

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **March 8, 2019**

Welcome to Eckstein.

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

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

Mar 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Mar 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Mar 14	<del>Eckstein Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.</del> Rescheduled
Mar 21	Eckstein Jazz Band Festival, 7:30-9:00p.m. Performing Intermediate, Junior and Senior Jazz Bands
Mar 23	Eckstein Solo & Ensemble, All day
Mar 27	<b>**Eckstein Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:30p.m.</b>
Mar 28	Eckstein Top Ensembles Concert, 7:30-9:00p.m. Performing Wind Ensemble, Vocal Jazz I and Sr. Jazz.
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
Apr 9	<del>Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117</del>
Apr 20	Eckstein Rummage Sale
Apr 24	Student-Led Conferences – No School for Eckstein M.S. Only
Apr 26-27	Eckstein Musical Performance at 7:30p.m.
May 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p.m. Room 118
May 2	Science Night, stay-tuned for more information
May 6	Choir Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Little Theater
May 13	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
May 14	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
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 6	Eckstein All Bands Concert, 7:30-9:00p.m. Performing Beginning, Junior, Intermediate Bands and Wind Ensemble and Drumline
June 10	PTSA <b>General</b> Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
June 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
June 13	Eckstein Swing Dance, 7:30-8:30p.m. Performing Junior, Intermediate and Senior Jazz Bands, and Vocal Jazz I and II
June 20	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
June 21	Grade Level Fieldtrips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cruise</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bowling/Skating</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade Family Fun Center</li> </ul>
June 27	Last Day of School, 1-hour early dismissal (Revised due to Snow Make-Up Days)

**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](http://EcksteinBandWebsite) or for Band Boosters visit:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/ecksteinbandfamilies/home>

## **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Eckstein Families,

Today we had a fantastic Spirit Assembly, ending our spirit week with a crazy game of 'Hungry Hippo' (ask your student).

Behind the (spirited) scenes, we have been working on our 2019-2020 school budget and staffing. As you are aware, Seattle Public Schools is facing a budget shortfall due to legislative caps on City Levies. This has meant large scale cuts across the district. At Eckstein, we received a lower staffing allocation equating to two teaching positions. Also, we were not funded for our House Administrator or half of the library position.

While these cuts are tough, they are cuts that are being applied across the district. Our Building Leadership Team has worked hard with me on this budget and our current proposed budget will have some reduction in the number of sections offered but will not cut any programming. We will also be able to supplement our librarian to a full-time position. We are not able to supplement the House Administrator position. We are very thankful to our PTSA and families for your continued generosity in supporting classroom materials and supplies each year. This support allows our building funds to supplement our librarian and classroom staffing. If you have more questions regarding the budget or want to help in this effort to support Eckstein's staffing in 2019-2020, please do attend the PTSA meeting on Monday at 7:00 PM in the library.

Dress-Like-a-Teacher Day



Treena Sterk  
Principal, Eckstein Middle School  
#principalsterk  
Ensuring the academic, social and emotional growth and success of each student.

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## **ECKSTEIN NEWS**

**\*\*Eckstein PTSA Meeting Monday, March 11th at 7:00 PM:** All are invited to attend our next Board meeting in the Eckstein Library. Items on the Board's agenda include a presentation on the new science curriculum options being considered by the Seattle School Board for the 2019-20 school year (<https://tinyurl.com/SPSScienceAdoption>), design of new web page, 2019-20 Board positions, and PTSA Budget. *Science curriculum instructional materials will be available for review in the library before the meeting (6:30pm).* Come meet your Board members and hear about what's going on at Eckstein. As always, bring your questions, comments, and suggestions.

**\*\*Girls Basketball:** Final week for the JV and JVC teams as we look to close out undefeated seasons for both! Tuesday (3/5) and Thursday (3/7) Practice as follows:

- Varsity/JV from 4:00-5:30pm
- Fundamentals (all players) from 5:30 – 6pm
- JVC from 6:00-7:00pm

*Games this Saturday (March 9th)* – all players to be at the gym ready to warm up 30 minutes before game time. We would love to see other fans as well!

