

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **June 20, 2014**

Welcome to Eckstein

We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

Message from the Principal Sherri Kokx:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As I sit at my desk this morning, the silence is deafening and bittersweet. Yesterday we said good-bye to a wonderful 8th grade class. I thoroughly enjoyed working with them these past two years and their 6th grade teachers commented what a sweet group of 6th graders they were 3 years ago. I told the 8th graders at the awards assembly last week that they were more than ready to take on the challenges of high school. I will miss them and I am a better principal because of them.

Yesterday we also said good-bye to almost 20 staff members and over 200 students mostly due to the opening of Jane Addams Middle School. The students that are leaving Eckstein shed tears but they are fortunate in that many of the 20 staff members will be supporting them in this transition to JAMS. I know the students are in good hands and will continue to flourish as learners at their new school next year. I also know the staff will continue to grow their professional practices to support these students.

Thank you for sharing your student with me this year. I am very lucky to have them in my professional life. I am hopeful you will take some time and enjoy each other this summer. Take care and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Regards,
Sherri Kokx, Principal
Eckstein Middle School
206-252-5010

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>

**** = New from last printing**

****Eckstein's Summer Office Hours:** Eckstein's summer office hours are 7:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. with the following exceptions:

- 6/30-7/25 Office Closed
- 7/28-8/1 – 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

****Free summer meals and snacks for kids:** The Summer Meals Program and Hunger Intervention Program feed kids and teens 18 years and under from June 25 - Aug 22. Sites are located at schools, parks and community centers. For locations and dates:

- Visit www.seattle.gov/summerfood or www.hungerintervention.org
- Call the Family Food Hotline at 1-888-436-6392
- Call the Hunger Intervention Program at 206-457-2871

****Back-to-School Information:** Grade Level Open Houses: All incoming 2014-15 students will receive a packet from Eckstein in the mail next week. Please review the information in the packet and bring the completed forms

with you to your students open house in August. The August open houses are optional, but we highly recommend that students attend with a parent or guardian to pick up their class schedule, get a student planner, buy a yearbook, have a school picture taken, purchase a PE t-shirt and more. Here is the open house schedule --

- 8th Grade Thurs 8/21 8-10 am
- 7th Grade Thurs 8/21 12-2 pm
- 6th Grade Fri 8/22 8-11 am
- Any Grade Thurs 8/21 5-7 pm

6th Grade W.E.B. Day ("Where Everyone Belongs") Mon 8/25, 8 am - 12 pm: Teams of 6th grade students are matched with 8th grade mentors and they spend the morning getting to know one another, doing team-building activities, taking a "behind the scenes" tour of the school from a student's perspective and playing games. Participating in the W.E.B. day really boosts the incoming students' confidence and creates a sense of community, and they will continue to meet with their W.E.B. leaders throughout the year for ongoing support.

6th Grade Stepping Up to Success Day Wed 9/3, 7:50 am - 2:20 pm: This day is all about making 6th graders feel comfortable at Eckstein. Only 6th graders are in school for the day, and they find their classes, meet their teachers, open their lockers (lots of times!), eat lunch in the cafeteria and get to experience a "practice" school day before the first day of classes on Thursday 9/4.

Thursday, 9/4, 7:50a.m.-2:20p.m.: First Day for all students.

If you can volunteer to help with one of these events, please contact LauraLeigh at llyoung@seattleschools.org.

Summer Garden Watering Volunteers: The Eckstein Garden Group needs volunteers to water the courtyard gardens this summer. You can volunteer for one day or more using an electronic schedule to select dates. You will receive a couple of days ahead of the date you signed up. A demonstration of the watering system will be provided. **A bonus is you get to harvest veggies when you water!** Contact Jodi Gedansky at jgedansky@seattleschools.org to sign up.

Eckstein Supply List for 2014-15: Click [HERE](#) to download the Eckstein supply list for 2014-2015. This list includes the General Supply List, the Advisory Supply List and the list for 8th graders only. Donations of any of these supplies are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Main Office. Thank you.

Eckstein Bikes!: Eckstein has won the city-wide Golden Pedal award for the most middle school bike commuters during Bike to School Month! Congratulations to all of Eckstein's students who have been biking to school, whether for one day or all year long. Eckstein will receive an award this Saturday at 1:30 at the Livable Streets Celebration at the Children's Hospital transit hub -- see <http://construction.seattlechildrens.org/livablestreets/> for information. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to a great summer and then another year of biking to school!

Portable Update: As you know, the population of Eckstein is projected to drop from 1220 this year to 950 next year. As a result of the decline in student, Eckstein is saying good-bye to portables 7-12 and 14-15. The oldest portables will be demolished and the two doubles will be moved to other sites in the district that need the classroom space. Portables 1-6 and 13 will remain on site for classroom and after-school use. Don't be surprised if you see Eckstein portables being removed from the property!

