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PTSA Newsletter, June 6, 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families—

My family had a cattle ranch in west Texas while I was growing up and we were able to ride horses during the summer. I still remember how fast those horses wanted to go on the way back to the barn at the end of a ride. I'm getting the same rushing feeling towards the end of this year. Let's all make sure we stay on this horse! At least it was warmer and dryer there.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers who will be leaving us and to wish them well. Seven of our special education teachers will be moving on to exciting opportunities. These teachers along with their inclusion counterparts built this program. Thank you to Lesley, Stuart, Julie A., Zoe, Alisha, Holly, Reiko and Megan. Dan Rowe will be the new music teacher at Hamilton. Patrice, of course, is already enjoying her retirement. Emma will be the new counselor at Broadview Thompson. Margot has a full time Spanish position at Nathan Hale. Joe is looking to work with elementary students. Julie P. will be spending more time with her new grandchild and her old garden. Jeff will be on a beach in Hawaii before he starts the fall in a classroom. I'd also like to thank Jenine for doing such a wonderful job for Gina. We've had quite a few positions filled and I

want to update you on our progress. So far we've hired:

- Regina Black to teach 8th grade math
- Emily Falls, Monique Morgan, Jodi Gedansky, Caren Gloyd, and Kat Gomez to teach special education. Caren Gloyd will be the new SPED subject matter specialist
- Cindy Watters will be the new 6th grade house administrator
- Kirsten Jewett will be joining the 6th grade LA department in a .6 job share with Anne Aliverti
- We will still be hiring a .4 librarian, 2 special education teachers, a 7th grade LA teacher, and a fiscal specialist

The BLT has completed the final draft of our School Improvement Plan. We have taken our current transformation plan goals and narrowed the focus so that we can better concentrate our professional development time and measure our progress. I would like to especially thank Kathy Sherman for the work she has done in taking our thoughts and ideas and getting them put on paper. Holly Volkmuth has provided focused leadership in the entire process and we wouldn't be where we are today without her. We will be placing the Plan on our website. Please feel free to email me any comments.

Have a great weekend and don't forget to hold on!

Best,
Kim Whitworth, Principal

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Hours: 7:00am - 3:30pm

Attendance Office

(206) 252-5014

Call if your child will be absent

Transportation Office

(206) 252-0900

Call regarding transportation assignments

School Hours

7:45am - 2:15pm

Classrooms are open at 7:30am.
Students are to leave the building directly at 2:20pm unless remaining for an approved activity.

PLEASE HELP YOUR ECKO! SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR

Articles are welcomed and encouraged!! Send articles of interest to the editor (Bob Curley) at curley@blarg.net.

Electronic copies of the Ecko are sent to the Eckstein Yahoo group and posted on the website.

Printed copies are available in the office or if you wish to receive a printed copy in the mail send a note with your name/address to:

Attn: Ecko Editor
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ECKSTEIN INFO

Please Help!

The Counseling Center at Eckstein presently does not afford the kind of privacy the counselors would like to have when they engage in sensitive discussions with students and their families. Does anybody in our great parent community have access to **soundproof partitions/panels** that we could use as a solution? The ceilings are rather high (at least 12 feet), so they would need to be taller than standard partitions. We think this would be far less costly and complicated than building new walls in there.

If you are affiliated with an office furnishings company or have any ideas about where to get such sound-proof partitions, please contact Larry Christensen in the Counseling Center or PTSA Co-President, Peter Aberg (206) 523-6296 or petersea2001@yahoo.com.

THANKS!!

year to support Eckstein. This money has gone to support almost 25 teacher initiated grant requests, many types of supplies for the school, and a host of appreciation events.

Come join the PTSA Board at our **June 11** meeting at **7:00pm** in the library to discuss our budget for the 2008-9 school year!!

DC Dugdale, PTSA Treasurer

Support Eckstein ASB Programs

Thanks, Eckstein community, for the amazing job you did at raising money for Eckstein ASB during last fall's magazine sale! Some of the things supported by ASB funds this year included daily planners for all students, Eckstein sports team uniforms and equipment, the school yearbook, Eastern Hemisphere Museum night, Project Reach, assemblies and activity days, and much more.