- Varsity vs. Aki Kurose at Franklin H.S. – 11 am
- JV vs. Aki Kurose at Franklin H.S. – 12:30 pm
- JVC vs. Hamilton at Jane Addams – 12:30 pm

For questions about Eckstein girls' basketball, contact head coach Tim Thiers at [tim@thiers.us](mailto:tim@thiers.us)

**\*\*Updated Band Calendar: [Eckstein Band Updates Parent Calendar](#)**

**\*\*Compost Give Away:** Cedar Grove and Seattle Public Utilities are joining forces to give back to the community of avid recyclers in the City of Seattle with a compost giveaway at Eckstein Middle School on May 18th, Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. To thank residents for participating in food and yard waste recycling in the city, free compost will be available via buckets and trucks. The giveaway is on a first come, first served basis and each resident may take up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of material as determined by staff. Just in time for spring gardening season, we encourage you to come out to Eckstein Middle School and scoop up some nutrient rich compost that YOU created to beautify your landscape, grow your veggies and improve your lawn in time for summer!

**\*\*Eckstein's Unified Soccer Season is starting!** We are excited to announce Unified Soccer at Eckstein! Mr. Goodwin and Ms. Paris will be coaching a Unified Soccer team for students with and without disabilities to practice and compete in soccer. Practices will be Tuesdays after school from 4:00-5:30pm, starting March 12th. Saturdays games will be at Ingraham High School starting at the end of March. There is no transportation provided. If you are interested in joining the team, please pick up a form from the main office or from Ms. Gedansky in room 111.

Special Olympics Unified Sports® is an inclusive sports program that combines an approximately equal number of Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) on teams for training and competition. Team sports are about having fun, promoting physical health and bringing people together. Special Olympics Unified Sports® teams do all of that – and shatter stereotypes about intellectual disabilities in the process. Unified Sports is now offered throughout the world and has been a Special Olympics internationally sanctioned program since 1989.

**\*\*Harry Potter Land is coming to Eckstein Library, Friday, March 29th, 5:30 – 7:00pm – donations welcome!** A group of about 40 students have been working hard planning Harry Potter Land at the Eckstein Library, which will feature stores and activities from Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade. Do you have any of the following supplies you are willing to lend or donate to Harry Potter Land (If you lend them, we promise we will take good care of them!): packing tape, duct tape, scotch tape, cardboard, sheets (bedding sheets to make walls for the booths), feathers/quills, old books, black light paint, lantern, pirate's eye patch, robes in solid colors (graduation robes okay!), coat hangers, anything that could work as a wand, plastic cups, tablecloths, paint, plastic Easter Eggs, pom-poms, googly eyes, clay, glue sticks, or any other craft supplies! Contact Librarian Ms. Sterling at [emsterling@seattleschools.org](mailto:emsterling@seattleschools.org) with any questions.

**\*\*Updated Eckstein Track Information:** Click [Letter from the Track Coach Updated 3-6-19](#) to view information about Eckstein's Spring 2019 track program.

**UPDATES High School Events/Fundraisers:** Go below to High School News

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## OLD NEWS

**ASB News:**

- Eckstein is sponsoring a **Sock Drive** benefitting Mary's Place for homeless women and children. Please bring in new socks to your homeroom March 1st through March 19th. The top two homerooms will receive a prize! Let's show our community how much we care!
- **Spirit Gear** will be on sale during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday next week in the Eagle's Roost in the cafeteria! We accept cash and checks.
- Can you sing like Mariah, rap like Drake, dance like Misty, burp the ABC's, or rock out like the Beatles? The first annual **Talent Show** will be on Thursday, April 4th in the evening! If you're

interested in being in the Talent Show, pick-up an application in the main office or Eagles Roost. Auditions will be next week after school. Talk with a Leadership student in the Eagle's Roost or Mrs. Poort if you have questions.

