

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **January 11, 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**

Jan 14	<b>**UPDATED ~ PTSA General Meeting, 6:45p.m., Eckstein Auditorium</b>
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 7	Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House,
Feb 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library
Feb 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
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 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
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
Apr 20	<b>**Eckstein Rummage Sale</b>
Apr 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
Apr 26-27	<b>**Eckstein Musical Performance</b>
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 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 10	<b>PTSA General Meeting, 7:00p.m., Eckstein Library</b>
June 11	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p.m. Room 117
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**

Happy Friday Eckstein Families!

We've had a wonderful week back to school, beginning with our **2019 Kindness Assembly on Monday**. Today Eckstein hosted a **choir festival** with over 400 students, 11 choirs from 6 different schools! The music was outstanding, and I am so proud of our Eckstein Choir and Choir Director, Mr. Fox. Thank you to all the parent volunteers as well.

Many Eckstein students are also participating in the Mohan **ski program** and this afternoon is the first trip with a nice weather forecast! I can't wait to hear how things go.

**This next week is very full of events:**

Our PTSA will be showing **Screenagers** in the Eckstein auditorium immediately following a short PTSA meeting at 6:45 PM. This movie provides excellent material for discussion and our school counselors have partnered with the PTSA for facilitated discussions after the movie. I hope you can attend.

Our Leadership Team, ASB and music programs are hosting our **Martin Luther King assembly** on Friday, with our honored **special guest Carmen Best, Chief of Seattle Police** at 2:40 PM. Parents are invited but be advised that there is standing room only along the sides of the auditorium.

Audition signups and information for the Eckstein musical are available this week. Students are encouraged to participate. There are opportunities on stage, as stage managers, lighting crew and so much more. Student can pick up information in the Main Office.

**Dates to Keep in Mind:**

Don't forget that there is no school on Monday, January 21st in observation of Martin Luther King Day and on January 30th, the day between semesters.

**Have a safe and fun weekend!**

Treena Sterk

Principal, Eckstein Middle School

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Ensuring the academic, social and emotional growth and success of each student.

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## ECKSTEIN NEWS

**\*\*Auditions are coming up for our spring musical, Freaky Friday!** Audition packets and information are in the office now! Students can talk with the musical director during his visits to Eckstein during lunch next Tuesday or Thursdays (1/15 and 1/17). Also, the director wants to let everyone know that even though the movie versions of the story represent specific roles as specific ethnicities, every single role in our production is open to absolutely any Eckstein student, so if you can sing or dance and want to strut your stuff, come and try out!

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

**\*\*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!

**\*\*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>

**\*\*Volunteers needed for Set Up, Clean Up and Food Sales at Screenagers:** Growing Up in the Digital Age Movie on January 14th. Please sign up to donate food, set up/clean up and work the food table. Contact Shelley Prosise at [sprosise@gmail.com](mailto:sprosise@gmail.com).  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BACA72EABF85-volunteers>

**\*\*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>

**\*\*Seattle Public School Levy Information:** Find out what is on the February 12, 2019 ballot. There are two critical levies – one to fund day-to-day operations and one to fund construction to add capacity and rebuild aging schools. Go to <https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=36191053> for detailed information.

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

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## OLD NEWS

### ASB News:

### SPORTS News:

#### 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 [jwiseppss@gmail.com](mailto:jwiseppss@gmail.com)

**Girls Basketball.** Practices started on December 11. Girls teams will practice Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Varsity/JV will practice from 4:00-5:45p.m.

JVC will practice from 6:00-7:00p.m.

**Games are on Saturdays starting January 12<sup>th</sup>.** For questions about girls basketball, contact head coach Tim Thiers at [tim@thiers.us](mailto:tim@thiers.us)

### MAIN OFFICE News

#### Health News from the Eckstein Nurse LeAnn Rowlen:

I'd like to introduce myself to you. I started at Eckstein in October as the school nurse. My contact information is below. If you received a vaccination compliance letter from me I can help update the system if you provide me a verifiable record from your provider.

