

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, May 1, 2015

Welcome to Eckstein

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

May	Bike-to-School Month
May 4	Choir Meeting, 7:00p, Little Theater
May 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p Room 118
May 4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	**Bike to School Day
May 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m.
May 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p Room 117
May 15-16	Musical Performance "Seussical"
May 20-22	Eckstein Book Fair
May 21	Eckstein Science Night, 6-8:00p.m. – Volunteers needed (see info below)
May 25	Memorial Day, No School
June 1	Choir Meeting, 7:00p.m., Little Theater
June 1	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p, Room 118
June 3	District-Wide 2-hour Early Release
June 3	Student-Led Conferences
June 4	All Bands Concert, 7:30p.m.
June 8	Eckstein & RHS Combined Choir Concert @ RHS, 7:30p
June 9	PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m.
June 9	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p, Room 117
June 11	Swing Dance, 7:30p.m.
June 12	Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:30p.m.
June 15	Last Day of School for Students

**** = New from last printing**

****Staff Appreciation Week is next week! Here's how you can help:**

- **Gift Cards:** The PTSA still needs 41 gift cards for the daily staff drawings next week, since *EVERY* Eckstein staff member is a winner! Gift cards are welcome in any amount (most donated cards are \$5 - \$20) and for any merchant (think bagel shop, ice cream shop, grocery store, nail salon, bookstore, etc. Coffee shop cards are also much appreciated, but we do have quite a few of those now!) You can drop gift cards off in the main office any day next week. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Potluck dishes:** The PTSA is hosting two staff potlucks: ***Cinco de Mayo Lunch Fiesta*** on Tues 5/5 (sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4eabaf28a31-cinco>) and ***Finally Friday Dessert Buffet*** on Fri 5/8 (sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4eabaf28a31-finally>).

Questions? Please e-mail Jeanne Suleiman at jmsuleiman@seattleschools.org. Thank you for your support!

****Information on how to order tickets for Eckstein's musical "Seussical":** Come see Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and the magic of Dr. Seuss in this quirky musical tale. This show for all ages promises big laughs, fun dancing and great singing. There are three performances: Friday, May 15th, at 7:30pm, and two on Saturday, May 16th at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance sold at the school or \$10 the night of. A fun night out for the family, come for the show and dessert! There are 4 ways to get tickets. Please share the order forms with family and friends. Anyone is welcome to order early to enjoy this fantastic show!!!

1. ***Premiere seats in advance (\$25.00):*** Premiere seats allow you to have reserved "best seats in the house" and they also serve as a fundraiser for the Eckstein musical. They are extremely popular and usually sell out for most shows. These seats are ordered by mailing (or sending to rehearsal with your student) your

[premiere order form](#) with payment to the address listed. Orders must be received by May 13, unless they sell out sooner! Tickets will be distributed at rehearsal the week of May 11-14 or will be held at Will Call. Checks should be made to Eckstein Middle School (write "Musical" in the Memo). Cash is also accepted.

2. General Admission Pre-sale tickets (\$8.00): These seats are ordered by mailing (or sending to rehearsal with your student) your [general order form](#) with payment to the address listed. Orders must be received by May 13, and will be distributed at rehearsal the week of May 11-14 or will be held at Will Call. Checks should be made to Eckstein Middle School (write "Musical" in the Memo). Cash is also accepted.
3. Purchase Tickets at lunch in the cafeteria (\$8.00): Both lunches. Dates: TBA
4. Purchase Tickets at the door (\$10.00).

Questions? blswim@yahoo.com or ecksteinmusical@gmail.com

****Eckstein kicked off Bike to School Month in style this morning with breakfast at the bike cage.** Principal Sterk rode in and joined the fun! There are more bike events coming up this month, beginning with an after-school pizza party on Bike to School Day -- Wednesday, May 6. Ride to school and stick around afterwards for pizza and prizes at the bike cage. Remember to sign up to track your trips at <http://www.cascade.org/learn-school-based-programs/bike-school> so Eckstein can win the Golden Pedal award. For more info, contact clint.loper@gmail.com or check out [facebook.com/Ride2Class](https://www.facebook.com/Ride2Class). Happy Bike Month!