## **SPORTS News:**

**Attention Eckstein Basketball Team Members:** We are trying for yearbook team pictures again! Girls basketball teams during practice on Tuesday, February 26th at 5:30 pm. Boys basketball teams during practice on Monday, March 4th starting at 4 pm during practice. Please remind your students to bring their uniforms to school.

### **Spring Sports Schedules:**

**Track:** Kick-off meeting on March 7th after school in Mr. Weyers classroom. Practices will be Tues/Thurs 4:00-5:15 on the Eckstein field starting March 12th.

**Boys Soccer:** Turn-outs will start on March 7th from 4:00-5:30 on the Eckstein field. Practices will be Mon/Thurs 4:00-5:30 on the Eckstein field starting March 11th.

**Volleyball:** Initial meeting will be on March 6th at 2:35 in the cafeteria. Turn-outs will be Monday, March 11th, 4:00-5:30, Tuesday, March 12th, 4:00-5:30, Wednesday, March 13th, 2:30-4:00, and if needed, Thursday, March 14th, 5:30-7:00 in the Eckstein gym. Practices will be after school in the Eckstein gym starting March 18th. Days will vary depending on which team you are on.

**Eckstein Basketball Game Schedule 2019:** <https://files.constantcontact.com/1b96bcf9001/aab406a3-14a4-4cae-938b-d0d2f6af39bb.pdf>

### **Eckstein Basketball:**

**Boys Basketball.** Practices started on December 10. Boys teams will practice Mondays (Varsity/JV), Wednesdays (Varsity/JV) and Fridays (JVC).

Varsity – Mon 4-5:45p.m. & Wed 4-5:30p.m.

JV Blue – Mon 4-5:45p.m. & Wed 5:30-7:00p.m.

JV White – Fri 4-5:45p.m. & Mon 5:30-7:00p.m.

(Monday's practice may vary week-to-week depending on coach's schedule)

**Games are on Saturdays starting January 12<sup>th</sup>.** For questions about boys basketball, contact head coach Jon Wise at [jwisepps@gmail.com](mailto:jwisepps@gmail.com)

## **MAIN OFFICE News**

**Tutors Needed:** We need tutors for our Homework Club on Tuesdays from 3:50 – 5 pm. We are looking mostly for math but could use language arts as well. If you are interested, please email our volunteer coordinator, Julia Detering at [irdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:irdetering@seattleschools.org).

**Eckstein Talent Show:** Tryout Signup Sheets are available now and due by no later than March 5<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Poort's room (Room 120). Auditions will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium after school from 4-5p.m. The Talent Show is on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30p.m.

**Orchestra and Band families:** If you take pictures during concerts and/or field trips for band and/or orchestra please send those pictures to Julia Detering at [irdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:irdetering@seattleschools.org). She would love to include them in the yearbook.

**Quarter 2/Semester 1 Report Cards Given to Students on Friday, February 15:** Ask your student for their report card when they arrive home today. Teachers should have handed them out during homeroom on 2/15.

**News from the Nurse ~ Access your Family's Immunization Information:** The Department of Health allows you to access this information on line. This information is limited to vaccinations you have received in the state of Washington or if your health care provider has entered "historical" information from other places for you. There are a few ways you can access your family's immunization information. Go to <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessyourFamilysImmunizationInformation>

If you came to Washington from another state: You can check this website for the immunization registries that exist in other states. You may be able to get your records from them or from your old health care provider.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html>

**Eckstein Musical “Freaky Friday”:**

- ***Rehearsal Dates:***  
Jan 29 - Feb 28: Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:55-5:30 (Wednesdays at 2:45)  
(Some Mondays we may work solos or small groups based on actor availability.)  
March 4 - 28: Monday to Thursday 3:55-5:30 (Wednesdays at 2:45)  
April 1 - 19: Monday to Friday 3:55-6:00 (Wednesdays at 2:45) April 20 - 25:  
Final Tech Week rehearsals will go until 6:30.
- ***Performance Dates:*** April 26th at 7:30pm & April 27th at 7:30pm  
Reasonable conflicts can be worked around during rehearsals until Spring Break.  
Please no non-emergency conflicts during the last two weeks of rehearsals or performances.  
Questions? Please e-mail the Director at [ecksteinmusical@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinmusical@gmail.com)

**Yearbook Orders are closed for the 2018-19 School Year:** Yearbooks will be distributed to students during the last week of school.