But did you know that you can *continue to raise funds* for the school when you renew your magazine subscriptions throughout this summer and next fall?

Just renew any magazine online at www.qsp.com instead of mailing in a renewal card and Eckstein will receive a percentage of the subscription fee – **it's as simple as that!**

LauraLeigh Young, volunteer extraordinaire

2007-2008 PTSA Financial Summary

As the school year draws to a close, we can reflect on a successful year for the PTSA.

We attained 626 adult members and 229 student members. This raised over \$4900 for supporting PTSA programs at Eckstein. Thanks to all for your support.

Overall, the PTSA raised and spent over \$20,000 this

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ECKSTEIN APPRECIATION PAGE

Way to show appreciation for the Wonderful Eckstein Staff !

Thanks to all of you who responded so overwhelmingly to my message about Staff Appreciation Week at Eckstein, Thanks to you we were able to show every single person at the school how much their efforts mean to us and our children.

Our last event will be a breakfast for the staff on the day *after* the last day of school (June 18). I have heard from several of you and will contact you with details next week. If anyone else would like to bring a dish, or pastry or juice, please let me know at sthreimers@comcast.net.

Thanks so much,
Tracy

Dear 7th grade parents,

Our first REACH dessert potluck was a smashing success! We had a huge variety of food, ranging from Oreos to apple crisp and ice-cream(!), a few savory delicacies, and more food than even 400 swarming adolescents could finish. Platters of leftover treats were given to the staff to enjoy.

Thanks to my volunteers: Carolyn Brenner, Susan Colligan, Roberta Hollowell, Susie Petersen, Tracy Reimers, Laurie Roberts, Colleen Sullivan, and all the parents who chipped in to help without being asked. (Apologies if I missed someone!).

I have a blue bowl (sango) that is unclaimed, and one large and one medium Glad-ware container. If any of these are yours, please call or e-mail me to arrange a pickup or drop off.

Thank you again!

Diana Brement
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BAND NEWS

Swing Dance—June 6 at 7:30 pm

Come to the Annual Swing Dance at Eckstein next Friday night, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. We'll dance and give out our raffle baskets this night (see below item regarding the baskets). This is a blast to attend and perfect for all ages, generations and folks who love great music. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. (before the dance), there will be free dance instruction by Sherry Nivens (who we hear is a great dancer)!

Intermediate Band and Intermediate Jazz Families June 7 9:30 am—6:45 pm

The performance and fun will be on Saturday, June 7th. The bus will leave Eckstein at 9:30 am and return at approximately 6:45 pm. Students need to bring: their **instrument, a sack lunch** (we'll be eating lunch in the bus between performances), a **swim suit and towel, and sunscreen!** After we enter the park (at around 1:30), each performer will receive a 'meal ticket' for dinner. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact the trip organizer, Kari Mosen at john.kari@comcast.net or 524-5587. PLEASE send the green permission and emergency information forms as soon as possible! Students will be getting another copy in band this week. Be sure to fill out the emergency information, sign it, and have your student return it to the band mailbox as soon as possible. Also, **we need one more chaperone** to come with us! Please let Kari know if you would like to volunteer.

Last Band Meeting!

Remember to attend the last band meeting of the year, coming up on Monday night, June 9th, 7:30 pm. We hope to see you all there as we'll be celebrating a successful musical year at Eckstein with all the volunteers and people who helped us get there: You! Meet us at Eckstein.

Congratulations Mr. Rowe !

I would like to congratulate Mr Rowe on his new appointment to Hamilton Middle School. We all will miss Mr. Rowe. He was a great fit for Eckstein but he is a greater asset for music in the Seattle Schools at Hamilton Middle School. Mr. Rowe is extremely talented and well liked by all. We all wish him well at HMS. I am looking forward to hearing about music at Hamilton. Mr. Rowe has raised the level of musicianship at Eckstein and Seattle Schools.

Thanks for all you have done at Eckstein and we all look forward to what you will do at Hamilton Middle School.

