 2019

Welcome to Eckstein.

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

SCHOOL HOURS:

August 19 – September 3: School is closed due to construction.

Please call the Main Office at (206) 252-5010 for information.

September 4 until the end of the school year:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 8:55–3:45p.m.; Wed 8:55-2:30p.m.

Except for Wednesday, Sept 4th which is 8:55 – 3:45p.m.

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**

Aug 26	Incoming 6 th Grade WEB Day, 9-12p.m. (see article below)
Aug 26	Special Orientation for <i>New</i> 7 th and 8 th graders to Eckstein, 1:00-2:00p.m.
Sept 4	First Day of School, no early release
Sept 4	PTSA 6 th Grade Parent Coffee and Welcome, Cafeteria
Sept 9	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Sept 9	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Sept 17	Picture Day
Sept 25	Curriculum Night, 6:30p.m. (Adults only)
Oct 3	Required 8 th grade Parent Orkila meeting, 6:30p.m. Auditorium
Oct 7	** Screenagers Premier, sponsored by the PTSA
Oct 7	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Oct 11	State In-Service Day, no school
Oct 14	** PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Oct 16-18	8 th Graders to Orkila
Nov 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Nov 11	Veterans Day, no school
Nov 18	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving Break, no school
Dec 2	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Dec 16	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Dec 20	1-hour early dismissal
Dec 23-Jan 3	Winter Break, no school
Jan 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Jan 13	** PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
Jan 28	Day Between Semesters, no school
Feb 3	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Feb 10	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Feb 17-21	Mid-Winter Break, no school
Mar 2	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Mar 9	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Apr 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
Apr 13-17	Spring Break, no school
Apr 20	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
May 11	** PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 25	Memorial Day, no school

June 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m., Room 118
June 8	**PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
June 18	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>

Eckstein PTSA News: <https://www.ecksteineaglespts.org/calendar.html>

ECKSTEIN NEWS

****CORRECTION ~ Volunteers Needed:** Happy Summer! First of all, thanks to those that already said they could volunteer next week for the 1st Day packet stuffing – thank you! The office area will be open Wed, and if needed Th and Fri – August **28th**, and if needed **August 29th and 30th** – from **11:00** to 3:00 and we could use any and all help in collating, stuffing and counting out 1st Day packets. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Peterson at (206) 252-5010 or via email at apeterson@seattleschools.org. Thanks again Eckstein Community

****Note from the Eckstein School Nurse LeAnn Rowlen:** Here are two important letters and some links regarding your student's 2019-20 health and safety. Don't hesitate to email or call me. Feel free to have your physician fax me your student's orders / medication authorizations directly to my confidential fax.

[Annual Student Health Information](#)

[Meningococcal/HPV Letter](#)

(206) 252-5017, lerowlen@seattleschools.org, Nurse Fax (206) 743-3119, Monday-Friday – 8:30a-4:00p

****Medication Information from the Eckstein Nurse:** Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! It's hard to believe summer is just about over and school is starting soon. There are a few things I'd like to address to ensure we have everything in place to best serve your student's health needs.

To prepare for a healthy and safe 2019-20 school year, please provide updated health and medication information on your child early. Please complete paperwork early and return it to the nurse's office before the 1st day of school in September. The [Medication Authorization](#) form must be completed for any medications that your student carries on them or keeps in the nurse's office. This includes over the counter medications such as Tylenol or ibuprofen. Please keep yourself a copy of your signed forms for your future use on field trips. I do not manage records for field trips.

Students with a reported life-threatening condition, such as a life-threatening allergy, **MUST** have emergency medication on or before the 1st day of school.

- Students without emergency medication will not be allowed to attend classes until the emergency medication is received.
- If you believe your child no longer has a life-threatening allergy or condition:
 - Request a medical note from your health care provider that clearly states that there is no life-threatening condition that requires emergency medication.
 - The medical note must be received on or before the 1st day of school for your child to be allowed to attend classes without the emergency medication.

I am back in the office next week and will be updating emergency plans and care plans for all students who require them. I will email them to you as they are completed. If there have been any changes to your student's health, please let me know as soon as possible.

Medications can be dropped off on Monday August 26th 9a to 2p. If you'd like to bring in your child's medication at another time please reply to me and I will arrange another time with you. Medications must be brought in the original bottle, with your student's name on it.

Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can best support your student this year. Ms. Rowlen, Eckstein Nurse (206) 252-5017, lerowlen@seattleschools.org, Nurse Fax (206) 743-3119, Monday-Friday – 8:30a-4:00p

****Schoology is not available to students until the first day of school.** Schoology Access codes will not be available to parents/guardians until the first day of school.

OLD NEWS

Eckstein Welcome Letter and TENTATIVE Schedules were mailed on Friday, August 16: Tentative schedules will be arriving sometime early this week, but just remember that these schedules are tentative and give the families an opportunity to see their grade level counselor on August 22, 23 or 26 (see blue Welcome Letter for details) with any scheduling concerns. We are still welcoming new student, balancing class loads and making other changes which will result in possible changes to your student's schedule. All students will get their final schedules during home room on the first day of school.

Did you receive a Welcome Letter from Eckstein, but don't plan on attending? Please email Eckstein Registrar, Sue Wong at st Wong@seattleschools.org with your student's name and what school they are planning on attending and we will remove your student from our database.