Eckstein Annual Campaign Chair(s) Needed: Eckstein's PTSA is seeking two volunteers to co-lead the 2014-15 Eckstein Annual Campaign (EAC). The EAC is the school's largest fundraiser and is a direct giving "ask" campaign that supports students during the school year across all grade levels and academic departments. As EAC chair or co-chair, you'll work with a great team of volunteers (including the returning Communications Lead, Financial Records Lead and Thank You Lead) to coordinate the 8-week campaign between early October and mid-December. The average fundraising goal for the campaign is between \$70,000-\$75,000. If you would like more details or if you are interested in this position, please contact LauraLeigh Young at llyoung@seattleschools.org .

Paperclips, stapler, tape, oh my! Think of Office Depot and Eckstein Middle School next time you buy. Did you know that when you purchase something at Office Depot and give them Eckstein's school number (70107353), we receive a percent back to the school? Think of Eckstein next time you go shopping at Office Depot and you will be helping the school purchase much needed supplies.

Attention families of MUSIC Students moving to JAMS next year: Deb Schaaf, the incoming JAMS music leader, would like to gather as much information as possible on incoming JAMS music students. You can enter information quickly and easily at the online link below. Additional forms should be included for multiple students. Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14qCTd2KY00wGNm8LfSa3IZ6cU2O35fKTyCoyL8prWCs/viewform>

High School News:

Roosevelt High School Youth Football Camp: Grades 5th-8th, July 28th 2014-July 31st 2014, 9am-12 noon. Fee \$75.00. Join Roosevelt High School Head Football Coach Matt Nelsen, Roosevelt assistant coaches and current Roosevelt players for an exciting week of football. Players will learn strength and conditioning techniques, develop/improve football skills and have fun in a positive environment. Non-contact. Registration form available on website www.roughridersfootball.org. Please send registration and payment by check to 6511 NE 61st Street Seattle, WA 98115. Checks made to Roosevelt High School Football. Email questions to : Terri Smith (terriannsmith@comcast.net). Camp Check in – July 28th 2014 9:45am, Roosevelt High School Football Field. Click [HERE](#) to download flyer.

RHS Soccer Camp: Attend Roosevelt High School Soccer Camp and sharpen your skills! The RHS Boys Soccer program is hosting a soccer camp June 23-26 from 10 to 2 for Ages 6-13. Cost is \$47. For more information contact: jhjoneshome@yahoo.com Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ORIENTATION DATES. 8th graders should be receiving information from their assigned high school in the mail. Below are the current orientation dates but always check the school websites for the most accurate and up-to-date information:

- Roosevelt - 8/27 @ 8am, Freshmen orientation
- Nathan Hale - 9/2 @ 9am, Freshmen orientation
- Ingraham - 9/3 @ 8am, Freshmen orientation

Roosevelt High School Girls Basketball Camp "Camp of Champs"-- June 23rd-26th. Come join the RHS Girls Basketball players and coaches for four days of playing hard, learning teamwork and lots of fun! Sessions will cover skill building, fundamentals, drills, and scrimmages. Girls entering 4th-9th grade are welcome. The camp is Monday-Thursday from 9-3 and is \$175 if registered by June 10th. If interested please visit the RHS camp website at: <http://rooseveltgirlsbasketball.org/camp.php>.

Community News

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13U Seattle Pilots Baseball Club: Located in Northeast Seattle, the 13U Seattle Pilots is a select baseball team now recruiting players for the 2014-15 year. The Seattle Pilots will play in the Sandy Koufax league. Pilot tryouts will be held in late July. For more information go to <http://www.eteamz.com/seattlepilots/news/index.cfm?cat=913386> for more information and contact information.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY - Nothing to do this Summer, how about taking up "Rowing": The Seattle Rowing Center is offering classes for all youth of all ages, male and female. For information please call: Carol Nagy at (206) 660-3567 and/or e-mail her at carol@seattlerowingcenter.com

One on One Basketball Announces Intensive Basketball Camp for Middle School Ages! One on One Basketball is offering a special daily 3-hour Intensive Camp for ages 11-14 at Laurelhurst gym this summer (Aug. 11-15, 9AM-12PM). You will learn proper fundamental technique and strategies through progressive drills, isolated game situations and controlled scrimmages. This camp is directed by Coach Stu Michie and is intended for players with team experience. It will be run much like a high school practice. Follow link below to register....space is limited: <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>

Lake City Braves Jr. Football 2014 Ages 6-14: Join us for our three summer mini-camps April 27th, May 18th, and June 29th. Practice starts August 4th. Sign up today! www.lakecityjuniorfootball.com

The University Family YMCA offers Quest Summer Camp for middle school to 9th grade students. Quest has an emphasis on group work, day trips, and overnight excursions throughout the Puget Sound and beyond. I have included a scanned promotional flyer which has the trips, activities, cost, and program schedule. Financial aid and scholarships are available. Alison Driver is the lead for Quest this year and she is gearing up for successful summer program launch. Alison can be contacted at 206.524.1400 or adriver@seattleyymca.org Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Speed Reading and Study Skills Programs: Washington State University Global Campus. Programs for entering grades 6-8, 9-11 and 12+. Campuses: South Seattle, North Seattle and Shoreline Community Colleges. For more information or to register call 800-570-8936.