****We are extending our online fundraising campaign with Dutch Mill Bulbs until May 15th:** Send out to your family and friends or order now for some fantastic Mother's Day gifts! Eckstein Middle School Band is fundraising with Dutch Mill Bulbs to earn money for instrument repairs, sheet music and band trips. All items are guaranteed to grow and bloom, and our group earns 50% profit on every sale. Make your selections, provide billing and shipping information, and choose a secure method of payment (credit card or PayPal). A shipping fee of \$4.00 will be applied to orders 24 packages or less, free shipping on orders 25 packages or more. Please click [HERE](#) and you'll be directed to our custom page. Items you select will be sent directly to the shipping address you provide (not Alaska or Hawaii). If you are typing the link into your computer rather than clicking on the link, be sure to enter the information in the "URL" field (starts with https://) not the search box. Sale ends May 15th. For complete text and directions click [HERE](#).

Student-Led Conferences will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd. Make sure to save this date on your calendar! Homeroom teachers will be contacting families mid-May to set up conference times. Most of the conferences will be scheduled in the time frame from 12:30-3:30pm. Hopefully, your student(s) shared their academic goals with you in the fall by conducting a mini-conference. The conference on June 3rd will be an opportunity for each student to share their portfolio, discuss goals, and talk about possible career interests. If you have any questions, please email Kathy Sherman (kasherman@seattleschools.org).

The Book Fair is coming from Wed. May 20th to Friday May 22nd and during Science Night on the 21st! Sponsored by the local University Book Store, 20% of proceeds support the Eckstein Library. Have enough books at home? Consider purchasing one to donate to the Eckstein library or a teacher's classroom. Thanks for your support! Please contact the librarian Erin Sterling with any questions: emsterling@seattleschools.org or 206-252-5010.

The YMCA would like to hear your voice as they start to compile next year's Enrichment activities at Eckstein: If you are interested in suggesting an afterschool activity please take a moment to complete the 2015-2016 community proposal form (click [HERE](#)). If you have questions or feedback, please connect with Georgina Ramirez, Sr. Leadership Development Director gramirez@seattleyymca.org.

Community Proposal Process:

1. Community members have until May 29th, 2015 to submit their community proposal form.
2. YMCA staff will send an email notifying community members of the status of their proposal (received and under review, under review, declined, or accepted).
3. The YMCA will review the proposals and select the proposals that meet our criteria for program launch.
4. Once the YMCA has selected the accepted proposals, the YMCA Program Director will connect with the Eckstein Administration Team to ensure the activities do not conflict with Eckstein activities.
5. If the Eckstein Administration Team does not see any areas of concern with the proposal, YMCA staff will connect with the author of the proposal and provide a status update (accepted or declined).

Bell Times: Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) gives members of the SPS community the opportunity to host or participate in small-group discussions on important school system topics. The topic for this year is Bell Times. The District wants to hear your thoughts on how the Superintendent's recommendation to change school start and end times – also known as Bell Times – will impact students, your family, and the community. Please attend one of our regional community discussions! Anyone can participate! For more information, to get started, or fill out a Family Survey visit: <http://neighbortoneighbor.www.seattleschools.org> or email neighbor2neighbor@seattleschools.org. To view the entire flyer, click [HERE](#).