There has been a giant spike in teen e-cigarette use. Please help your teen kick the habit before the damage is done. Here is a helpful Tip Sheet for Parents [https://ecigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR\\_ECig\\_ParentTipSheet\\_508.pdf](https://ecigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)  
Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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**SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age Movie!** We are thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance. SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it.

- When: January 14, 2019: 6:45 pm General PTSA Meeting; 7:00pm Movie; 8:15 pm Discussion
- Where: Eckstein Middle School Auditorium
- Who: Kids and Adults welcome! Invite your friends!
- What: Join your PTSA for a brief meeting, screening of the movie and discussion with your peers! Snacks and drinks available for purchase at the event.

**Did You Take Photos at the Band, Choir or Orchestra?** If so, I would love to use those photos in our yearbook. Please contact Julia Detering at [jrdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrdetering@seattleschools.org) for more information.

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**UPDATE ~ NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress) Assessments at Eckstein on March 5,**

**2019 for 50 randomly selected 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Letters were mailed home on 12/5 to those fifty 8<sup>th</sup> graders randomly chosen by the NAEP to participate in a Mathematics and Reading Assessment to take place on Tuesday, March 5 for two 120-minute sessions. If you receive this letter, please read it and if you choose not to have your student participate, please notify Sue Wong at [stwong@seattleschools.org](mailto:stwong@seattleschools.org) by no later than ***December 21, 2018.***

**Eckstein Open House for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders:** Eckstein Middle School will host an open house for current 5th graders and their families on evening of Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming.

**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 [jrdetering@seattleschools.org](mailto:jrdetering@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**

**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.*

**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 are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit "Select", and all your future purchases that you buy at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

## PTSA News

**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. 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:

**\*\*Roosevelt High School Dance Camp – January 30 @ RHS (day-between-semesters, no school):** RHS Dance Team presents – Dance Camp. Join the RHS Dance Team for a high-energy, fun afternoon 1-4:00p.m.

Learn Hip-hop, play games and have a chance to perform at the RHS girls' basketball game that evening. For kids grades K-8. Registration form and information about cost is in the link below.

[Flyer/Registration Form 2019](#)

**\*\*Seattle Lutheran High School Open House:** Thursday, January 31, 2019, 7:00-8:30p.m. Look at courses offered. It will feature a tour of the facility, as well as interaction with faculty and administration. 4100 SW Genesee Street, Seattle, 98116. For more information, contact Rachel Bigliardi 206-937-7722 or [www.seattlelutheran.org](http://www.seattlelutheran.org) to RSVP.

**\*\*Roosevelt High Basketball Fundraiser ~ Lunchbox Lab:** Thursday, January 17, 2019, 5:00p-10:00p. 7200 E Greenlake Dr. N. 20% of sales will be donated!! [Lunchboxlab.com](http://Lunchboxlab.com)

**NOVA HIGH SCHOOL's OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH 6:00-7:30 PM:**

Wed, Jan 16: 8th Grade Student Intro. Morning 9:00 – 11:45 am, Pre-registration Required

Tue, Jan 22: Parent/Guardian Tour 12:30 – 1:30 pm, No sign up necessary

Tue, Jan. 29: 8th Grade Student Intro. Morning 9:00 – 11:45 am, Pre-registration Required

A brief description of each is as follows:

TOUR: 1st 30 minutes -- Student lead tour of the building/classrooms etc.  
2nd 30 minutes -- Q & A session for all adults w/the Principal in his office.

NO Registration Required

STUDENT INTRO DAY: 1st Hour – student led tour of school & “round table” discussion as a group about Nova HS (what it is like to be a Nova student etc.)

2nd Hour – visiting 8th graders choose a class to observe  
Final 30 min. – all 8th graders have a debrief w/the Principal.