Mr. Escobedo

ORCHESTRA NEWS

Spring Concert Thursday, June 12 at 8:00pm

Come hear the award winning Eckstein Orchestra for the final concert of the year. All orchestras will be performing.



COMMUNITY NOTES

(THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY THE PTSA)

Kids Summer Cooking Camps

A North Seattle based commercial kitchen is offering cooking camps for students ages 8-13. One week camps meet from 9:30-3:30 and are geared towards the passionate beginning or intermediate level budding chefs. Camps are taught by professional chefs and teachers. For camp times, location and descriptions log on to www.MangiaBeneCatering.net, click the "Class Information" link. For more information or a brochure contact:

Deb Brownstein
Deb@mangiabenecatering.net
206 228.7774

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Wish list for May and June: Laundry Detergent, Liquid Bleach, Ziploc bags (Quart/Gallon size), new Twin and Queen White cotton sheet sets, snacks (microwave popcorn, fruit snacks, fruit cups, applesauce cups, granola/breakfast bars). Georgio's Subs next to University Village is partner with Ronald McDonald House and as such is a drop spot for donations.

Georgio's Subs 2756 NE 45th Street, Seattle 98105

Colleen Richey
(206) 679-6483

Jazz sax and jazz piano lessons this summer

John Cheadle, currently a student at the New England Conservatory in Boston and formerly the first chair alto sax player at Garfield, offers sax and piano lessons this summer to students of all ages.

Please call John @ 206-856-6018 for more information.

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Coyote Central SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Mon – Fri camps, 9:00-1:00 & 1:30 – 5:30;
June 23 - August 22

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8th Grade Dance Update

Hello 8th grade families. I wanted to take a minute to talk about the dance that is coming up this weekend. The dance is not sponsored by Eckstein. There are a couple of us parents that have made the arrangements for the dance. My husband and I secured the location, the insurance, the DJ, and the security. It is for 8th grade students that attend Eckstein Middle School. This is not an open event. If anyone leaves the building for whatever reason, they will not be allowed back in. For the past few years this is how the 8th grade dance has been put on. Parents, helping their children plan a fun, social event for their classmates.

I was hoping that we could presell the tickets to avoid confusion and problems at the door of the dance. Unfortunately not everyone that wanted tickets was able to make it to me. Thus we will be selling tickets at the door, for the same price \$14.00. The gym is huge, so there is no worry that tickets will sell out.

If anyone wants to chaperone, and has not yet signed up, please contact terriannsmith@comcast.net.

If anyone wants to make a treat for the dance that would also be welcomed. We have a wonderful mom that is going to make a sheet cake for the kids!

Summary

Tickets for sale at the door \$14.00
Magnuson comm. center gymnasium
Sat June 7th, 7 pm - 11 pm
Please have school ID !

This is sure to be a fun event for everyone! Come with a group! Come with a friend! Come all by yourself, your friends will be there!

Suzette McGlynn (Meaghan McGlynn's mom)



CALENDAR

Look for calendar updates, changes or additions monthly.

- June 6** Swing Dance / Final Jazz Concert
7:30 pm

- June 7** 1,000 Cranes (6th Grade Production)
7:00 pm

- June 9** Band Parent Meeting & Volunteer Celebration **7:30 pm**

- June 11** PTSA Board Meeting
7:00 pm - 8:30pm

- June 12** Orchestra Concert, **8:00 pm**

- June 16** 8th Grade Promotion Celebration
3:30 pm-6:30 pm

- June 17** Last Day of School - One Hour Early Dismissal at 1:15pm

SPORTS UPDATE

We have had another great year of athletics!

Next year we get to look forward to a **new field**. Be prepared for next year--**get your physicals** and forms completed over the summer. In the past we have provided the golden forms for Athletic Registration and Physical Examination for your students participating in after school sports. This form has now been put on line. It is set up with the convenience that parents and doctors can be provided with the link to fill out the form on line and then print it for signature. You can find this form at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/athletics/REGPHYSICAL.pdf>

Carrie Kazala, Interim Athletic Coordinator

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