- Tuesday May 5 – 7 pm – 8:30 pm at New Holly Neighborhood Campus Gathering Hall (7054 32nd Ave South)
- Wednesday May 6 – 7 pm – 8:30 pm at Garfield High School Commons (400 23rd Ave)
- Tuesday May 12 – 7 pm – 8:30 pm at Chief Sealth High School Commons (2600 SW Thistle St)

WE NEED YOU! There are some great PTSA leadership opportunities available at Eckstein this year. As a PTSA board or committee member, you will have opportunities to enhance your child's education, create community and improve the school environment. Open board positions include: **VP/President Elect, Building Leadership Team (BLT) member, Communications Chair and Annual Campaign Chair**. Open committee positions include: **Packs for Kids Committee, Staff Appreciation, eScrip/Safeway, Parent Safety Committee, Spirit-Wear Sales, Lunchtime Parent Coordinator, Garden Group Co-Chair, "Eckstein Bikes!" Committee and Annual Campaign Finance**. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, have questions or have been thinking about volunteering but are on the fence, please contact our incoming PTSA President Monica Mace today at mcgreevy.mace@gmail.com.

GOLDEN ACORN AWARD NOMINATIONS – Eckstein's PTSA is seeking nominations for one volunteer and one staff member to be recognized for their dedication and service to Eckstein. Do you know someone who should be honored? Please email PTSA President-Elect Monica Mace at mcgreevy.mace@gmail.com with the name of your nominee and a brief description of how the individual has contributed to the Eckstein community to make a difference for our kids. Nominations are due by May 8th.

Science Night is coming Thursday May 21st from 6-8 pm.: All Eckstein student scientists will have projects on display. Join us for an evening of innovation, exploration, and showcase of student projects and experiments. Parent volunteers are needed for this evening in many ways: contact Laura Leigh Young to volunteer at llyoung@seattleschools.org.

Smarter Balanced Assessments -- The district has produced a video to help families understand Smarter Balanced and view portions of the test format. Click here to view the video: <https://youtu.be/sDvHFFEytis?list=PLd1qfjKjaOxTbw7Zsk4nauEeDsFTp11XG>. Click here to view additional resources that have been added to the district's Smarter Balanced page: <http://smarterbalanced.www.seattleschools.org>

SpEd transformative work informational meetings: Attend to learn about the transformative SpEd work underway in the district. Click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer or attend one of these Regional Meetings:

Northwest Region	Monday, May 11	Ballard High School
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Assistance League Scholarship Program: Help your students achieve their summer plans. The ALS has money available for summer camps for current Seattle School District students in Grades 6-11. The Assistance League is a national philanthropic organization, and the Seattle chapter offers three programs of which the Enrichment Scholarship Program (ESP) is one. Through an application process, scholarships worth up to \$500 each are available to Seattle Public School Students. These students choose summer activities such as camps in theater, culinary arts, and outdoor programs, as well as UW educational courses, the Marrowstone Music Festival, Woodland Park's animal behavior program, and the Ryther Children's Center aspiring youth program. Please log on to our website for the application. <http://seattle.assistanceleague.org/ps.enrichmentscholarshipprogram.cfm>. To download the entire flyer, click [HERE](#)

Eckstein PTSA General Meetings: Plan ahead for the rest of the year! May 11 and June 9. 7:00p.m., Eckstein Conference Room 115.

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****Seattle Alliance of Black School Educators (SABSE):** Invitation to our end-of-year recognition awards program for scholarship recipients, retirees, students & colleagues. Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 5:30p.m. Meet and Greet. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall. 1634 Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Avenue, Seattle 98122. Donation - \$45 (for scholarships). Dinner/Auction begins at 6:30p.m. RSVP now to sabse.09alliance.17@gmail.com. 206-772-4916, 206-725-7138. Mail checks to SABSE, PO 22035, Seattle 98122.

