

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, April 10, 2015

Welcome to Eckstein

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

Apr 13-17	Spring Break – No School
Apr 27	High School Counselors visit Eckstein. More Information will be coming later.
May 4	Choir Meeting, 7:00p Room Little Theater
May 4	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p Room 118
May 4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
May 12	Orchestra Parent Meeting, 7:00p Room 117
May 15-16	Musical Performance “Seussical”
May 21	Eckstein Science Night, 6-8:00p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day, No School

**** = New from last printing**

****Important Early Dismissal Information:** If you plan to pick your child up early from school you must send them to school with a note, email attendance (ecksteinms.attendance@seattleschools.org) or call attendance (206-252-5014) at least an hour prior to the time they need to be picked up. If you come to school without pre-arranging the pick-up we cannot guarantee we can get the student immediately.

****Seattle Children’s Hospital, Stronger Together Workshop for Eckstein Middle School Families:** Open to all Eckstein Families. Parents and Youth (ages 10-14) participate in the workshop.

Tuesdays, April 21st – May 26th, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:00pm. Eckstein Middle School Room 125. Childcare available. To Learn More click [HERE](#) or Sign Up! Contact: Kelly Kerby, kelly.kerby@seattlechildrens.org, 206-252-5105

****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 April 21- 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Highpoint Neighborhood House (6400 Sylvan Way SW Room 207)
- Thursday April 30 – 7 pm – 8:30 pm at Hamilton International Middle School Commons (1610 N 41st St)
- 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)

****Eckstein School Garden:** We have applied and are competing for \$20,000 grant from organic food and seed company Seeds of Change. We need your help to get us into the top 50 for final consideration. Visit www.seedsofchange.org or the Seeds of Change® Facebook page. Search using our zip code, **98115** or garden name **ECKSTEIN MIDDLE SCHOOL GARDEN** and **press “VOTE”!** You can vote once per day until April 27. Vote for a stronger, healthier community! Thanks for your support. **#SeedsofChangeGrant**. To learn more click [HERE](#).

****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.

Lost & Found: Is your child missing a coat, sweatshirt, lunchbox, water bottle or shoe? Eckstein’s lost and found contains many of these items and more. Please encourage your child to look through the lost and found in the large blue plastic tubs in the back of the cafeteria as soon as possible. **Anything remaining after Friday, April 10 will be donated to charity.**

Staff Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8 and the PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee is already busy planning. The PTSA and Eckstein families are known for going “all out” to show our amazing school staff just how much we appreciate all the time and effort they devote to our kids. A daily Gift Card Raffle for teachers and staff is a very popular part of the week, and we need your help to make it a success! The goal is for every staff member to be a winner by week’s end, so we it takes a lot of gift cards to make that happen. If you’re out shopping in the next week or two (or if you received a holiday gift card that you are willing to pass along), please consider donating to the gift card raffle. Cash donations or checks made out to Eckstein PTSA are also welcome. It’s not too early to start! Donations can be dropped off in the main office, attention “Staff Appreciation Week.” Thank you! -- Eckstein’s PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee

Springtime is bike to school season, and Eckstein Bikes! is gearing up. Stay tuned for information on Bike to School Month and upcoming events too. Want the latest updates? Check out facebook.com/Ride2Class. Want to help promote active transportation to Eckstein? Contact clint.loper@gmail.com. Here's to a spring of more kids walking and biking to school!

Mariners Tickets! The Eckstein PTSA has reserved a block of Mariners tickets for Eckstein families to purchase at a group rate. Click [HERE](#) to find out how to find out about this great deal on tickets to the game on May 10th at 1:10 pm. *Deadline to order is April 17th.* Questions? Contact PTSA President Tobi Bet at tobibet@gmail.com.

Dutch Mill Bulb Fundraiser in the month of April: Beautify your garden and help support the Eckstein Band program by participating in our new Spring Fundraiser! We are holding a new online fundraising campaign with Dutch Mill Bulbs for the month of April. 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 on <http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/ecksteinmiddleschoolband.php> 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 1st. For complete text and directions click [HERE](#)

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/sDvHFFEytiis?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:

West Seattle Region	Monday, April 20	West Seattle High School
Northwest Region	Monday, May 11	Ballard High School

Calling all gardeners! Now that spring here, Eckstein's Gardening Group is coming out of winter dormancy to work on the school's courtyard garden once a week. Join us on Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00 if you would like to help improve the school environment for all students, meet other parents and get some fresh air! Sign in at the main office and then head out to the courtyard in the back of the school with gardening gloves, clippers and a trowel if you have them. To RSVP, get more information or sign up for Gardening Group email alerts, contact Katherine at katinire@hotmail.com.

Eckstein T-Shirts -- The PTSA is selling Eckstein t-shirts in the main office for \$10 while supplies last. Short and long sleeved shirts are available in white or blue, size Youth Large, Adult Medium or Adult Large. Bring \$10 to the main office (exact change or checks made out to Eckstein PTSA). Click [HERE](#) to view the shirts.

