

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **March 13, 2015**

Welcome to Eckstein

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

Mar 17	Eckstein Combined Choir Concert, 7:30p.m.
Mar 19	Eckstein MS Jazz Band Festival, 7:30p.m.
Mar 21	Solo & Ensemble Festival
Mar 25	District 2-hour Early Release Day
Apr 3	End of 3 rd Quarter
Apr 3	Bring your donations for Rummage Sale to Cafeteria 1:30-4:00p.m.
Apr 4	Eckstein Band Rummage Sale, 9am - 3pm.
Apr 6	Choir Meeting, 7:00p Room Little Theater
Apr 6	Eckstein PTSA Meeting, 7:00p.m. Library
Apr 6	Band Parent Meeting, 7:30p Room 118
Apr 9	Eckstein Top Ensembles, 7:30p. Auditorium
Apr 13-17	Spring Break – No School

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eckstein Families:

Students and staff participated enthusiastically in this week's Spirit Week activities by dressing up as Disney characters, animals, movie characters and more. Today's "Formal Day" theme brought out suits, ties, prom dresses and tiaras, and we finished the day with a spirited all-school assembly in the gym.

We shift our focus next week with the start of the state-mandated Smarter Balanced assessments, which measure how well students are meeting the academic standards designed to better prepare them for college, career and life. Students will complete the assessments in their Language Arts or math classes over the course of several days during the testing window. There will be some necessary adjustments to our daily class and lunch schedules on testing days to accommodate the testing sessions. If you have questions or would like more information about Smarter Balanced assessments, please click [HERE](#).

Have a great weekend!

Treena Sterk, Principal
Eckstein Middle School
206-252-5010

**** = New from last printing**

****LOST AND FOUND:** If you lost a wallet, phone or any valuables please contact Mr. Coulter in the Main Office. Many items of value without any identification are being held. If you don't find your item in the Lost & Found in the lunchroom, please see Mr. Coulter in the Security Office.

****Yearbooks are now on sale for \$30.00 (unengraved) until March 31th:** *There will be a break in sales beginning April 1. Sales will restart on June 1.* Purchase your Eckstein yearbooks for \$30.00 in the Main Office during lunchtime with cash or check payable to "Eckstein Middle School". Yearbooks will be delivered in June in time for signing at year-end school events. Don't wait as supplies are limited.

****Used Clothing Collection at Eckstein Jazz Festival 3/19:** 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.

****Basketball playoff games this Saturday** – Eckstein’s girls’ and boys’ varsity teams would love to have your support at their playoff games tomorrow (Sat 3/14) at 10 am at Jane Addams Middle School (11051 34th Ave Ne, Seattle, WA 98125). GO EAGLES!

****One more Jamba Juice lunchtime volunteer needed, Thurs 3/19, 11:10 – 12:40** — Can you help with a lunchtime fundraising table to help students who are selling Jamba Juice gift cards to raise money for education in Haiti? If so, contact LauraLeigh at llyoung@seattleschools.org.

****Calling all gardeners!** Now that spring is almost 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.

Eckstein’s Unified Soccer Season: 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. Eckstein’s Unified Soccer Team will have practices on Tuesdays after school from 2:40-4:00pm, starting 3/10. There is no transportation. Games will be at Ingraham High School on Saturday mornings starting 3/28. The game schedule will be handed out at the first practice. If you are interested in joining the team as an athlete or partner, please pick up a form from the main office or from Ms. Gedansky in room 114. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Jodi Gedansky at jgedansky@seattleschools.org or visit <http://specialolympicswashington.org/unified/unified-sports>

A Fun Event to Support Eckstein’s Packs for Kids: The University Sunrise Rotary’s Debuts & Discoveries event will benefit our Packs For Kids program. This event raised \$20,000 for “Packs for Kids,” which enabled the University Food Bank to expand the program from six to eight schools this year. The event showcases a variety of food trucks and adult beverage providers and provides a fun opportunity to socialize and try amazing food/drinks.

Date: Saturday, March 21st

Time: 5pm-8pm

Location: Hanger 30 at Magnuson Park

Tickets: \$30

For details, go to www.usrotary.org/debuts-and-discoveries/

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.