****Erg Ed Games 2015 - Thursday, May 21st, 2:45-6:45pm:** Washington Middle School, 2101 S Jackson St, Seattle, WA 98144. Come join us at the 3rd annual Erg Ed Games for a FREE afternoon of indoor rowing races, games, and prizes for middle schoolers who have participated in Erg Ed at their school! Please register for Erg Ed Games online at www.pocockfoundation.org/ErgEdGames2015

****Brave Pride Junior Football is hosting a Free youth football day camp for ages (6-14) Grades K-7TH.** The camp is Sunday May 3rd 3pm-5pm at Ingraham High School Football Field (1819 N 135th St, Seattle, WA 98133). Camp focuses on basic skills and abilities. USA Football Heads Up tackling drills. Players wear comfortable shoes or cleats, shorts or sweats. Upon arrival please check in at sign in table. All players receive tee shirt for participation in camp. No formal registration however an email confirmation is appreciated for head count estimate. Please come and experience some football in a fun and positive environment! Coach Bill Taylor, 425-672-3766, www.bravepridejrfootball.org

****Nathan Hale does Young Frankenstein! It's alive!** Mel Brook's comedy classic film, Young Frankenstein, comes to life as a knee-slapping, toe-tapping musical. Frederick Frankenstein inherits his grandfather's Transylvania estate, though he is reluctant to take on the family business of creating monsters. But with the help of a collection of eccentric characters, he will bring the dead back to life and find his true destiny. This monstrously funny musical runs May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 & 16 performing at 7:30pm at Nathan Hale High School's Performing Arts Center. Reserved tickets are available online for \$15/adult \$10/students plus a minimal service charge at BrownPaperTickets.org. Just search for Young Frankenstein or follow this link <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1428747> Or buy general admission tickets at the door on show night for \$10 students/\$15 adults. Don't miss this romping good fun!

****Bryant Blast:** The Bryant Blast, Bryant Elementary's annual school carnival, will be held at the school on Saturday, May 9th from 1 pm - 5 pm! Magic shows, carnival games, pony rides, cake walks, craft booths, face painting, tasty sno-cones, awesome raffle baskets, and much much more. Students looking for community service hours are encouraged to volunteer at the Blast -- visit the Community Volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4badaf28abfb6-20151> to reserve your volunteer slot today! For more information, please contact Julie Honeywell at blastvolunteers@gmail.com.

EarthCorps is seeking hosts for our international participants from June through December 2015. Do you have an extra room in your house? Do you want to help the environment? Do you want to connect with young adults from around the world? If you answered "YES," then you could play a vital role in EarthCorps' environmental program and provide an international participant with a window to Northwest culture. EarthCorps International Participants are passionate 22 to 26 year olds who spend six months in Seattle learning hands-on conservation skills while receiving environmental leadership training. Homestay hosts commit to a three month host period, provide a separate bedroom for their guest and receive a \$500/month stipend to offset the food and living costs. For more information, go to our website <http://www.earthcorps.org/homestays.php> or contact us at 206-322-9296, ext. 224 or homestayearthcorps.org.

Brave Pride Junior Football & Cheer: Experience full contact football in a safe, fun and positive environment. Football players are assigned to teams based on age (6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12,13/14) as of 7/15/15. Players must be between 6-14. Practices begin 7/20/15, M-F through the end of August. Three times a week after Labor Day weekend. For Registration Fee information see website: www.bravepridejrfootball.org . For more information email bravepridejuniorfootball@gmail.com, 206-368-5524.

Roosevelt Boys Basketball Camp for incoming 4th – 9th graders, June 29-July 2, 9 AM- 3 PM: Cost: \$190 (\$175 if register before June 1, 2015). Staffed by the RHS Head Coach and the RHS Boys' basketball team Register at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ealmk59x93a2a16e&llr=96sfvkmab> or <http://rhsmensbasketball.shutterfly.com/>

Meadowbrook Community Center: Meadowbrook CC is offering middle school students after school programs and summer day camps. *Thrive* provides year round care to students from age 11-14 at Meadowbrook Community Center to provide a safe place that they can go after school. Scholarships available upon request at the front desk or contact the information on the flyers: [Summer Camp](#) and [Thrive](#).