**Measles investigation in King County:** Local public health officials are investigating a suspected measles case in a King County man. Most people have immunity through immunization, but if you have not been vaccinated or have not had the measles, you may be at risk if you were at a location of potential measles exposure. Measles is extremely contagious. [Full Press Release](#) This is a good time for you to review your students vaccination records. You can call your Pediatrician to confirm or view them yourself at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessyourFamilysImmunizationInformation#1> Feel free to contact Eckstein’s nurse LeAnn Rowlen at [lerowlen@seattleschools.org](mailto:lerowlen@seattleschools.org) or 206-252-5017 directly for assistance .

Please ensure they have had 2 doses of MMR. Vaccinations are available to all SPS students at our school-based health centers. The closest one is at Roosevelt High School, contact them directly for an appointment. Teen Health Center at Roosevelt H.S., Location: Room 255, Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Phone: 206-527-8336, Fax: 206-517-4195. Email: [CaitlinY@neighborcare.org](mailto:CaitlinY@neighborcare.org)

**Subject Selection Sheets for 2019-2020** were given out yesterday (Thursday, January 24) during homeroom. They went to current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to select their electives for next year. Please help your student complete the form by prioritizing their selection, signing the form and returning it to the school by February 15. If the forms are misplaced, you can download the forms:

[7th Grade Subject Selection Sheet for 2019-20](#)

<https://files.constantcontact.com/1b96bcf9001/831278b7-d7d4-464e-b555-2b698a3e1259.pdf>

[8th Grade Subject Selection Sheet for 2019-20](#)

<https://files.constantcontact.com/1b96bcf9001/6424034f-a49f-422d-b295-9691d5ca5ade.pdf>

**2019-2020 School Calendar:** Looking for next year’s school calendar? [2019-20 School Year Calendar](#)

**What School is My Student Assigned to Next Year:** To view current and next year assignment information using the [Assignment Look Up Tool](#). You will need the student’s identification number and birth date. Have questions about the assignment? Go to the [School Choice page](#) for additional information.

**The Eckstein Science Department is pleased to announce the 2019 Science Night on May 2nd.** Eckstein would like to continue to support the diversity of inquiry and engineering projects our student scientists choose to pursue. Please consider volunteering approximately 3 hours of your time to support our students. Click here to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN7Jblpq-iehPQNZnjLlfygY7LTzLpKIOCb1o4FF79HfVeEw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

**Student-Led Conference Day on Wed, April 24:** No school for Eckstein only. Student Led Conferences will be held on that date. More information delivered through your student’s Homeroom teachers in March. Stay-tuned.

**Eckstein Crossing Guard Volunteers:** Please consider helping with a quick 30 minute volunteer opportunity! We are looking for volunteer crossing guards to support our students and families during the busy morning drop off. The crossing guard's responsibility is only to help kids cross at the unassisted crosswalk on 31st Ave NE, which runs east and west. There is no directing traffic, just assisting kids at the busy intersection of 75th St and 31st Ave NE. Training provided. Please contact Dawn Robinson at [dlrchubb@yahoo.com](mailto:dlrchubb@yahoo.com) with questions. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094baca72eabf85-eckstein1>

**Are you planning to take your student out of school for a vacation?** If you take your student out of school for a vacation or family event, we need your student to turn in a Preplanned Absence form prior to the absence in order to excuse it. You will need to fill out the bottom and top of the form. Then the student needs to take it to every teacher to sign off on it. Then return it to Attendance.

**Do You Take Pictures at Eckstein Sports Games?** If so, I would LOVE those pictures for the yearbook. Please send them to me, Julia Detering at [irdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:irdetering@seattleschools.org).

