

September 2, 2010

From Kim Whitworth, Principal at Eckstein Middle School

I would like to welcome all the new and returning students and their families to Eckstein Middle School for the 2010 2011 school year. Here are some important reminders and information for you:

School starts on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and is a full day for sixth grade students **only** from 8:05a.m, to 2:35p.m. Students should report to the auditorium and then will be dismissed to their study hall class. Parents and guardians are welcome to come to the welcome part in the auditorium and then will be directed to the cafeteria for a PTSA-sponsored coffee hour. Volunteers will be on hand outside the auditorium to give 6<sup>th</sup> grade students their Study Hall classroom assignment.

Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are **new** to Eckstein may arrive at 12:35 on September 8<sup>th</sup> and report to the auditorium for a one-hour orientation. Then at 1:35 they will be dismissed to their Study Hall classrooms. Staff will be on hand outside the auditorium to help these new students find their Study Hall classroom assignment.

**Returning** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders should report directly to the garden area to find their study hall classroom assignment which will be posted on the cafeteria windows facing the garden. Then students report to their Study Hall classrooms at 1:35. Students must stay until school dismissal at 2:35.

This year the Seattle Public School will **NOT** be providing Metro Bus tokens; therefore Eckstein will not have Metro Bus tokens for students. If you have not received a letter from the District's Transportation Office, your student does not have district provided transportation. **Please call the District's Transportation office at 206-252-0900 before school starts if you have any questions about transportation. Again, we will not have tokens to give to students to take the bus to and from school.**

On Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a modified schedule for all students – There will be a short Study Hall at 8:05; all students should report to their Study Hall classroom at 8:05 on Thursday.