DO YOU HAVE GAME? Roosevelt High School Girls Basketball Coaches Jasen Thomas, Sara Wilcox and Terrance King and the returning Roughrider players invite girls entering 4th through 9th grade to join them at basketball camp this summer. Hoop camp runs Monday June 22 through Thursday June 25 from 9-3 each day. For more information see <http://rooseveltgirlsbasketball.org/camp.php> or email the camp coordinator kskogerboe@gmail.com

Stone Soup Theatre Cinderella Auditions, Spring Classes and SummerStage 2015:

- Ages 4-17 SummerStage 2015. June 22-Aug 28. Three locations.

Go to stonesouptheatre.org – Education – Classes and Workshops – Register Now. (206) 633-1883. 4029 Stone Way North, Seattle, Wa 98103. www.stonesouptheatre.org

Rite of Passage Journeys – Summer 2015 Events: (425)485-7396. www.riteofpassagejourneys.org. Email info@riteofpassagejourneys.org. Led by seasoned wilderness guides. Examples of events:

- Call to Adventure ages 10-12, July 21-27
- Apprentice Journey ages 8-10, July 6-10
- Becoming a Young Woman ages 12-15, July 5-11
- Becoming of Age for Girls ages 12-15, July 12-25
- Becoming of Age for Boys ages 12-15, July 12-25

The Seattle Mariners present Seattle RBI. A youth baseball initiative to Revive Baseball in the Inner Cities.

Open spots for ages 13 & 14. Games start in April. Practices every Wednesday & Thursday at Smilow Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club 5:30p.m.- 7:30p.m. For more information contact Jacob Stanley at 206-436-1895 or jstanley@positiveplace.org. 4520 MLK Jr. Way s.

Free Maritime Career Fairs: Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

- 17th Annual Maritime Career Day will be held from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., on Tuesday, May 5, at the Georgetown Campus of South Seattle Community College, 6737 Corson Avenue South. An exciting new and larger location for exhibits and company booths, with ample parking. Tons of great displays and other interactive activities. Career day is primarily targeted toward middle school and older students, as well as adults interested in a new job or career.
- Maritime Discovery Day at Lake Union Park will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 7. Primarily targeted towards elementary and middle school students, Discovery Day features free admission and activities at the Center for Wooden Boats, Northwest Seaport and MOHAI, tours of historic and working vessels, displays, kids boat building and other events.
- Hands-on Maritime Career Day at Lake Union Park will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Friday, May 8. This event will primarily focus on career awareness and summer maritime internship opportunities and include tours of historic and working vessels, hands on maritime activities and other events.

Ultimate Frisbee Summer Camp: July 13th-17th at Magnuson Park, 9am - 3pm. Coached by world class players and coaches from the Seattle area, players will improve their individual and team skills while playing ultimate all week! We accept novice-experienced players at camp and will cater to each individuals level. Cost - \$250. Includes disc and jersey. Scholarship available. To register: www.teamultimatecamp.com

Ecology Youth Corps: The Ecology Youth Corps is looking for hard working teens who want to help clean the environment and earn money this summer. Several copies of the “Ecology Youth Corps Fact Sheet” are in the Eckstein Main Office. It gives details about what potential hires can expect during their employment. Also in the Main Office are the application and reference forms. Or you can go online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/ecy/nwro.html>

Seattle Public Library Offers Free Homework Help: Got a tough homework assignment? The Seattle Public Library offers free, in-person and online educational assistance for students of all ages and levels — including tutoring for adults. Library events and programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Free

parking is available at the branches. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates. Click [HERE](#) for a more information and the Library locations.

Camp Erin®- King County is a three-day overnight camp for kids and teens, ages 6 - 18, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Facilitated by professional staff from Providence Hospice of Seattle's Safe Crossings Children's Grief Support program & trained volunteers, Camp Erin is offered free of charge to families throughout King County. Our camp fills up quickly. Click on the links to download the forms for the [Teen Camp Erin 2015](#), [Kids Camp Erin 2015](#) and [Camp Erin Application 2015](#)

Eckstein Website: <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/> 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: <http://orchestra.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org>

Band News: <http://eckstein-band.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org>