***Pre-Registration Required by Calling the Nova Office @ 206-252-3500***

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

**Nathan Hale High School Information Nights:** Future and prospective parents/guardians and students are invited to join us for one of the following informational evenings:

***Tuesday, February 12, 2019***

**6:00PM – 7:00PM** Information Tables and Tours in Commons (last tour leaves Commons at 6:40)

**6:00PM – 8:00 PM** **Distinct (SM4), Access (SM4), Social Emotional Learning – SEL (SM3), Focus (SM2) and Medically Fragile classrooms** will be open and teachers will be available to share information and answer questions

Join us in any way that works for you:

- Take a tour of the whole school – tours start at 6PM in the Commons – last tour leaves the Commons at 6:40, then head to the main office to be directed to the classrooms noted above
- Or - head straight to the main office to be directed to the classrooms noted above  
Students are welcome!

**7:00PM – 8:30PM** Presentation and Questions in Performing Arts Center

Topics: Courses offered; structure of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades; school culture and philosophy; school communication and opportunities for connections within the Nathan Hale Community

Please note: The last tour to leave the Commons before the 7:00 presentation will be at 6:40 on both evenings

We invite and encourage families who will be assigned to NHHS to attend an information evening in order to get a head start on transition to high school. We also welcome families who are assigned to another school but are interested in NHHS and are considering going through the Open Enrollment process.

Starting December 13th, families not able to attend one of the Information Nights are more than welcome to come to the main office between 3:40 and 4PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to sign in, pick up an information packet and walk through the building on a self-guided tour.

**Ingraham Open House and Tour Schedule for 18-19:** Ingraham Open House and Tour Schedule

***Shadow Visits:*** Shadow visits will begin Dec 4th and will run on Tuesday and Thursdays until February 14, 2019. Students will have an opportunity to shadow a current 9th grader for the first 4 periods of the day (8:55

AM – 1:10 PM). You can call Ms. Medina to make a reservation starting Nov 26th -206-252-3889. Dec 4, 6, 11, 13 Jan 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 Feb 5, 7, 12, 14

***Ingraham Open House for incoming students***

February 6th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium

This is a general information night open to everyone - Mr. Floe/Principal and the Ingraham Staff will answer any questions about academics, sports, clubs and student life at Ingraham.

***Ingraham High School IB Information Night***

February 5th – 7:00 PM – Ingraham Auditorium

This is an information night for parents and students interested in the IB Program.

***Ingraham High School Day Time Tour***

February 7th – 9:00 AM – 11:00AM

Tour begins in the school Auditorium - parents must accompany students on the tour.

Questions? Call the Main Office #206-252-3889. All tours are for parents and students. No need to RSVP for open tour or the night open houses. You need to register for a shadow visit.

**NEIGHBORHOOD News:**

**Pickleball courts at Eckstein - project update:** We have been tentatively awarded \$5000 to combine with our donations (thank you!) to hire a Landscape architect in January 2019. There will be 3 community meetings regarding design for these proposed courts. Please join our mailing list via email at [PickleballEckstein@gmail.com](mailto:PickleballEckstein@gmail.com) or text keyword EMSpickleball to 22828. We will send a newsletter about once a month with project updates and future meeting dates.

**Friends of Eckstein MS Pickleball** is a community based non profit group, separate from the Eckstein PTSA. We are proposing to convert a damaged, locked and no longer used, single tennis court into 4 permanent pickleball courts for use by Eckstein PE classes, lunch time open play and open to the general public during non school hours and School holidays. Seattle Schools has approved this project. Pickleball is a fast growing sport, easy to learn, and can be played by all ages. Financial oversight for our project is provided by Seattle Parks Foundation, and all donations are tax deductible. We are seeking Neighborhood Matching Funds through the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Following the 12/3 meeting, our next public meeting will be in January 2019, if our initial phase of funding is approved in December. Please join the discussion!

