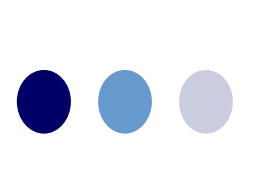


Eckstein Middle School

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Welcome to Eckstein

Fall 2009

Building a Community of Lifelong Learners

Eagle Athletics

2009-2010 Athletics Information

Participation in athletics in Seattle Public Schools requires registration each school year and a completed and signed physician's physical every twenty-four months (two calendar years). In addition, this year all students are required to complete a Sport Specific Parent/Guardian Release Form and an Eckstein Eligibility Card ("blue card").

ALL forms must be completed and turned into the Athletics Director prior

to participation in practices or competitions.

The purpose of the Eckstein Eligibility Card is to help us track student physicals as well as share emergency contact information with coaches. Eligibility cards are available in the school office and all other forms are available for download.

Middle school sports offered are:

Fall:

Girls Soccer, Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee (*September – November*)

Winter:

Boys & Girls Basketball (*mid-November – mid-February*)

Spring:

Boys Soccer, Co-ed Track & Girls Volleyball (*late February – May*)

More information can be found on the athletics page of the Eckstein website: <http://ecksteineagles.org/sports/>

Please contact Athletics Director, Cindy Watters cjwatters@seattleschools.org with questions.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Eckstein Families,

A new school year is an exciting time and we are working hard to ensure that every student has a positive and productive start.

We are creating a community of lifelong-learners and are delighted to begin this school year with you.

This newsletter contains important information for the start of school for all students. **Please read it carefully** and keep it for future reference.

September 9 is the first day of school, "Stepping Up to Success." In

keeping with Eckstein tradition, this will be a full day for 6th grade students while seventh and eighth grade students may arrive at school at 1:30PM to pick up their schedules, but not earlier.

Schedules **will not** be available to students prior to September 9.

Also, remember that our start time has changed and the school day will be from 8:05 am - 2:35 pm.

Please note that state law mandates that **all** students must have a second MMR shot before entering the 6th grade and must be in

compliance with all immunizations. If your student is not in compliance they will not be allowed to attend school.

Also, if you are not planning to attend Eckstein Middle School this year, please call the Main Office as soon as possible at 252-5010.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Sincerely,
Kim Whitworth
Principal

First Day of School September 9

6th Grade: Stepping Up to Success Day— 8:05-2:35

7th & 8th Grade: May come to school at 1:30 pm to pick up your schedule, but not earlier.

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Welcome from Eckstein PTSA

Greetings! We welcome you to another exciting year at Eckstein Middle School.

The PTSA board meetings and general body meetings are held on the second Monday of every month. We have some wonderful and ambitious plans for PTSA this coming year that just would not be possible without the

time, energy and resources of volunteers. Please consider helping out. We need help across the board, ranging from one-time help for a few hours at our events to the still-open position of Co-President. The work can be very gratifying - your efforts help every parent and student in the school. You'd also have

opportunities to get to know the school and the teachers better. If you have more questions, please contact me at siva@shakthi.net. Sincerely,
Siva Bala Narayanan
PTSA President

Administrative & Counseling Grade Level Teams

Kim Whitworth, Principal

8th Grade

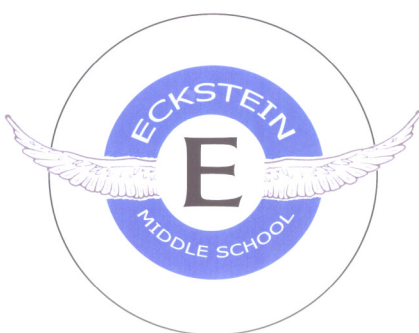
Chris Cronas, Assistant Principal
Dan Rosen, Counselor

7th Grade

Cindy Watters, House Administrator
Larry Christensen, Counselor

6th Grade

Ron Timmons, Assistant Principal
Reema Ziadeh, Head Counselor



MAIN OFFICE:

Hours :
7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
Ph. 252-5010
Ann Peterson
Administrative Secretary
Sue Wong
Fiscal Secretary

ATTENDANCE OFFICE (Next door to Main Office)

Hours :
7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
Ph. 252-5014
Carol Bristol
Attendance Secretary
Robin Beaupre
Registrar



The Main Office

Phone calls and messages: Your student's learning and well being are our first priority. Here are a few guidelines to help us share information quickly with you:

We are glad to deliver important messages to your student, but delivery of messages can be disruptive to classes.

Please limit your calls to emergencies or last minute changes in plans.

If your student is sick, she/he should first see the nurse. The nurse can assess your student and then make a call home if necessary.

Students may not use cell phones at any time during the school day. If there is an emergency,

we can help out in the Main Office with any necessary communication.