Packs for Kids needs your help! Can you help support Eckstein's Packs for Kids program by volunteering or making a donation? Packs for Kids provides food bags every Friday for approximately 50 Eckstein students in need of extra nutritional support on the weekends when they do not have access to school breakfasts and lunches. Volunteers pack and distribute the food bags, and the program depends on financial support from the PTSA and private donations from Eckstein families. If you can volunteer for Packs for Kids, please click [HERE](#). If you can make a donation, please mail your contribution to: Eckstein Packs for Kids, 3003 NE 75th St, Seattle WA 98115. Thank you!

Band News: RUMMAGE SALE ON 4/4/15 AND USED CLOTHING COLLECTION AND BAKE SALE DURING EVENING BAND CONCERTS:

⇒***Rummage Sale:*** *Save your Stuff and Save the Date*

The Annual Eckstein Band Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 4th, 2015. We need your donations to make this event a success. Please set aside your gently used clothing, household items, books, music, furniture sporting equipment and more. On Friday, April 3rd, bring your donations to the Eckstein Cafeteria between 1:30 and 4 pm. Mark your calendar and come to the Rummage Sale on Saturday from 9am - 3pm. There will be great deals to be had, baked goods, and music from our very own jazz combos. We'll be recruiting volunteers to help with setup on Friday afternoon and to help at the sale on Saturday. Watch for a signup announcement in March. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fulton (sarahcfulton@mac.com) or Maggie Sweeney (davidmaggie@comcast.net)

⇒***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.

Eckstein PTSA General Meetings: Plan ahead for the rest of the year! Apr 6, May 11 and June 9 (no meeting in December). 7:00p.m., Eckstein Conference Room 115.

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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) goes directly to support Eckstein Band.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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****One on One Basketball Seattle Presents...:**

- Spring Instructional Basketball League for Grades K-3rd. We provide the coaches to teach YOU how to play the game. Location: Meadowbrook CC, Begins: Saturday, March 28th
- Player Development Program (PDP) Ages 6-15. Our premiere fundamental skills training program. Locations: Ravenna CC. Begins: Wednesday, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd
- Summer Camps open for registration too! Check it all out at: <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/>

Stuart Michie, One on One Basketball, Inc. 206-715-3443 stuart@1on1basketball.com

****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.

RHS Cheer will be putting on a cheer camp for girls age 5-14 on 3/14 from 9-2pm at Roosevelt High School.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Stephanie Joss at seattlejoss@comcast.net.

Hale Music Department's First Annual Pasta and Performances: Wednesday, March 25. Live music from 6-8:30p.m. in the Hale Commons. Dinner is served from 6-8:00p. Purchase your tickets at the door: \$10 adults, \$5 student/children. Bring additional money for fabulous raffle prizes. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome to this community friendly fundraiser. For questions, contact: Laura Duyker, (206) 526-1644, theduykers@msn.com or Meredith Berlin, tellmeri@msn.com

Roosevelt High School Jazz Performs on Friday, March 20th, 2015 at 7pm at the Paramount Theater @ 911 Pine Street: Celebrate local talent when the region's top high school jazz bands – Mount Si, Edmonds-Woodway, Mountlake Terrace, Garfield and Roosevelt – come together for this one-of-a-kind concert to benefit participating high school music programs. Since 1995, Starbucks Hot Java Cool Jazz has raised more than \$400,000 for local students and their love of music. We appreciate your support! By purchasing tickets through the Roosevelt Jazz Boosters at <http://rooseveltjazz.org> (and clicking on "Hot Java Cool Jazz" under "EVENTS"), or at Roosevelt Square Starbucks, 100% of your ticket purchase will go directly to support Roosevelt High School Jazz. Tickets are \$20 (plus \$1 for handling if ordering from www.rooseveltjazz.org)

Lake City Braves Junior Football Mini-Camps Ages 6-14: All four camps are held at Nathan Hale H.S. and run Sundays beginning 3/29. Cost is \$25 per camp or \$80 for all four camps. Focus of camp is on football fundamentals in a fun, motivating and safe environment. For more information and to register, go to www.LakeCityJuniorFootball.com or click [HERE](#) to view the entire flyer. Questions? Contact: info@LakeCityJuniorFootball.com

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/ecyc/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>

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