Message for our new 7th & 8th grade students to Eckstein: Welcome to Eckstein! We are really looking forward to meeting you. Please come to Eckstein on Monday, August 26th, from 1:00 – 2:00p.m. for our new student orientation. We will show you around and answer your questions so that you feel ready for your first day at a new school. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns, you can reach your counselor at:

7th Grade Counselor = Reema Ziadeh raziadeh@seattleschools.org 206-252-5103

8th Grade Counselor = Niki Duncan nmduncansort@seattleschools.org 206-252-5084

Counselor Summer Office Hours

August 22nd - 9 am - 3 pm

August 23rd - 9 am - 3 pm

August 26th - by appointment

6th Grade Counselor = Luz Santacruz-Ochoa lmsantacruz@seattleschools.org 206-252-5083

7th Grade Counselor = Reema Ziadeh raziadeh@seattleschools.org 206-252-5103

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Picture Day Volunteers Needed: Tuesday, 9/17 morning and afternoon shifts (4 volunteers needed for each shift). Can you help register students as they come through the line? Send an email to Julia Detering at jrdetering@seattleschools.org and tell her which shift you can help.

Lunchtime volunteers needed! We need parent volunteers to help support our students during lunchtime by helping with activities, hall passes and the recycling program to ensure a fun and safe school environment for all students. Volunteer once a week or every other week for 90 minutes. M/Tu/Th/F lunch time is 11:23-12:51, Weds 11:27-12:48. To volunteer or for more information, please email Julia Detering at jrdetering@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, October 16, 17 and 18: Permission forms will be available at the beginning of the school year and are due on September 27. There is a ***required 8th grade parent meeting on October 3, 6:30p.m. Auditorium.*** Go to https://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/student_activities/camp_orkila_-_2019-20 for more information. If your child takes medicine daily, they must have a form signed by their doctor. This form should be given to the school no later than September 30, 2019. This includes over the counter medicine as well. Please contact the school nurse, Leann Rowlen at lerowlen@seattleschools.org for a copy of the form.

Chaperones Needed for Orkila, October 16, 17 and 18, 2019: We expect to take approximately 300 students on the trip with 16-18 staff members going. However, to take this trip, we will also need 35-60 parent chaperones. We would ideally like to have 2 parent chaperones to every 10 students in each cabin, however this is only possible if we have enough chaperones. If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperone for this trip, please contact Julia Detering at jrdetering@seattleschools.org. You can email Teresa Alsept at tialsept@seattleschools.org if you have any questions about chaperoning.

Are you excited about chess? Eckstein Middle School is investigating whether there is sufficient interest in an active after school chess club open to students of varying skill levels. Emphasis will be placed on improving student performance in the game of chess, sportsmanship, fun, making new friends and occasional tournaments. If there is a sufficient number of interested students, the proposed chess club will meet in the Eckstein Cafeteria from 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm each Wednesday that school is in session, commencing October, 2019 and ending in April, 2020. Please be advised that there will be no supervision once the club ends each Wednesday and there will also be a program fee for student enrollment. Separate Scholastic chess tournaments are usually held on Saturdays within the Seattle metro area. Students can choose to participate in those tournaments that fit their schedule. Enthusiasts attend approximately 1 or 2 tournaments a month from Oct – Apr, but your level of participation is at your discretion. Interested? Email ecksteinchessclub@gmail.com

Band News:

Junior Jazz Band After School Program Begins September 10th: This afterschool program meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:30p.m. all year in Room 118. Please complete the permission form [Eckstein Jr Jazz Afterschool Program 2019-20](#) Questions, email Mr. Escobedo at cuescobedo@seattleschools.org

Eckstein Band Information 2019-20:

- Tentative Band Schedule for 2019-2020 as of 8/15/19: [Tentative Band Schedule 2019-20 as of 8-15-19](#)
- Band Parent Letter for 2019-2020: Find out about Eckstein's band program, including supplies, music books, performance attire and more. [Band Parent Letter 2019-20](#)

Band Families! Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year at Eckstein: **Band Families! Welcome to the 2019/20 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.

District News:

The online data verification form will be available for Parents/Guardians at the start of school, from 9/4/19 to 9/30/19. Parents may only fill out this form once per school year per student. Source access is required. If they try to fill it out again, they will get an error message. If a second parent tries to get in to fill out a form for the same student, they will also get an error message.

Formatting for All Student Usernames to Change for 2019-20: To obtain the new username, all parents, guardians and students need to login to The Source. Once the old username has been entered, the new username will be provided to the student to complete their login process. The new username will be provided on The Source from August 13th through September 14th. All of the student portals/sites will reflect that they may obtain their new username from The Source. *After this date, the student will need to work with the Teacher or Librarian to obtain their new username.*

Password Change for incoming 5th and 6th Graders: New for the 2019-20 schoolyear and beyond, all incoming 5th graders will be required to change their password from the 4-digit format of MMDD to an 8-character password. For this schoolyear ONLY (2019-2020), all incoming 6th graders will also be required to change their password from the 4-digit format of MMDD to an 8-character password. For their first login they will use their full birthday: MMDDYYYY. After login, they will be immediately prompted to select a new minimum length 8-character password which they will use with their new username. The new password may have special characters with the only exception that the previous 10 passwords cannot be re-used. The purpose of this change will enable all 5th Graders to receive support from their homeroom teachers and will not impact the student in the 6th Grade.