**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>

**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.

## **MUSIC News**

**Interested in Taking Part in Eckstein's Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>?** Visit the website to sign up and learn more: <https://sites.google.com/view/sewebsite/home>

**Eckstein Band Updates as of 1/14/19:** View the updated TENTATIVE calendar: [Eckstein Band Calendar 2018-19 Updated 1-14-19](https://sites.google.com/view/sewebsite/home) that has also been integrated into the Google Calendar on the Eckstein Band [Families Website](https://sites.google.com/view/sewebsite/home). Check either of these spots for dates of concerts, trips, etc. *This website is maintained by Band parent volunteers and not the school. You may unsubscribe to the Band updates by emailing the band chair at [ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com) with your student's name and the band(s) played in.*

**2019 Solo & Ensemble Festival at Eckstein- March 23, 2019:** The Solo & Ensemble is a great chance to get friendly and supportive feedback for your budding musician. Musicians of all abilities are encouraged to participate. The event gives students in choir, band and orchestra an opportunity to play a short piece -- individually or with a group -- before a local professional musician who will encourage students and provide feedback on their performance. *Sign-up deadline is Friday March 8, 2019.* We will try to honor all time requests, but the earlier we receive your application the more likely we can make your time request work! To sign up go to <https://sites.google.com/view/sewebsite/home>

**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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:ecksteinbandfamilies@gmail.com) with your student's name and the band(s) played in.

**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!

- Go to "Your Account"
- Select "Change your Charity"
- Under "or pick your own charitable organization"
- Type in "Eckstein PTSA and Band" (WA State PTSA's are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)

- Hit “Select”, and all your future purchases that you buy at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

## PTSA News

**Box Tops!** We are still collecting Box Tops. Thank you for your submissions! Please turn them in to the front office. If you are able to take a moment to cut them down to size and make sure they are not expired that is super helpful. Thanks for your support!

**UPDATED Order Form ~ The PTSA is selling SCRIP!** 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 (\$50), 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)). Filled orders will be delivered to the front office for pickup. To download a the form click [HERE](#). 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. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Laura Spring at [laura@springnet.org](mailto:laura@springnet.org). Thanks for shopping and thanks for supporting Eckstein!

**Join the Eckstein Middle School PTSA Today!** The number one reason to join the PTSA is to benefit your child, and in doing so, you also help your school. The PTSA provides funding to support many programs that help our Eckstein students and the Eckstein community such as student events and assemblies, the Reflections Art Competition, the Speaker Series, and holiday food and gift drives. Our events and activities support closer links between home and school, bringing staff and families together in support of our Eckstein Middle School community. Membership is our collective voice and with that collective voice we can make a difference for our children. Join today! Click [HERE](#) for Eckstein membership form.

**YOU can help ALL Eckstein students succeed by supporting this year's Annual Campaign!** This year's fundraising goal is \$75,000, an average of \$75 per Eckstein student. **We can do it!** Just a few areas your donations are hard at work right now:

- Implementing technology upgrades
- Updating and modernizing library materials
- Providing science lab enrichment and materials

Prefer to get it out of the way now? Donate online at: [www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org](http://www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org) Questions? Contact April Wright at [caccwright3@icloud.com](mailto:caccwright3@icloud.com) or Larry Mavencamp [larry1m@yahoo.com](mailto:larry1m@yahoo.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

**Join the Roosevelt Jazz Band on March 15th at the Paramount Theatre** to celebrate the sounds of Washington's top performing young jazz musicians at Starbucks 24th Annual Hot Java Cool Jazz concert. 100% of proceeds from ticket sales will directly benefit our school's music program. Buy tickets <https://www.stgpresents.org/tickets/alphabetical/eventdetail/4165/-/starbucks-hot-java-cool-jazz> or from our local Starbucks store, Starbucks at Roosevelt Square. This is one of the most awe inspiring high school events of the year. #HotJavaCoolJazz2019. Tickets go on sale beginning Friday 1/25.