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](#)

Do you drop your student off at Eckstein in the mornings? If so, please DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH CAREFULLY FOR OTHER STUDENTS when you are dropping off your child! We realize everyone is scrambling to get to school and work on time, but we want to make sure all students are safe. It is NOT SAFE to let your student out of the car in the "No Stopping" zone on the west side of 30th Ave NE and it can cause a dangerous traffic back-up at the corner. The school has received calls from concerned parents and neighbors about speeding drivers and students dashing across the street in front of cars on 30th Ave NE. Please help us keep students safe by dropping your student off either on the east (school side) of 30th, in the far south drop-off lot on 30th or at a safer drop-off spot on a side street a block or two away from the school that is less congested than 30th NE. Click [HERE](#) for the drop-off guidelines that were included in the start-of-school packets.



Phone Calls from Eckstein: Parents and Guardians, please remind your students that if they call you from a school phone, it's very important to leave a message (even if the message is just "You don't need to call me back"). All of the 100+ phones in the school show the main office number on Caller ID, so if you receive a phone call from Eckstein, please listen to the message to find out who called BEFORE you call the school back, since the main office staff will not know where to transfer your call based on the number that showed on your Caller ID.

Eckstein PTSA General Meetings: Plan ahead for the rest of the year! May 11 and June 9 (no meeting in December). 7:00p.m., Eckstein Conference Room 115.

Band News:

⇒ **Used Clothing Collection:** Savers/Value Village, seller and recycler of used goods, is helping Eckstein Band to defray the cost of fieldtrip chaperones. Value Village will pay for every pound of goods collected. Bins will be available in front of the Main Office during all Band evening concerts.

⇒ **Bake Sale:** Homemade and store bought baked goods and bottled water are always appreciated on concert days. Bring your treats to the table outside of the auditorium before the concert.

⇒ **Shop at Amazon and Support Eckstein Band:** Shop at Amazon through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> and designate your "Nathan Eckstein PTSA. Then, 0.5% of eligible purchases support your charity of choice. There is no added cost to you. If you bookmark this link and use it to access Amazon any time you make purchases, Eckstein bands will automatically receive the benefit! Please spread the word to all your friends and family. These funds will go a long way to offset the

costs of the many performances, trips, sheet music and instrument repairs as well as help provide scholarships for those students who needs them. Thank You!

- Go to "Your Account"
- Select "Change your Charity"
- Under "or pick your own charitable organization"
- Type in "Nathan Eckstein PTSA" (WA State PTSAs are based out of Tacoma/Olympia)
- Hit "Select", and all your future purchases that you buy at smile.amazon.com goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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****Senior Project Nathan Hale Football Clinic**, April 18, 2015, 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at Raider Field. Completely free. Coaching from current and former Nathan Hale players. Contact Nathan Hale for more information. (206) 252-3680.

****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 <https://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

Seattle Waldorf School Summer Camps, Indoor and Outdoor Exploration: Students entering grades 1-8 are invited to join. Register by May 1, 2015. New! Partnership with Seattle Musical Theatre at Magnuson Park to offer camps for young performers and artists entering grades 3-12. Click [HERE](#) to download brochure. Summer.seattlewardorf.org summer@seattlewardorf.org (206) 258-4003.

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

- Ages 8+ Musical Auditions for Cinderella (musical). Auditions Sat. April 4. By appointment Only.
- Ages 4-17 SummerStage 2015. June 22-Aug 28. Three locations.
- Spring classes and Spring Break Camps

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

Environmental Science Pathways: Spring Series April 16, 2015. Call (206) 443-2925 to register today!

In spring 2015, students in grades 6-8 can begin an exploration into environmental science and clean technology in Environmental Science Pathways, a weekly after-school program for teens interested in learning more about the growing field. In this 8-week series, students will discover the science behind renewable energy, watersheds and our natural environment. Teens will explore the different roles scientists play and conduct hands-on experiments and projects out in the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park and in our state-of-the-art wet lab. When: Thursdays, April 16 - June 4 Time: 3:30 - 6 p.m. Cost: \$250 (\$275 with transportation assistance). Click <http://pacificsciencecenter.org/Mercer-Slough/environmental-science-pathways> for more information.

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.

Red Ochre Art Studio! Magnuson Park, Building 30, 7448 63rd NE. Seattle, WA 98115. The Studio has been busy and full of creativity this winter! Spring is just around the corner and is a great time to get involved in art and have some fun with friends. If you find a class that interests you, please print off the [Registration Form](#) and mail it in with a deposit to hold your spot. redochreartstudio@gmail.com www.redochreartstudio.com. Looking ahead...This summer there will be two Summer Art Camps, July 6-10 and August 3-7 for kids ages 6 - 12. Details will be coming out in February!

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/eyc/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](#)

FREE COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: The University of Washington's College of Education is offering free weekly therapy sessions for Children and Adolescents between the ages of 6 and 18. Those experiencing mental health issues (i.e. anxiety, depression, attention deficits), social skills difficulties, behavior problems, and or adjustment to life stressors (i.e. parental divorce, death in the family, etc.) are examples of appropriate referrals, although we will assess for you individual needs. All free sessions are provided by School Psychology Trainees, and are all supervised by a licensed psychologists / faculty member. Parental commitment is essential in order to receive services. For more information, please call our clinic administrative assistant at (206) 543-4970.

Meadowbrook Community Center is offering a year-round program for afterschool care, break camps and summer day camps. For the school year there is monthly registration on a 3, 4 or 5-day option. For prices click [HERE](#). Break camps are a daily registration and summer is weekly.

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>