Visitors and Deliveries: ALL visitors must check in at the Main Office and deliveries will be made from the Main Office. Please do not go directly to any classroom.

Attendance Office

If your student will be late, she/he must check in at the Attendance Office. You can write a note or call in to let us know that your student will be tardy.

If your child is sick, call the Attendance Office as soon as possible, which will eliminate a call from the school.

If you wish to have your child be dismissed early on a certain date, you must have them bring a note to the Attendance Office before school starts and then

they will be issued an Early Dismissal Notice to show they have permission to leave. **The note needs to have the student's name, date, time of dismissal, who is picking up the child, reason for leaving early and signed by the parent/guardian.**

SCHOOL BUS/ TEMPORARY BUS CARD: If you would like your student to ride a different school bus for any length of time, she/he must bring a note, signed by a parent/

guardian, to the Attendance Office between fifth and sixth period for a Temp. Bus Card. We must have written permission from a parent or guardian to allow a change in a student's transportation.

Phone permission will not allow us to issue bus cards.

Where to find information

SCHOOL BULLETIN – The Daily Bulletin has great information for the entire Eckstein community. Every morning, the school bulletin is read aloud to all students and staff. It is also posted outside the Main Office for review.

THE SOURCE – This on-line database provides updated information about homework, grades, attendance, and assessments.

www.seattleschools.org

PHONE CALLS – Please call the school's Main Office and we will help answer your questions or direct your call. 206-252-5010.

EMAIL – Every staff member has a school e-mail address. A list of addresses can be found through www.seattleschools.org, then go to Schools, Eckstein, Website, Staff. If

you can't find an address, call the school and we can help you.

SCHOOL DISTRICT – Most up-to-date information: www.seattleschools.org (calendar, emergency information, general information, etc.)

Helpful Hits

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Because Eckstein is located on a very busy street and to avoid disruptions in bus service, parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up your student right in front of the school on NE 75th Street.

A good place is the second parking lot (south) located on 30th NE. To keep our students safe, please do not drop off or pick up your students in the back of the school.

HOMEWORK WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK:

- Call a friend

- Check the Source
 - Email teachers directly
- After three consecutive days of being absent for sickness, ask the Attendance Secretary for homework; allow at least 24 hours for homework to be gathered; then call the Main Office to see if it is ready.

School Supplies

ALL Eckstein students will need the following school supplies

- One 2-3" heavy duty three-ring notebook
- Notebook dividers (5 tab minimum)
- Pencil pouch
- One dozen sharpened pencils
- 8 pens (black or blue ink)
- Highlighter
- Colored pencils

- Pencil sharpener with receptacle
- Erasers
- 8 ½" x 11" notebook paper
- 5-6 Composition notebooks (one with graph paper)
- Flash (thumb) Drive
- Box of tissue for homeroom
- Standard/metric ruler
- 4 operation calculator

- Protractor
- 1 Ream of 8 ½ X 11 Copy Paper (recommended to be given to home room teachers)

Please be aware some classes will have additional supply requests that are communicated the first week of school.

From our School Nurse

Many of you took your students to the doctor over the summer to get necessary immunizations. Please let me know which shots were received and the date they were given, so that your students are not excluded from school and school activities due to non-compliance with the state law for immunizations.

I need the name of the immunization and the date received.

In the past, some families have left me a message saying "my students' shots are in compliance". I can't really use this information, as the dates the new shots were given were not included.

Your doctor's office, of

course, does not send us any shot information, so if you get shots during the school year, please let me know about them, as well.

You can call the school and leave a voice message for me or send a note to me at Eckstein with the shots and dates listed.

Thanks,
Sharon Prueitt, RN, BSN

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
9—First Day of School
29—Early Dismissal (12:35)
30—Early Dismissal (12:35)

OCTOBER
9—No School (Professional Development Day)
27—Early Dismissal (12:35)
28—Early Dismissal (12:35)

NOVEMBER
6—End 1st Quarter
11—No School (Veteran's Day)
25—Early Dismissal (1:35)
26, 27—No School (Thanksgiving Break)

DECEMBER
18—Early Dismissal (1:35)
21—Jan 1 No School (Winter Break)

JANUARY
18—No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
28—End 1st Semester
29—No School (Day between semesters)

FEBRUARY
2—Early Dismissal (12:35)
3—Early Dismissal (12:35)
15—19; No School (President's Day & Mid-Winter Break)

MARCH
2—Early Dismissal (12:35)
3—Early Dismissal (12:35)
29—April 2; No School (Spring Break)

APRIL
16—End 3rd Quarter

MAY
18- Early Dismissal (12:35)
19—Early Dismissal (12:35)
31—No School (Memorial Day)

JUNE
22—Last day of school (early dismissal at 1:35)