**High School Open House & Tour Information:** For overview, click [HERE](#).

## NEIGHBORHOOD News:

**Pickleball Court Project Meeting Announcement:** March 21, at 6:30 pm (Before Band Concert) In the Eckstein Library (2nd floor) All Eckstein Families and community members are invited to come see the proposed designs for the 4 new pickleball courts to potentially be built on a damaged tennis court site at Eckstein MS. If constructed, the 4 pickleball courts will be used by PE classes, open play at lunchtime for all students and open for public use evening and weekend and any school holiday. Professional architectural services have been funded by a City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods grant. Come see the two proposed scenarios and help decide the final design. Questions email: [Pickleballeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:Pickleballeckstein@gmail.com) OR join

the newsletter for updates - simply text the keyword: EMSpickleball to 22828. Please join the conversation about this planned community asset to be enjoyed by all.

## **DISTRICT News**

**2019-20 Boundary Changes:** There will be boundary changes affecting Elementary, Middle and High School boundaries. For middle schools, there might be a change to the attendance areas for Robert Eagle Staff and Jane Addams Middle Schools. This change would assign all students attending Olympic Hills to Jane Addams beginning in fall 2019. For High Schools the changes will impact Ballard, Ingraham and Roosevelt High Schools with the opening of Lincoln High School in Fall 2019. Keep updated about upcoming meetings. Next meeting is Wed. December 19.

[https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/enrollment\\_planning/growth\\_boundaries/2019-20\\_boundary\\_changes](https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/enrollment_planning/growth_boundaries/2019-20_boundary_changes)

**Winter Weather from the Seattle Dept. of Transportation:** View snow routes and which streets are being plowed. SDOT websites: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather.htm)  
[www.seattle.gov/travelers](http://www.seattle.gov/travelers)  
Twitter @SDOTtraffic  
Sdotblog.seattle.gov  
Onthemove.seattle.gov

**District Science Materials Review for Instructional Materials Adoption for 9-12 Grades:** The finalists for this process will be brought into some classrooms for a field test in January/February. During the field test period, the District will extend an invitation to families, staff and community to provide feedback. For information go to  
[https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what\\_s\\_new/community\\_engagement/science\\_materials\\_review](https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/community_engagement/science_materials_review)

## **Community News**

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

**\*\*North Seattle Titans Junior Football (Home Field Ingraham H.S.):** Sign up now. Age/weight league, ages 6-14. Pre-register now and receive \$50 early bird discount code. Registration opens March 2019 for fall season. Speed and Agility 6-week camps coming in April and June 2019. Titan Football Skills Camp at Ingraham H.S. (Camp #1 April 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3-5p.m. and Camp #2 June 2 or 9<sup>th</sup> TBD. Contact 425-672-3766, [nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com](mailto:nstitanscoachbill@gmail.com) Website: [www.northseattletitansfootball.com](http://www.northseattletitansfootball.com)

**Seattle Language & Culture Institute Summer Youth Program:** Ages 13-17, July 22-August 2, 2019. Program includes workshops on leadership, cross-cultural communication and global issues. Includes a 2-day, 1-night retreat and trip to Mount Rainier. Tuition is \$650 for this 2-week program; partial scholarships available. [www.fluts.org/slci](http://www.fluts.org/slci)

**There are just a few days left to join Girls On The Run!** If you're a 7th or 8th grade girl, we need your leadership on the team! Register at <https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/> . You'll build confidence, hang out with friends and train for a 5K run. Do more than you ever thought you were capable of! Registration information is on a poster by the library. Or visit <https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/>

**Rescheduled date for Sandra Brettler's remembrance at Thornton Creek**, previous date cancelled due to snow event. Former students and their families of 4th and 5th grade teacher Sandra Brettler, at Thornton Creek School are invited to a remembrance for Sandra on Sunday, March 10th; 1-3PM at Thornton Creek School, 7712 40th Ave NE. March 10th is the rescheduled date due to the cancellation of the previous date due to the February snow storm.