Questions? [pickleballeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballeckstein@gmail.com)

Donations: <https://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/project/eckstein-ms-pickleball-court-construction/>

**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

**Key Enrollment Dates for 2019-20:**

- Online registration for new students for 2019-20 school year begins: Jan. 7, 2019
- Open Enrollment for School Choice: Feb. 4 - 15, 2019

**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)

**\*\*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)

**\*\*Microsoft's 2019 Ninja Camp: Ninja Camp** is accepting [applications](#). Camp opportunity for current 7th and 8th grade students with disabilities. Applicants, their families, teachers, and community partners are invited to join us for a Ninja Camp Question & Answer (Q&A) Conference Call on Thursday, January 24 at 4:00pm Pacific Time. Meet with the Ninja Camp Planning Team and ask your questions about the camp. To join the meeting, call 206-800-4384, 425-616-0754 or 866-679-9995 (toll-free) and enter the conference ID 13346208# when prompted. If accommodations are needed to join the call, accommodation requests can be sent to [ninjacamp@microsoft.com](mailto:ninjacamp@microsoft.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).

**Attention Registered SNOWSPORTS families:** Thank you for signing up for Snowsports! We are as excited as you are to get your skier/snowboarder up onto the mountain! To help new and returning families become familiar with the program there will be a meeting for parents and registered participants at the Eckstein Auditorium on Wednesday, January 9th, 7pm. Jay Sasent, the Mohan/Seattle Schools Liaison will be hosting the meeting. The meeting will cover basics regarding policies and procedures for Eckstein Snowsports, as well as storage of gear and other logistics. New families to Snowsports are highly encouraged to attend. Parent Volunteer Chaperones are also highly encouraged to attend. If families have questions they can e-mail: [ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com).

**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>.

### **Youth In Focus, Winter Photo Programs:**

WINTER QUARTER (scholarships available)

- January 14 - March 6, twice a week 430pm - 7pm
- Youth 13 - 19 years old (earn Service Learning Hours!)
- Digital and darkroom photography
- Application: <https://youthinfocus.org/core-program>

MID-WINTER BREAK (scholarships available)

- February 18 - 22, Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm (see website for days)
- Youth 13 - 19 years old (earn Service Learning Hours!)
- Street Photography, Black & White Darkroom, Storytelling through Photography

- Application: <https://youthinfo.org/mid-winter-break>

**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.

**North Seattle Lacrosse for Boys Grades 3-8:** Registration is now open for the North Seattle Lacrosse 2019 spring season. Space is currently available for players in 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades. Prior lacrosse experience is not required. Our mission is to teach the fundamentals of lacrosse, team play, and sportsmanship. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.northseattlelacrosse.org/> Click [HERE](#) to view flyer.

**Eckstein Snow Sports:** Registration for the 2019 January and February Friday night ski and snowboard lesson and bus program is **NOW ONLY ACCEPTING WAITLIST REGISTRATION** through SKI MOHAN. **In order to run that waitlist, and the entire program, we need committed parent chaperones. There are adult perks for such responsibilities. Send a note of interest to [ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com](mailto:ecksteinsnowsports@gmail.com)**

*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.*

**Nathan Hale is currently looking for someone who is interested in helping coach with the Nathan Hale gymnastics team** . Practices run M-F 4-6 and this is a paid position. You do not have to be an all-world gymnast to be a part of our team. You need a love for the sport, a drive to learn and teach the sport and a willingness to help students get better. If you are interested please contact me or our head coach Alexis Stevens [alexis.stevens6011@yahoo.com](mailto:alexis.stevens6011@yahoo.com)

**WWFHA.com:** Western Washington Female Hockey Association is having a free try hockey session on SUNDAY, January 6th, 2019 at Highland Ice Arena on Aurora Ave in Shoreline.  
<https://www.wwfha.com/jan6-try-hockey-free>

**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/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pacificachoirs@gmail.com)) with any questions or to schedule an audition.

**Stone Soup Theatre:** Visit [StonesoupTheatre.org](http://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](mailto:education@stonesouptheatre.org). Wallingford Presbyterian Church. 1414 N 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Seattle 98103