Youth Athletic Performance Camp: Our 4 week summer camps are designed for middle school athletes' ages 12-14 or 6th – 8th grade. Learn more at our Open House: Saturday, June 21 10:30am – Noon, 10:30 – 11am Free Vertical Jump Test for Kids. <http://www.firststepathletic.com> Located at The Fitness Lab in Ballard: 4930 Leary Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98102. Info@firststepathletic.com

Summer Tennis Camps at Tennis Center Sand Point (TSCP): The learning and fun continues throughout the summer! This is an excellent opportunity for juniors already enrolled in classes at TCSP and for those juniors picking up a racquet for the first time to play tennis throughout the summer at our 10 court indoor facility. Camps run every week, June 23 - August 22, Monday through Friday, with each session 5 days in length. \$150 for ages 5-10 and Junior Beginner 11-16. \$270 for Advanced Junior and Varsity ages 11-18. To sign up, visit our website at www.tenniscentersandpoint.com. Or please contact Lisa Moholt with any questions at (206) 522-5008 or via email at lisa@tenniscentersandpoint.com.

2014 Middle School Summer Programs: Summer youth programs sponsored by the University of Washington. Visit <http://www.summer-camp.uw.edu/>, or contact youth@pce.uw.edu (206)685-6525 for more information. Click [HERE](#) for program descriptions, times and costs.

For Families Looking for Summer Activities, Check Out This List! There are camps, tutoring and other opportunities! Click [HERE](#).

The 5th Avenue Theatre 2014 Summer Programs: Summer Musical Theater School - July 21-August 1 or August 4-15, 2014. Professional Intensive – August 4-22 and Dance Intensive August 11-22. For more information go to www.5thavenue.org or call 206-625-1418.

Youth in Focus: Summer Quarter will be June 27th - August 29th. Students have the option to sign up for film or digital photography classes (beginning, intermediate & advanced) on either Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays from 2-5 pm. Anyone between the ages of 13-19 can apply for a class of their choice. They will then have a short interview and if accepted into the program will receive a full scholarship to pay for the equipment, materials, and supplies needed to complete the course. [YIF Flyer 2014](#) and [Application](#)

Lehman Learning Summer Solutions: Summer intensive programs, June 16-August 29. Rates=\$95/hour. Learning, Thinking, Memory, Listening; Reading Remedies; Math Remedies; Attention Focus, Study Skills, Executive Function & Writing. www.lehmanlearning.com/summersolutions 206-526-8560. 2351 NE 98th, Seattle 98115

Braves Women's Basketball Camps: July 7-10, 2014. Blanchet High School Gym, 8200 Wallingford Ave N. For further information call Coach Bryan Willison at (206) 369-6354. Fee \$125.00.

2014 Bloomin Brains Summer Camp: Are you a middle school student interested in a summer "deep dive" into neuroscience and botany? Do you know a middle school student who is? If so, then the Sowing the Seeds of Neuroscience free summer day camp is for you!. The 2014 "Bloomin' Brains" neuroscience summer day camp will be held on the University of Washington campus July 21-25 from 9am to 3pm each day, supervised by teachers, graduate students, undergraduates and UW faculty. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from campus and for providing sack lunches. Questions about camp? Contact: Marcia Johnson Witter

marciajw@uw.edu or nseeds@uw.edu. Website: <http://www.neuroseeds.org/home/2014-bloomin-brains-summer-camp>

Here's a great opportunity! The Assistance League of Seattle Enrichment Scholarship Program (ESP) grants scholarships for summer enrichment programs available to Seattle Public School children, grades 6 to 11, in a variety of fields including music, art, science, mathematics, language, drama, technology, leadership, and outdoor experiences. Click here for information:

<http://seattle.assistanceleague.org/ps.enrichmentscholarshipprogram.cfm?ID=2459>

The Museum of Flight Aerospace Camp Experience: The Museum of Flight Aerospace Camp Experience (ACE) is a summer day camp for children who are excited about aerospace and aviation! ACE has exciting programs and activities, caring and knowledgeable staff, and a world-class museum to explore. Campers launch rockets, create aircraft, experience microgravity, build robots, and pilot actual airplanes. If your child has an inquiring mind and wants to have fun this summer exploring aerospace and science, ACE is for them! The Aerospace Camp Experience is an American Camp Association (ACA) accredited institution and the recipient of the ACA Gordie Hamilton Award for Excellence in Camping Programming.

Times: Our one week camp sessions run from June 16, 2014 – August 29, 2014.

Half Day Camps for K-1: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm OR 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Full Day Camps for K-9: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Extended Care Available for all camp sessions. Location: The Museum of Flight - 9404 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98108; Ages: Grades K-9; Cost: \$140 - \$515 /wk depending on session. See online brochure for details. Financial Assistance is available. Info / Brochure: 206-764-5867 www.museumofflight.org/ace