**Parent University on April 27th!** Parent University is a half-day event featuring insights from experts in the field of childhood and adolescent development. This year's keynote speaker is NYT best-selling author Julie Lythcott-Haims who will talk about her book, How to Raise an Adult. The closing speaker will be Dr. John Medina, author of the Brain Rules series. In between there will be a choice of sessions covering a range of parenting topics: friendships, sexuality & consent, learning differences, race in America, managing anxiety, experiencing grief, kids

& technology and a Gottman-trained therapist who will talk about parental well-being. This community event offers learning for parents and guardians of K-12 students. Childcare is available for kindergarten- 5th grade children only. Space is limited, so reserve your childcare spot during registration.

Saturday, April 27th, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Event held at The Bush School, 3400 E Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98112

Cost: \$30. Attendance includes a light breakfast and a boxed lunch.

Register today: [www.bush.edu/page/about-bush/parent-university#](http://www.bush.edu/page/about-bush/parent-university#)

**Spring Season Club Ultimate:** In the spring, Eckstein's ultimate team is a "club" sport and not a school-sponsored sport. Registration for Spring Ultimate is due by February 8 using this registration link. Try-outs are the week of February 11 – 15, and practices begin the week after mid-winter break. Games will be on Saturdays, beginning March 9 and ending with playoffs on May 11 and 18. If you are not already on the email distribution list for Ultimate, please send an email to [rrspringultimate@gmail.com](mailto:rrspringultimate@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

**Kids With An Edge is now enrolling for: Spring and Summer Computer Classes/Camps:** Python and Web

Design. **Summer Math Camps.** Prepare for the fall and start the year off with confidence. Math camps for 6th grade through Algebra 1. **Spring and Fall Reading/Math Classes for Preschoolers through Algebra 1.**

Prep/Support for Kindergarten, elementary school, middle school or high school! Class size limited to 2-4 students only! <https://kidswithanedge.com> email: [info@kidswithanedge.com](mailto:info@kidswithanedge.com)

**Northeast Seattle Little League Registration is Open for the 2019 Season:** Baseball, softball, and tee ball with Northeast Seattle Little League (NESLL).

- For kids 4-6 years old, NESLL's tee ball program.
- 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 questions about registration, please email NESLL's registrar at [registrar@nesll.net](mailto:registrar@nesll.net).

**Adolesco Youth Exchange to Frances, Germany or Spain:** 3-week to 3-month family-to-family exchanges for kids between 9-18 to exchange AND host. Contact Marie Meyer at [marie@adolesco.org](mailto:marie@adolesco.org) for more information.

**Beach Camp Marine Science & Outdoor Education Programs:** Questions, contact Save Our Shorelines Beach Camp at [info@saveourshorelines.org](mailto:info@saveourshorelines.org). Learn more at [Sunsetbaywharf.com](http://Sunsetbaywharf.com). Beach Camp has sleepover and day camp options for students grades 2-9 and start each year the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Doublecrosse:** Calling all NE Seattle girls interested in Girls' lacrosse – grades 2-8. All new and returning players welcome. No prior experience necessary. Registration for Spring 2019, starting November 15. Registration closes February 2. Season begins the week of February 25. Details and registration at [doublecrosse.com](http://doublecrosse.com). Questions? Email [info@doublecrosse.com](mailto:info@doublecrosse.com)

**Aileycamp 2019:** Join us this summer for a free 6-week program where youth ages 11-14 experience a fun-filled day camp learning dance and important life skills. When: June 26-August 2, 2019, 8:30-3:30p.m. M-F. Where: Beach Park Event Center in Des Moines, WA. Interested: Call 206-518-5232 or email [shawnr@stgpresents.org](mailto:shawnr@stgpresents.org) for application form.

**GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science):** Free, volunteer-run after-school science activities program for Seattle 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to explore STEM fields. Apply at [seattleewis.org/awis-events/gems/](http://seattleewis.org/awis-events/gems/). Questions? Contact [seattlegems@gmail.com](mailto:seattlegems@gmail.com) Click [HERE](#) to view flyer.

**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](mailto: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/>