



# Welcome to Eckstein

Fall 2010

*Building a Community of Lifelong Learners*

## 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 8th is the first day of school, "Stepping Up to

Success." In keeping with Eckstein tradition, this will be a full day for sixth grade students (8:05a.m. to 2:35p.m.), 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 8.

Please note that state law mandates that **all** students must have a second MMR shot before entering the sixth 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, or email Robin Beaupre, Registrar at [rbeaupre@seattleschools.org](mailto:rbeaupre@seattleschools.org)

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Sincerely,  
Kim Whitworth  
Principal

## First Day of School September 8

**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 positions of President and 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](mailto:siva@shakthi.net).

Sincerely  
Siva Bala Narayanan  
PTSA President

## Administrative & Counseling Grade Level Teams

Kim Whitworth, Principal

### 6th Grade

Denise Espania, Assistant Principal  
Dan Rosen, Counselor

### 7th Grade

Ron Timmons, Assistant Principal  
Reema Ziadeh, Counselor

### 8th Grade

Thomas O'Connor, House Admin.  
Larry Christensen, Counselor

## Welcome to Eckstein

### 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.**

**For security reasons, phone calls to dismiss students are not accepted. A parent or guardian must come in and sign out the student if a note is not provided.**

### 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 School Bulletin has great information for the entire Eckstein community. During the week, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

A good place is the second parking lot (south) located on 30<sup>th</sup> 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, you can 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. 252-5010

## 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 (college-rule)

5-6 Composition notebooks (one with graph paper)

Flash (thumb) Drive

Box of tissue for homeroom/study hall

Standard/metric ruler

4 operation calculator

Protractor

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

No permanent markers

Hole reinforcements

***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

8—First Day of School  
20—Student Picture Day  
29—Early Dismissal (12:35)

### OCTOBER

7—Curriculum Night  
8—No School (Professional Development Day)  
25—Student Picture Retake Day  
27—Early Dismissal (12:35)

### NOVEMBER

11—No School (Veteran's Day)  
17—Eckstein Early Dismissal (12:35)  
24—One hr. Early Dismissal (1:35)  
25, 26—No School (Thanksgiving Break)

### DECEMBER

8—Eckstein Early Dismissal (12:35)  
20—Jan 2 No School (Winter Break)

### JANUARY

12—Eckstein Early Dismissal (12:35)  
17—No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)  
27—End 1st Semester  
28—No School (Day between semesters)

### FEBRUARY

2—Early Dismissal (12:35)  
21—25; No School (President's Day & Mid-Winter Break)

### MARCH

2—Early Dismissal (12:35)  
18—No School (Professional Development)

### APRIL

6—Eckstein Early Dismissal (12:35)  
18-22 (No School, Spring Break)

### MAY

18—Early Dismissal (12:35)  
30—No School (Memorial Day)

### JUNE

21—Last day of school (early dismissal at 1:35) \*weather make-up days may be added at the end of the school year, if needed;

# Eckstein Middle School

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## Eagle Athletics

### 2010-2011 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, KD Deatherage at [kddeatherage@seattleschools.org](mailto:kddeatherage@seattleschools.org) with questions.

